

## LOVING LOYALTY (I)

### Always Loyal

In his old age Reb Elazar Rokeiach of Amsterdam made the voyage to *Eretz Yisroel* and on the way, on the first night of Rosh Hashana, a storm broke out and the ship sprang a leak. While the passengers tried desperately to empty the ship, the *tzaddik* sat in his cabin deep in meditation.

Seeing the water rising rapidly, his companions cried out to him, "Can't you see that we are in deep trouble? The ship is soon going to founder, *rachmana litzlan!*"

"If that's the case," he answered enthusiastically, "then prepare yourselves to be in my cabin punctually at the first glimmer of day. Have our *shofar* ready, so that we will be able to fulfill the commandment of the day."

And so they did. But as soon as the *tzaddik* blew the *shofar*, a wind came from above, the turbulent breakers calmed down – and the grateful passengers thanked the Creator for having spared them.

When Reb Simcha Bunem of Pshischa once related this story he commented: Do not think that Reb Elazar intended the blowing of the *shofar* to act as a *segula* to quieten the storm. Such a thought did not even occur to him. But when he was told how great was the danger in which they stood, and realized that according to all the laws of nature it was impossible for them to be saved, he was overwhelmed by a deep desire to fulfill the *mitzva* of blowing the *shofar* once more before his death. And so holy a man was he, that the *mitzva* saved them all."

(סיפור ח' זין מועדים ע' 40)

### Care and Commitment

In the year תרע"ט (1918), during the First World War, there were no *esrogim*, for it was not possible to import them from abroad. Only the Rebbe Rashab, who lived at that time in Rostov, had one, thanks to the efforts of one of the chassidim. Obviously, everyone in the city

went to *bentch* on the Rebbe's *esrog* and did so in the Rebbe's presence.

One chossid arrived in Rostov on Chol HaMoed to *bensch* on the *esrog*. After he had fulfilled the *mitzva*, he exclaimed with joy and satisfaction, "Ah, *boruch HaShem!*" The Rebbe said to him: "May *HaShem* make the joy of the *mitzva* shine for the whole year."

(שמו"ס ח"א ע' 159)

Once, on *erev Sukkos*, the Rebbe Rashab called for one of the *talmidim* of Tomchei Temimim and asked him to go out of the city to meet the man bringing the *esrogim* early in the morning. The Rebbe added: "Certainly you will not sleep tonight!"

The *bochur* prepared himself by learning all night and then going to the *mikve*, and at the designated hour he left and went to meet the man who was bringing the *esrogim*. When the man appeared, the *bochur* told him that the Rebbe had instructed him to receive the *esrogim* from him.

When the *bochur* entered the Rebbe's home, the Rebbe was standing in the outer room, where the chassidim would wait before *yechidus*. The Rebbe accepted the box and placed it on the table. His hands clasped and slightly bent over, the Rebbe circled the table a number of times, with incredible *dveikus*. Having finished, the Rebbe took the *esrogim*, and went into his study.

(לשמע און ע' 107)

Once the Rebbe Rashab spent *Sukkos* outside of Russia because of his fragile health. Before *Yom-Tov* he sent a letter requesting an *esrog*. However, due to a delay in the mail service, on the day before *Sukkos* the *esrog* was still not there. Only the next day, on the first day of *Yom-Tov*, did the *esrog* reach the Rebbe's hands. This matter caused the Rebbe much suffering. The Rebbe's wife, *Rebbetzin Shterna Sarah*, later said that all of her husband's

improvement in health was lost on that day.

(שמו"ס ח"א ע' 157)

### Sacrifice for Supreme

Every year, the famed *mashpia* Reb Groinem would travel to Lubavitch to be with the Rebbe for Rosh HaShana. One year he was warned that the infection on his foot would become dangerous if it were not kept dry. One of his *talmidim*, Reb Shaul Ber Zislin, sensed that Reb Gronem wanted very much to *toivel* on *erev Yom Kippur* despite the risk, so the young boy decided to ask the Rebbe Rashab on his behalf. The Rebbe was opposed and said: "Nu, so he won't *toivel!*"

When Reb Shaul Ber relayed the Rebbe's words, his teacher was not happy that he had asked. Now that the Rebbe had said he should not *toivel*, he was afraid to do so.

Yet Reb Groinem could not conceive of the possibility of not *toiveling* on *erev Yom Kippur*, so when an opportunity arose, he told the Rebbe that he had an intense desire to *toivel* in the *mikveh*. The Rebbe replied, "If so, *toivel*, and with the help of the One Above there will be no harm."

Reb Gronem did as he was told and indeed no harm befell him.

