

להביא לימות המשיח

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

*Hora'os from the Rebbe
to hasten Moshiach's coming*

Q. It is clear to Chassidim that our time period is unique. The Rebbe expressed unequivocally many times, that the *avoda* that Hashem has tasked us with in order to bring Moshiach had been completed, and therefore Moshiach is ready to come!

If so, why hasn't Moshiach arrived? Is there something else we must do to hasten his coming?

A. Upon examining the Rebbe's words, one can find that the Rebbe has in fact addressed this issue many times. But first some background:

This question is particularly strong in our time, after the Rebbe clearly stated that we have indeed finished all that is necessary to bring Moshiach. Until now, Klal Yisroel was still busy fulfilling our mission in *galus*, as is clearly instructed in the Torah.

The following *Sicha* brings out this idea very clearly¹:

"ובפרט אז דער דור איז דער לעצטער דור אין גלות (כנ"ל) לאחר וואס מ'האט שוין פארענדיקט (דורך מעשינו ועבודתנו במשך די אלע טויזענטער יארן שלפני זה) דער בירור פון אלע פרטים (ניט ווי בדורות שלפני² וואס אויב די גאולה וואלט דעמאלט געקומען וואלטן כמה נצוצות פרטיות ניט נתברר געווארן באופן פרטי... [איז שוין זיכער די העכסטע צייט, אז עס זאל קומען דער כלל הכי גדול—די גאולה האמיתית והשלימה וביחד עם זה א גאולה וואס לייזט אויס און הויבט אויף אלע פרטים און פרטי פרטים..."]

In other words: Today more than ever, the time is fully ripe for the final Geulah. Had Moshiach redeemed us in earlier generations, some of the *nitzotzois* would have missed out on being elevated properly. Moshiach's arrival in our time,

will be a Geulah for every last detail of *avodas habirurim*. It is abundantly clear that in our times the world is finally completely ready for Moshiach Tzidkeinu.

The Friediker Rebbe announced "עמדו הכן כולכם", that Klal Yisroel was ready for Moshiach's arrival. All that remains to be done, are the final touches – "צופוצן די קנעפ".

Years later, the Rebbe asserted² that even these finishing touches had been completed and we are absolutely ready for Moshiach.

BEYOND COMPREHENSION

The question burns: How can it be that we are we still in Golus?

This piercing question was voiced by the Rebbe many times. Anguish could be distinctly heard in the Rebbe's voice each time he brought up the question: why has golus lasted so long? The Rebbe even told us that this question has no satisfying answer³.

A well-known example of this was in the *sicha* said on the day of the conclusion of the *shiva* for Mrs. Pesha Leah Lapine, who was brutally murdered *al kiddush Hashem* in Crown Heights in the winter of 5752⁴:

"בני נמצאים בגלות יותר מאלף ותשע מאות שנה ומשיח צדקינו עדיין לא באה!... כבר סיימו כל עניני העבודה בזמן הגלות וכבר נעשה כל הפעולות בכל האופנים האפשריים... ולא יודעים מה ניתן לעשות עוד ואעפ"כ עובר עוד שבוע ועוד יום ועוד רגע ועדיין לא באה הגאולה האמיתית והשלימה בפועל ממש! ולא עוד אלא שניתוסף מאורע הכי חמור שיכול להיות בזמן הגלות—שאשה בישראל ואם לילדים קטנים צריכה למסור נפשה על קידוש השם!"

How can it be that Klal Yisroel is still

suffering in golus, if our *avoda* has been completed long ago?! Every moment which passes during which Moshiach has not arrived, puzzles us even more. Moreover, our anticipation for Moshiach's arrival grows stronger each moment he is delayed.

CONSISTENTLY BACKWARDS

The following example will help illustrate this point⁵:

Suppose someone holds a box filled with one-thousand small notes; nine-hundred ninety-nine of them carry the letter "A", while one of them reads "B".

He then inserts his hand to choose one note from the box. Upon retrieving the note, he finds that he chose the note which reads "B". Startled, he tries his luck again and pulls out a note, and again it's the same "B". This same phenomenon repeats itself a few more times, and eventually the individual becomes accustomed to picking out the "B" note. In fact, he now expects to pick out this singular note.

In reality however, he should be expecting the "A" note, because the overwhelming likelihood is that he would choose an "A" note, as they are the vast majority of the lot. The fact that he keeps pulling out the "B" note after the third and fourth etc., is as outrageous as the first time, if not more so! He should be expecting to pick the "A" note.

The same holds true regarding our time in *galus*. Every additional moment in *galus* makes no sense whatsoever; according to the "natural" order of things, the next moment should bring us the Geulah.

לזכות החתן הרה"ת לוי יצחק שי' וויינגארטען והכלה מרת מושקא שתחיל' טייכטל
לרגל חתונתם בשעטו"מ ביום י"ז אד"ש ה'תשע"ד
נדפס ע"י הוריהם שי'

This was the message that the Rebbe imparted to us time and time again. By every accord the Geulah should have arrived, and our mission to accomplish in Golus cannot be the element delaying it, because it has clearly been completed already!

