

The Frierdiker Rebbe told Reb Chaim Amstislovsky that he was "created" by the look of a tzaddik. When the Frierdiker Rebbe once traveled to Riga, Reb Chaim related his story:

Reb Chaim was a handsome young man, connected with the high officials in town. Once, when walking down the street in S. Petersburg, he encountered the son of the rav of Kremenchug, Reb Yitzchak Yoel Rafalovitch.

Reb Yitzchak Yoel notified Reb Chaim that the Lubavitcher Rebbe (the Rebbe Rashab) was in town.

Reb Chaim asked Reb Yitzchak Yoel to arrange a meeting for him with the Rebbe, but was told that the Rebbe was not receiving people at the time for *yechidus*. With some effort, however, a short while later a *yechidus* was arranged for Reb Chaim.



REB YITZCHAK YOEL RAFALOVITCH (PICTURED ON THE FAR LEFT) AT A CONFERENCE OF RABBIS FROM ACROSS RUSSIA IN 5670* WHERE THE REBBE RASHAB WAS PRESENT.

When entering yechidus he became so overwhelmed, that he forgot whether it was day or night! The yechidus shook him up completely, so much so that all he remembered of the Rebbe's words was: "Zolst matzliach zain b'chol asher tifneh—you should succeed in everything you turn to."

Only a day earlier, he had met with Minister Biliovsky, and conversed with him without an ounce of fear. Now, here by the Rebbe, he was shaken to the core and became completely *bottel*, a "new" person. •

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