



לזכות הרה"ת ר' יצחק ישראל וזוגתו מרת **רחל בריינא** בניהם ובנותיהם מנחם מענדל, שרה רבקה, חנה פרימט ריקל, יהושע דוד נטיחיו מאגאלניק



What Are You Waiting For?



In a letter written to a relative shortly after the Frierdiker Rebbe's histalkus on Yud Shevat 5710*, Rabbi Efraim Eliezer Yolles reveals some of the intimate details he knew about the Frierdiker Rebbe's connection with the Rebbe, and encourages the younger Chassidim to immediately accept the Rebbe as the new nossi:1



Sunday, Parshas V'Ata Hakrev [Tetzaveh] 5710*, Day of the Shloshim [of the Frierdiker Rebbe].

Williamsburg.

My dear and cherished relative, Harav Tzvi,

I was unable to prolong [my stay] and speak with you, my dear one, for I was in a hurry to return to my dear daughter's home. Now, too, I am in a hurry to return home.

Throughout the hour and a half that I [just] spent in the presence of the crown of Chassidei Chabad, the true tzaddik, Ramash [the Rebbe] shlita, the impression of the holy and pure words, uttered by the mouth of the holy of holies, the [Frieridiker] Rebbe, was manifest:

On the night of Hoshaana Rabba 5706*, he [the Frierdiker Rebbe] told me that he would give me a hoshaana through [his son-in-law] Ramash

shlita, adding that "his hand is like my hand." Obviously then, his [the Rebbe's] mouth is like his [the Frierdiker Rebbe's] holy and pure mouth.

I stand in wonder at you, the young holy flock [of Lubavitch], why are you procrastinating [and avoiding] connecting yourselves with this holy and pure tzaddik?

Although I understood from the true and pure words of the holy Ramash shlita that he is not yet willing to lead the holy congregation, you, the young members of the Chabad community, must overpower even the will of the tzaddik, and [accept him as your Rebbe] from below, for the sake of Hashem's glory.

I am not a Rebbe, but thank G-d, I am the son and the student of a Rebbe, as well as the grandson and student of a Rebbe and the tzaddik of a generation, a holy and



RABBI YOLLES LOOKS ON AS THE REBBE RECITES A MAAMAR, 10 SHEVAT 5723*.

awesome, G-dly man, may his holy merit shield us. I [therefore] have, thank G-d, a feeling for the atmosphere around a Rebbe.

This *tzaddik*, *shlita*, his name is Menachem, and indeed this is what he is about: "*l'nachem*"—to offer comfort to broken and downtrodden hearts. And [as the *possuk* says, Menachem will be] "*meishiv nefesh*"—restore the soul, for he will restore the holy soul of our Rebbe to his students and to all of *anash*.

Your relative who loves you and awaits complete salvation and consolation,

Efraim Eliezer ben R. Sholom HaKohen zt"l.

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