



CIRCA 5744

A TANYA IN EVERY COMMUNITY! (PART 2)

SHEVAT / ADAR RISHON 5744

We continue from last month, Shevat 5744, into Adar Rishon 5744. One theme throughout these weeks was the Rebbe's call to print Tanyas in as many cities as possible.

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Shabbos Parshas Yisro, 17 Shevat

During today's farbrengen, the Rebbe emphasized the importance of putting the energy of Yud Shevat into action. The ability to do this comes from Matan Torah which we read about in this week's parsha, which granted us the ability to elevate the mundane.

Later, the Rebbe further explained a Rashi from last week and noted that this Rashi was addressed by some of last week's listeners, who submitted their proposed answers in the *Kovtzim*. While some of the proposed solutions do align with "*Pshat*," they were written in a long-winded and scholarly fashion, incorporating many sources. Rashi should be understandable to a "5-year-old who's learning Chumash," allowing them to understand *pshat* quickly before going back to play.

After one of the *sichos*, the Rebbe turned to a child, Mendel Kaplan (the son of Rabbi Leibel Kaplan from Tzfas,) and instructed him to say L'chaim. (Mendel had written an answer to one of the Rebbe's questions on Rashi the previous week.)

Sunday 18 Shevat

Today, a number of questions on Rashi from the Shabbos farbrengen were brought to the Rebbe, and the Rebbe replied to each one that they should send their questions to the *Kovtzim*.

Thursday, 22 Shevat

Today after Krias Hatorah in the small zal, as the Rebbe was returning to his place, an individual approached him and said that he was in *yechidus* nine years ago. The Rebbe had told him to spread Yiddishkeit and light up his city (S. Diego). The Rebbe smiled and replied, "with much success."

After the Rebbe finished reciting Tehillim, he turned to the man and told him: (in English,) "Greetings to all the Jews in your city!"

After Mincha, the Rebbe wished a group of people who were traveling a safe trip and to share good news.

In the group was Rabbi Dovid Hollander who was traveling to Eretz Yisroel. The Rebbe asked him with a smile how he was doing and he walked with the Rebbe into *Gan Eden Hatachton*, where they stood and

conversed for almost thirty minutes.

When he emerged, Rabbi Hollander shared that the issue of *Mihu Yehudi* was discussed in connection with his upcoming trip to Eretz Yisroel. The Rebbe noted that a joint conference of Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox "Rabbis" had been announced today. This gathering, which blurs all boundaries, is totally against Halacha. The Rebbe addressed this with intensity and asked him to address this tragic issue in the places he was to visit in Eretz Yisroel.

Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim, 24 Shevat

Today there was a farbrengen for Shabbos Mevarchim.

In the second *sicha*, the Rebbe explained that there is significance to today's date, Chof-Daled Shevat, as well, saying that there is no need to search for what's special about Chof-Daled Shevat, as it is already compiled in the sefer "Dvar Yom B'yomo." The Rebbe pointed this out, he explained, to emphasize that there is no reason not to learn from the new compilation-style *seforim* that have been published recently. There is nothing to be ashamed



QUESTIONS POSED BY THE REBBE AT SHABBOS FARBRENGENS WERE ADDRESSED IN THE KOVTZIM OF HA'AROS.

A KOVTZ PRINTED FOR SHABBOS PARSHAS YISRO - 15 SHEVAT 5744.



of, and these *seforim* are a useful tool that frees up time to study in greater depth.

On this day, the *Navi* Zecharya prophesied about the wrath that will befall the “apathetic nations.” Not only do they lack concern for the suffering of Yidden in *golus*, but they actively contribute to it.

This apathy stems from the complacency of Yidden regarding their condition in *golus*. The responsibility for this lies with the leaders of the Jewish people, who must guide them to the right path.

The Rebbe then shared a recent incident where a Yid approached a Lubavitcher and inquired about the source in Torah for crying out in distress that we cannot tolerate the *golus*. The chossid became flustered and was unable to respond.

The Rebbe asked, his voice laced with pain, how could it be that after speaking about Moshiach so many times, there are still those without an answer? If it is indeed so, what was accomplished by speaking about this for the

past 33 years?!

The Rebbe then explained that this behavior is found in many places throughout Tanach, where it tells us about Yidden who couldn’t tolerate the pain of *golus*. In Tikkun Chatzos, there’s a *piyut* where every paragraph begins with the words “Ad Mosai!” Of course, this is meant to convey that we cannot wait any longer.