Based on the explanation above, we can explain why many times at Farbrengens, the Rebbe would speak in a manner as if Moshiach was literally at the other side of the door. Often, the Rebbe added that even before *mincha*, or perhaps even before the farbrengen concluded -- in fact within the very next moment -- we should expect to already find our-

selves in *Yerushalayim* with Moshiach.⁶ Ever since we have completed our *avoda* in *galus*, it's only likely that the Geulah will arrive at the earliest possible opportunity.

This brings us to the next question:

WHAT NOW?

If all our *avoda* is already completed, can anything be done to hasten the Geulah?

The Rebbe clearly directs us what to focus on. In many sichos, particularly in those which the Rebbe delivered in the months preceding Chof-Zayin Adar, the Rebbe stressed that the fact that we still remain in *golus*, incomprehensible as it

may be, means that there must be something left for us to do.⁷

SIMPLE SOLUTION

The sicha of Thursday night, 28 Nisan, 5751 left Chassidim bewildered and almost at a loss. The Rebbe spoke about the Geulah with such strong terms, telling us that he has done all he can in this matter, and that we now have to do our own part to make it happen:

"הדבר היחידי שיכולני לעשות-למסור הענין אליכם: עשו כל אשר ביכולתכם-ענינים שהם באופן דאורות דתוהו, אבל בכלים דתיקון-להביא בפועל את משיח צדקינו תיכף ומיד ממש!... אני את שלי עשיתי ומכאן ולהבא עשו כל אשר ביכולתכם..."

Alarmed and confused, Chassidim



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were unsure as how to proceed.

Just two days later, at the farbrengen of Shabbos Parshas Shmini, one of the elder Chassidim stood up and announced: “Chazal say “צדיק גוזר הקב”ה מקיים”⁸; hence the Rebbe should demand that the Geulah must come, and then it will come to be!”

The Rebbe responded quite sharply to this “proposal”: “Instead of utilizing this farbrengen to take *hachlotos* upon yourselves, you give more work for me to do! Whatever I need to do, I know already. It is you who have to act now to bring the Geulah!” The Rebbe then continued with a detailed description of what needs to be done to bring Moshiach:

”במה מתבטאת עבודה זו—הרי זה ג”כ בפשטות: בהוספה בתורה ומצוות... ונוסף על עשייתו עצמו

בזה צריך להשפיע על אחרים שיוסיפו... ובכללות—
העבודה של הפצת התורה והיהדות והמעיינות
חוצה שמביאה במיוחד “אתי מר” דא מלכא משיחא
וכל זה — מתוך צפיה והתשוקה וכו’ חזקה
לגאולה...”⁸

Increasing in Torah and Mitzvos and *Hafotzas Hamayonos*, all permeated with the anticipation for Moshiach’s arrival.

Throughout the ensuing months, the Rebbe continually specified more *hora’os* on how to best hasten Moshiach’s arrival, which extended from the general attitude of learning Torah and doing Mitzvos, infused with a desire for the Geula. To bring a few examples:

- Learning topics in Torah on the subject of Geulah and Moshiach. The Rebbe added that this is not only a “*segula*” to bring the Geulah,

but more so, it will assist us all in actually beginning to live with Moshiach in a proper manner.⁹

- Davening to Hashem and crying out “*Ad mosai*”, beseeching that He end this *galus* immediately.¹⁰
- Increasing in Tzedoka, which *Chazal* tell us will hasten the Geulah, by doing so with the specific intention of bringing the Geulah.¹¹
- Increasing in *Ahavas Yisroel*, as *Chazal* tell us that *galus* was brought about due to a lack thereof.¹²
- Increasing in the study of nigla and chassidus¹³, however special emphasis should be put on learning *P’nimi-yus HaTorah*, as the Rambam states that when Moshiach comes, the en-



Cooperative Efforts

The following is a conversation Mrs. Leiba Rudolph of Pittsburgh, PA had with the Rebbe during Yechidus at the Machne Yisroel Development Fund meeting; 20 Adar II, 5749. In this short interaction, the Rebbe’s firm directives of what should be done to hasten Moshiach’s coming is emphasized:

Mrs. Rudolph: If you would bring Moshiach, all of our prayers would be answered.

Rebbe: I am ready! I require the cooperation of all the Jews around me...

Mrs. Rudolph: [Please give] a brocha that we should work harder to bring him as soon as we can.

Rebbe: Yes; and as soon as possible.

