להביא לימות המעשיח

WHY IN OUR TIMES?

Dor Hashvi'i — Our Generation

The history of Klal Yisroel is rich, and throughout time many special Tzaddikim have risen, leading and guiding the Yidden in their time. The Alter Rebbe established Chassidus Chabad, and each dor that followed had its own Nosi, each continuing the Hafotzas Hamayanos Chutza. Yet, throughout the Rebbe's sichos and Maamorim we frequently encounter the statement that our generation – dor hashvi'i – is the one that will bring the Geula.

Why is *dor hashvi'i* different – and superior – to all the past generations?

This question is addressed in the very first maamor the Rebbe said, the maamor in which he outlined the mission for our generation. The maamor explains that the final stage of the Shechina's descent into this world occurred through Matan Torah. Matan Torah was accomplished through Moshe Rabbeinu, the seventh Nosi in a chain beginning with Avraham Avinu.

The maamor continues, that the final return of *Elokus* in this world that will be completed with Moshiach's coming, first began with the Alter Rebbe. Each generation brought it a step closer to our world, and our generation is the seventh. It is us, who will complete the mission of creating a *Dira B'tachtonim*.

Our question is now even stronger! Just like our *dor*, the *dor* of Moshe Rabbeinu was also the seventh. Why is it that the *dor hashvi'i* is able to accomplish this, and not the prior generations?

The maamor explains, that this was because, כל השביעין חביבין.

In other words, the seventh generation, has merited a special fondness, through which we are capable of bringing the *ikar shechinah* into this mundane world.

Our generation is like the times of Moshe Rabbeinu, the Rebbe concluded. We have merited this special חביבות and therefore it is incumbent upon us to complete the goal of bringing Hashem's presence into our world. This shlichus is of utmost urgency as we are in the *ikvesa d'meshicha*.

passed away after just 20 years of being a *shofet*. The Talmud Yerushalmi explains that because for the twenty years afterward, his presence was clearly felt – so much so that the Pelishtim didn't dare defy his wishes, the posuk therefore considers it as if he was still the *shofet*.

Not only has the Rebbe's nesius not lessened, on the contrary we see a tremendous growth in the Rebbe's Shlichus and Mivtzoim. The numbers of those joining the ranks of the Rebbe's shluchim around the world has swelled. The amount of Chabad Houses and Yidden

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With this maamor the Rebbe set forth clearly his goal. The Rebbe continued to lead Chassidim in this direction, using out every channel to fulfil this mission.

A MISSION UNCHANGED

The Zohar teaches that when a Tzadik is *nistalek*, he can be found in this world even more than he was during his lifetime. Therefore, although the Tzadik may not be in a *guf gashmi* as he was previously, nevertheless, his desires continues to live on in a most tangible way.

An example of this was seen after the passing of Shimshon. The posuk tells that he was *shofet* B'nei Yisroel for forty years. However, if one examines the years of his life, you will realize that he

being brought closer to their roots, has reached heights that some never imagined twenty years ago.

Hafotzas Hamayanos has reached a pinnacle, as Yidden of all kinds are finally being introduced to Chassidus.

From all parts of the world, Yidden and non-Jews alike flock to the Rebbe's Ohel, often waiting on line, in order to receive the Rebbe's brocha.

We can be confident that the *dor hash-vi'i* is nearing its goal. The חביבות is shining strongly upon us, and its result can be seen openly with the incredible and unpredented Hafotzas Hamayanos which is happening today. Very soon, our efforts will surely be rewarded with the arrival of Moshiach Tzidkeinu! ■