

# תמים ביחידות



*“Tomim BiYechidus” is dedicated to documenting the experience of bochurim who had the zchus of having a personal Yechidus with the Rebbe.*

The following Yechidus was told over by R' Shlome Zarchi.

Rabbi Leibel Kaplan A”H, the Shliach Roshi to Tzfas, Eretz Yisroel, once went into Yechidus to ask the Rebbe's advice about a particular habit of his.

The year was around 5722, and the younger bochurim learnt in Yeshiva by Bedford and Dean. Supper was around 7:30 and Seder Chassidus was taught by R' Yoel Kahn until 9:00pm. By the time the bochurim would return home to Crown Heights proper, it was usually quite late, almost 10:00pm.

R' Leibel told the Rebbe that although at the time when he returned home he was still satisfied with the supper he had eaten in Bedford and Dean, he still found it difficult ‘tzu zich ainhalten’ from checking the refrigerator and pot to see what his mother had made for supper that night. True he wouldn't eat, yet he still wanted to see what he had missed...

The Rebbe responded: ‘If you'll think to yourself that in coming years you will be a Rov, a Manhig, of an entire city, then does this ‘past zich’? This surely will help you to give up this habit...’

of others, has shown that when one listened to the Rebbe it was good, and when one didn't listen, he had it bad. Therefore, just as you wouldn't hesitate to recommend a good doctor to anyone who needs it, so too, when you see someone who is confused or confronting a major life decision, you should tell him: the Jewish people have not been forsaken, G-d forbid; there is someone you can ask! Furthermore, you shouldn't wait until your acquaintance approaches you to ask about the Rebbe; he probably doesn't even know what a Rebbe is! Rather, you should explain to him that he shouldn't rely on his own understanding, nor should he rely on the shadchan or the doctor or the broker. There is no guarantee if any of those approaches will work, but there is a clear and definite way to resolve his questions [i.e. by asking the Rebbe]. And chazal say: “words that come from the heart, enter the heart.”

It is clear, that someone who believes with complete faith – a faith which directs his entire being – that the outlook and brachos of a certain individual [i.e. the Rebbe] governs everything, and knows that his friend must make an important decision in any area in life, even a life threatening issue; out of basic decency, ahavas yisroel, pikuach nefesh, etc. if there is even the slightest chance that that his friend will listen to him, he would chase after him and tell him: “have mercy on yourself, your family, and all that is yours! Don't rely on your own judgement! Learn Chassidus, connect with the Rebbe, do as he says, and then you will succeed!”

The Alter Rebbe's promise is well known: “any good thing Chassidim do will be successful.”

You encounter hundreds, if not thousands, of Yidden in Paris, and speak will them about all kinds of topics. How many of these thousands have asked the Rebbe about an operation or a shidduch, or requested a brocho for Rosh Hashono and so forth? If you would only tell them who the Lubavitcher Rebbe is – just tell them, even without explaining it -- and if the next time you meet him you tell him a sicha of the Rebbe, and the next time you tell him some of the Rebbe's directives, then many people, their children, and their children's children for all eternity, would be connected to the tree of life, add light in their homes, and happily support the Rebbe and all his mosdos. נעשים אנשי משה...

With Blessing,

*The Rebbe's Signature* ■

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