

וזרח השמש... ובא השמש

The auspicious day of Yud Shvat has two elements. Firstly it is a Yom Histalkus, but at the same time it is the beginning of our Rebbe's Nesius.

In this letter written by the Rebbe for Beis Nissan (Yom Hahilula of the Rebbe Rashab and beginning of the Frierdiker Rebbe's Nesius), the Rebbe clarifies that this is not a onetime happening but rather continues to strengthen each and every Yud Shvat¹, and therefore each year, it is an opportune day to strengthen our Hiskashrus to the Rebbe.

The date Beis Nissan comprises of two elements:

The anniversary of the Histalkus of the Rebbe Rashab, and, as a direct consequence, the day on which his only son — my revered father-in-law the HaKa"M² the Nossi and leader of our generation.

Year by year, the modes of spiritual energy [evoked by these events] are reawakened in their respective seasons. Thus it may be readily understood that in the course of the thirty years that have until now _ times Beis Nissan, 5680-5709- [the Rebbe Rashab] has continually ascended, step beyond step, thirty levels of elevation. This becomes clear in light of the words of our Chazal that, even after their Histalkus, tzaddikim "proceed from strength to strength," and likewise, in

light of the teaching that "when a tzaddik departs he is to be found in all the worlds more than during his lifetime...; even in this world of action... he is to be found more [than during his lifetime]." For this reason, influence which he imparts to all those who share a bond with him comes from ever higher sources. And for those influences to be received and intimately integrated into the Neshomos of those recipients, their "Keilim" (i.e., their spiritual receptive capabilities) need to be ever more finely attuned.

Especially as this time of year comes around, on the approaching Beis Nissan, every one of those who share a bond with my revered father-in-law, the Rebbe, HaKa"M, should strengthen his connection with him, with increasing intensity, by means of the paths which he taught us in his letters, sichos and teachings. Likewise, every individual should be 'Misbonen' and fix it firmly in his mind and heart, that the shepherd viz., my revered father-in-law, the Rebbe, HaKa"M — has not, Chas V'Shalom, forsaken the flock whose shepherd he has been. Now, too, he continues to stand at his holy tasks, in order to protect his sheep and to endow them with whatever material and spiritual influence they need.

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¹⁾ Much as on Rosh Hashonah, when a brand new 'Or' is brought down to the world each and every year; one which was never here before. (See Sefer Hasichos 5748 pg. 347; see also footnote 10).

²⁾ Abbreviation of הרני כפרת משכבו.