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tire world will be filled with the knowledge of Hashem.¹⁴ The Rebbe also specified certain areas in Torah which are especially preferable for this cause (the “*Chassidische Parsha*” – the *Ma’amorim* of *Torah Or* and *Lekutei Torah* each week,¹⁵ adhering to Takonas Limud HoRambam,¹⁶ studying Ein Yaakov,¹⁷ and studying deep concepts in Chassidus, i.e. *avodas hamochin*) – the study of Chassidus should result in Hafotzas Hamayanos, disseminating its well-springs throughout the world.¹⁸

- Fulfilling the Mitzva of *Kiddush Le’vona* meticulously.¹⁹
- Publicizing the concept of Moshiach and that the miracles occurring in our day and age are directly connected with the imminent Geulah.²⁰
- Publicizing the existence of a *Nossi Hador* and that one must accept the directives of the *Nossi Hador*.²¹
- Disseminating the *Sheva Mitzvos B’nei Noach*.²²

These examples demonstrate that the Rebbe was quite clear on how we can best do our part in bringing the Geulah now. Nearly each and every *sicha* delivered by the Rebbe after 28 Nissan added another point in this regard.

On the contrary, individuals who suggested other ideas were discouraged by the Rebbe. One member of Anash who wrote to the Rebbe proposing his own thoughts in what needs to be done to bring the Geulah received an unusual response: the Rebbe sent him a clipping of the *sicha* of Shabbos Parshas Tazria-Metzora where he had instructed to learn *inyonei Geulah U’Moshiach*.

Another individual wrote to the Rebbe, asking “What more can we do to bring Moshiach?” The Rebbe responded: “דברתי - ברור ובפרטיות בהתועדות - I spoke about this clearly and in detail at the far-

brenge.

The bottom line of all the hora’os quoted above is that the way to bring Moshiach as set out by the Rebbe is by learning Torah and fulfilling Mitzvos meticulously, permeated with the hope and anticipation of hastening the Geulah, and as the Rebbe said in the last *sicha* to the Shluchim in the winter of 5752:

“...אלע פרטים אין דער עבודת השליחות פון הפצת התורה והיהדות והפצת המעינות חוצה,

Geulah, to hasten his coming. Therefore, our additional Limud Hatorah or extra Mitzva will be the one to transform our times, as the Rambam teaches: “לעולם יראה אדם את עצמו שקול ואת כל העולם כולו שקול... עשה מצווה אחת הכריע את עצמו ואת כל העולם כולו לכף זכות, וגרם להן תשועה והצלה.”

Let us hope that with all of our efforts in this regard, we will finally be *zoche* to the Geulah, and as the Rebbe told the reporters of CNN: “Moshiach is ready to

THE QUESTION BURNS: HOW CAN IT BE THAT WE ARE WE STILL IN GOLUS?

דארפן זיין דורכגענומען מיט דער נקודה-ווי דאס פירט צו קבלת משיח צדקנו...”

This is illustrated by a conversation the Rebbe had with a woman during Dollars on 13 Sivan 5751:

The Rebbe: Brocha V’hatzlocha

Woman: Since the Rebbe says that everything is done and Moshiach could come *k’heref ayin*, why isn’t he here yet? Why are we still in golus?

The Rebbe: As I wrote in the letter I don’t know. That, I don’t know what to answer you.

Woman: So you don’t know what to tell us that we can do, really, to bring Moshiach now mamesh b’gashmiyus?

The Rebbe: I have written explicitly in the letter what everyone can do about bringing [Moshiach], by learning Torah and performing Mitzvos, and that is written in English and in all possible ways [languages].

This is precisely the point discussed earlier. Although there is nothing lacking in our *avoda* that Hashem has tasked us with that would delay Moshiach’s coming, but we, from our part, must still add in Torah and Mitzvos in the spirit of the

come now. It is only from our part to add in something additional in the realm of goodness and kindness... At least a little more – then Moshiach will come immediately”.²³

May it be *teikef umiyad Mammosh!* ■

1. Sicha of Yud Shevat 5750; See Sefer Hasichos 5750 pg 269-270.
2. See for example, the Sichos of Parshas Vayechi 5747, Beis Nissan 5748, and Parshas Noach 5752.
3. See Sichas Purim 5747; Shabbos Vayikra 5747; 28 Nissan 5751; Shabbos Chayei Sarah 5752; and numerous other sources.
4. See the Sicha of 10 Adar 5752
5. As heard from Reb Yoel Kahn.
6. See the Sicha of Parshas Mishpatim 5752.
7. See the Sicha of Parshas Mishpatim 5752 and Parshas Ki Sisa 5752
8. Hisvaaduyos 5751 vol. 3 p. 132
9. Shabbos Parshas Tazria-Metzora 5751; Shabbos Parshas Balak, 5751
10. Shabbos Parshas Ekev 5751
11. Shabbos Parshas Tazria-Metzora 5751
12. Shabbos Parshas Mishpotim 5752
13. Sicha of Yud Elul 5751
14. Shabbos Parshas Emor 5751
15. Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sara 5752
16. Shabbos Parshas Vayechi 5752
17. Shabbos Parshas Voeschanan 5751
18. Sicha of Zayin Cheshvan 5752
19. Shabbos Parshas Noach 5752
20. Parshas Re’eh 5751.
21. Parshas Shoftim 5751
22. Parshas Acharei Mos-Kedoshim 5751
23. As seen on Living Torah 12 Cheshvan 5752.