(לקו"ס פרלוב החדש ע' רצ"ב)

## CONSIDER THIS!

- Is the delight in fulfilling a *mitzva* from the *kavana* and meaning of the *mitzva*, or from physical act?

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# A WAY OF LIFE Rabbi Chaim Hillel Raskin Moreh Hora'ah - Beis Horaa Rechovot

## Eating on the Job

May a *mashgiach* in a winery drink from the wine without paying for it?

- The Torah allows a worker in a vineyard may eat from the grapes to his fill, but not take any with him.<sup>1</sup> Chazal explain that anyone who is working with food has permission to eat from the food while he is working.
- The worker may eat "to his fill," but not stuff himself. He may only eat the food himself, and may not share it even with his own family members (even if he did not eat his full share).
- However, this *halacha* has many limits: it only applies to fully ripe produce<sup>2</sup> until they are ready for sale (*chiyuv maiser*).<sup>3</sup> For ordinary produce this is when they are packed into boxes, for wine or oil when they are bottled, and grain for flour when the dough is made (*chiyuv chalah*).
- The worker may only eat that which he is working on at the time.<sup>4</sup> If the worker is pressing grapes he may not drink wine, and if he is handling the wine he may not eat grapes.
- Shulchan Aruch records a practice that a watchman would eat from fruit, but only that which was detached. Unless there is another established practice this is allowed.<sup>5</sup> A *mashgiach* is like a watchman, and may therefore drink the wine before it is bottled.<sup>6</sup>

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## Reb Zalman Neimark



Reb Chaim Meshulam Zalman Neimark was one of the prominent Chasidim of the Rebbe Maharash. He served as Rov in the city of Horky, and then in Staratov where he served as Rov for twenty years. In the year 5641 (1881), he was arrested along with another eighty community members and accused of helping Yidden evade the draft under the guidance of the Rebbe Maharash. After two years he was proven innocent and was freed from jail, but moved on to Vitebsk and then Nevel, where he served as Rov. Even after the passing of the Rebbe Maharash he continued to visit Lubavitch. He attended the Bar Mitzvah of the Friedike Rebbe in Tammuz, and passed away a short time later on 28 Av 5653 (1893).

During his arrest, Reb Zalman took the entire blame of the accusations on himself, so that the Rebbe Maharash should not be arrested. He explained, "One hour of the Rebbe is very precious."

At the end of the farbrengen on Shabbos *parshas Shmos* 5722 (1962) the Rebbe said: "the concept of arrest in general occurred by all of the Rebbeim, by the Alter Rebbe, the Mittlerer Rebbe, the Tzemach Tzedek, and by the Rebbe Maharash as well – in a manner that someone took his place, one of the Rabbonim that was arrested instead..."

(אג"ק כ"ק אדמו"ר ח"י"א עמוד שט)

While in prison a small handwritten note from the Rebbe Maharash was smuggled in to Reb Zalman, which read, "In regards to his imprisonment, there is nothing to fear at all, as you have heard yourself from my father. It is proper that you should learn the entire year Mishnayos and Gemara Brachos, and Hashem should bless you with all good as your heart desires."

(אג"ק אדמו"ר מוה"ר עמוד כג)

During his two year imprisonment, Reb Zalman conducted himself just as he had at home. He did not cease to learn, night and day *nigleh* and *Chassidus*. He would *daven* at his usual length with great fervor and *niggunim*. His davening moved all those who heard it, and more than once, the prisoners and guards would stop by his room to hear him davening. He became known as the "Rabbin" who can perform wonders.

(אוצר סיפורי חב"ד ח"י"ה עמוד 45)

# A MOMENT WITH THE REBBE

## Give Them Yiddishkeit

Reb Tzvi Greenvald of Kfar Chabad relates:

"When the Rebbe first called for activities involving the secular *Yidden* in Eretz Yisroel, it sounded foolish. Keep in mind that we're talking of a time when they forcefully cut off the *peiyos* of Moroccan and Yemenite children. They were outright adversaries of Torah *Yiddishkeit*, and dealing with them seemed like an unwise tactic. Most *frum* circles thought that at best we should protect ourselves from their influence.

"I had friends from Yerushalayim who would seethe when I told them of my visits to secular *kibbutzim*. 'You are fooling yourself,' they told me. 'Better tell them who they really are, empty of spirit and void of content. That's what they ought to hear...'

"When I went into *yechidus*, I wrote in my note what my friends had said. When the Rebbe reached that part, he exclaimed painfully, '*Chas vesholom!* That would make the gap broader. They don't want to hear what you think of them, but they do want to hear what you have to sell. Give them *Yiddishkeit*...'"

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