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THE YEAR GONE BY

TAMMUZ 5748¹

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רוהר	תנ"צ'ב"ה

Wednesday, 30 Sivan, 1 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Today, I had the privilege of being in the Rebbe's house for Mincha. Reb Zalman Gurary davened at the *amud*, commemorating a yahrtzeit. The Rebbe did not recite the Mishnayos aloud at the end of davening. Instead, he subtly signaled to Reb Zalman to conclude.

After Mincha, Rabbi Hodakov accompanied the Rebbe to the kitchen, where they conversed for a while, something that occurs every Rosh Chodesh.

Shabbos Parshas Korach, Gimmel Tammuz

At today's farbrengen, the Rebbe discussed the Gemara which states: When the *neshama* ascends (after 120), one of the questions asked is "Did you conduct your business (נשאת ונתת) faithfully?..." The Rebbe addressed why the first question pertains to business rather than something more fundamental. He explained that 'business' refers to one of the primary objectives of the *neshama* coming to the world — Jewish education, a key campaign of the Frierdiker Rebbe. Speaking in a high-pitched tone and with much emotion, the Rebbe emphasized that everyone has an obligation to be involved in this endeavor. Thus, individuals are questioned about their contribution to this crucial responsibility: "Did you teach a Jewish child Aleph Beis?!"

Thursday, 8 Tammuz

Today the Rebbe went to the Ohel and returned at around 9:45 pm.

Shabbos Parshas Chukas, 10 Tammuz

The farbrengen today began at 1:30 pm. In the first *sicha*, the Rebbe noted that today marks one week from Gimmel Tammuz and is the Shabbos preceding Yud-Beis and Yud-Gimmel Tammuz. The Rebbe also mentioned that a farbrengen for Yud-Beis/Yud-Gimmel Tammuz should be arranged in the upcoming week.

In the second *sicha*, the Rebbe expounded more on the Chag Hageulah of Yud-Beis and Yud-Gimmel Tammuz, stressing the importance of reliving this redemption anew

every year, including through arranging farbrengens.

Towards the end of the farbrengen, the Rebbe remarked that some people are looking at the clock, wondering when the farbrengen will end so that they can go home, eat Shalosh Seudos, and relax. "But we haven't even sung *Padah Vishalom* yet!" the Rebbe exclaimed. "We should now take the time to do so."

The Rebbe then began *Padah Vishalom*, singing along with the crowd for the first line, and strongly encouraged the singing throughout the niggun.

After the niggun, the Rebbe instructed the crowd to sing the "*Beinoni*." Following that, the Rebbe began "Nyet nyet."

The Rebbe then said *L'chaim* six times to all sides of the room, and finished his cup. Afterward, the Rebbe smiled and remarked, "*Halevai mimenu yiru vichein ya'asu* — If only they would 'learn and do!'" Upon hearing this, everyone in attendance joined in saying "L'chaim," and then enthusiastically sang "*Al Hasela Hach*" for about fifteen minutes.

Sunday, 11 Tammuz

Today, the Rebbe went to the Ohel.

After Mincha-Maariv, the Rebbe said a *sicha* for approximately half an hour.

The Rebbe started by wishing a "Gut Yom Tov" to everyone in attendance, as well as to those who are listening via hookup or may hear about the *sicha* later. In the first part of the *sicha*, the Rebbe expounded on the Maamer "Baruch Hagomel" from the Frierdiker Rebbe.

The Rebbe then went on to make an unexpected announcement: Everyone should write down three actions they've undertaken since Yud-Beis Tammuz last year (5747) in matters for which the Frierdiker Rebbe poured out his heart, and sign it with their name, mother's name, and family name. They should then mark the envelope with a large Ches for "new" (חדש) and "secrecy" (חשא). These letters will be taken directly to the Ohel and not be read. However, it's important for people to include their name and family name on the envelope, so it's known who participated and who didn't. The purpose of this is to encourage individuals who may not have much to write down to reflect on their actions and feel motivated to improve.

After the *sicha*, the Rebbe distributed dollars to all present. Later in the evening, as the Rebbe had instructed at the Shabbos farbrengen, Chassidim farbrenged in 770.

Monday, Yud-Beis Tammuz, Chag Hageulah

Today, the Rebbe went to the Ohel.

After Mincha-Maariv, the Rebbe said a *sicha* about *kapitel* 109, the new *kapitel* of the Friediker Rebbe. In this *kapitel*, Dovid Hamelech speaks about the “Haters,” which nowadays refers to those who obstruct *Hafotzas Hamaayanos*. The Rebbe also expounded upon the meaning of the Brocha in the *possuk*, “*Odeh Hashem mi’od befi uvsoch rabim ahalilenu.*”

Tuesday, Yud-Gimmel Tammuz, Chag Hageulah

Today, the Rebbe again went to the Ohel.

After Maariv, the Rebbe said a *sicha*, followed by the distribution of dollars for Tzedakah.

Wednesday, 14 Tammuz

At 8:00pm tonight, a *Yechidus Klolis* was held in 770 for guests, as well as for *Chassanim* and *Kallos*, and Bar and Bas Mitzvos. A live video broadcast of the *yechidus* was played outside in the courtyard of 770.

After *yechidus*, Maariv took place in the upstairs *zal*.



THE REBBE AT THE AMUD IN HIS HOME, 18 TAMMUZ 5748.

Since the air conditioner wasn't working, only thirty people were permitted inside the *zal*. The rest of us participated from the courtyard, where we listened to the Rebbe daven through the window.

Shabbos Parshas Balak, 17 Tammuz

At today's farbrengen, the Rebbe addressed the postponement of the fast of Shiva-Asar B'Tammuz to Sunday, expressing the hope that it be postponed forever.

In the third *sicha*, the Rebbe spoke about the significance of studying Hilchos Beis Habechirah during the three weeks. Additionally, the Rebbe announced that "This is the year of the boy and girl (שנת הילד והילדה)," once again emphasizing the importance of Jewish education. The Rebbe stressed that every child should be encouraged to attend a proper summer camp to avoid exposure to the negative influence associated with "the public domain."

The Rebbe also spoke about the importance of not just "believing" in the coming of Moshiach, but actively anticipating and awaiting his arrival.

Following this, the Rebbe distributed Mashke, and began the Niggun "Vaharikosi Lachem Bracha." Throughout the Niggun, the Rebbe encouraged the singing with his hands.

Sunday, 18 Tammuz, (Postponed) Fast Day

During *Chazaras Hashatz* of Shacharis, while reciting "Aneinu," the Rebbe paused many times, apparently crying silently.

After Mincha, the Rebbe said a *sicha* for about thirty minutes.

The Rebbe spoke about the advantage of the fast being on Yud-Ches Tammuz, "Chai" which represents revealed good, over Yud-Zayin, which only has the numerical value of "Tov" — good.



CHAIM BARUCH HALBERSTAM VIA JEM 25/6/00 (25 NISSAN 5749)

Thursday, 29 Tammuz

Today, the Rebbe went to the Ohel.

After Mincha-Maariv, the Rebbe said a *sicha*, speaking about the importance of studying the Halachos of Tisha B'Av, and bemoaned the fact that people hadn't considered this earlier.

Additionally, the Rebbe underscored the importance of increasing in tzedakah, davening, and Torah study during the Nine-Days. **1**

1. Compiled from the diary of Avraham Shmuel Mann, a Bochur at the time.