Following this, the Rebbe brought up another matter that the Lubavitcher was unable to answer. Someone told him that he doesn’t want his son to learn in a Chassidische Yeshiva because he wants him to be a “*lamdan*.”

The Rebbe said that this *askan* could have responded by presenting the man with some of the *Kovtzim* from Lubavitcher Yeshivos, asking him if he’s likely to find this amount of high quality *Kovtzim* from any other Yeshiva!

Later, before answering the “Rashi questions,” the Rebbe acknowledged that the questions were discussed in the *Kovtzim*. However, many of the answers focused on splitting hairs, deviating from the basic “*pshat*”.

The Rebbe also pointed out an incident that occurred this week, a fulfillment of the *nevuah*, “והיו מלכים אומנין” — And the kings will be your nurses.” In a recent speech, the American President advocated for religious education and proclaimed the need to connect with our Creator. Unfortunately, not enough attention was given to this speech in the Jewish world, and few seemed to realize its relevance to *avodas Hashem*.

Some people just weren’t aware of this speech because they don’t read the news, which is good. However, those who always need to know what is happening on the other side of the world, and have even read the speech, overlooked its importance.

Sunday, 25 Shevat

Today, the Rebbe sent 30 one-dollar bills to Rabbi Zusha Silberstein for a group of students who came with him from Montreal for the “Pegisha - Encounter with Chabad” weekend. The Rebbe also reminded him to say Tefillas Haderech with them on the way back.

Monday, 26 Shevat

In the evening, when the Rebbe left 770, he noticed a guest standing outside without a coat despite the frigid winter weather. The Rebbe signaled his surprise that the individual wasn’t wearing a coat, and motioned for him to go inside.



THE REBBE LEAVES 770 ON HIS WAY HOME
ONE WINTRY EVENING, 5744.

Tuesday, 27 Shevat

Tonight, when the Rebbe left 770, there was a young boy standing near the car singing “Sheyiboneh Beis Hamikdash” quietly. The Rebbe turned to him, smiled, and gestured with his hands to encourage the singing.

Thursday, 29 Shevat

Today, as the Rebbe was leaving for the Ohel, he distributed coins for tzedakah to the children who were present, and indicated for a young teen to come over as well. The boy responded that he was already past Bar Mitzvah, and the Rebbe replied, “I’m also past Bar Mitzvah, and I also give tzedakah.”

Shabbos Parshas Terumah, 2nd day of Rosh Chodesh Adar I

In the afternoon there was a farbrengen.

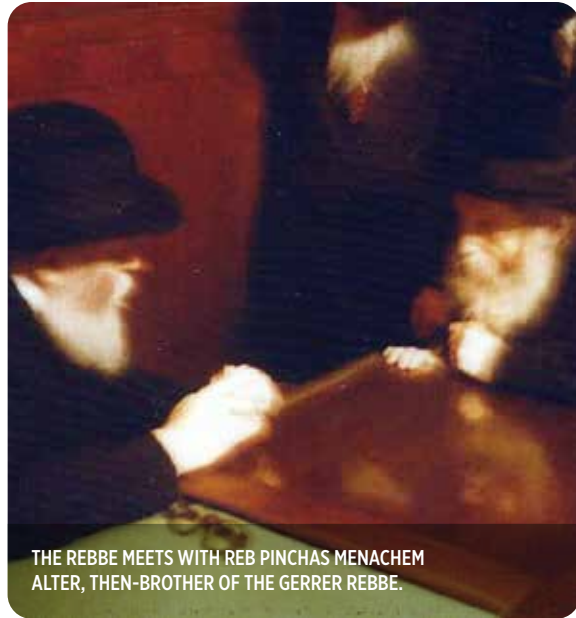
In the first *sicha*, the Rebbe spoke about the significance of the day, when Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh coincide. There is also special significance to Rosh Chodesh Adar, a month whose “Mazal is powerful.” This is particularly true this year, with two Adars, providing us with 59 consecutive days of “powerful Mazal.” This extra light should be channeled towards an increase in Torah and Mitzvos.

Toward the end of the Farbrengen, the Rebbe again stressed the importance of printing Tanyas in every locale where Jews are found. The Rebbe also emphasized that the printing should be done in coordination with Kehos, in an organized fashion.

The Rebbe spoke unequivocally against the argument that radio is “from the *Sitra Achara*” and can’t be used for *Kedusha*. *Chas v’shalom* to say that the *Sitra Achara* can create anything! Obviously, this claim is incompatible with Torah and basic *emunah*.

Wednesday, 12 Adar I

A few minutes before 8:00 pm, Harav Pinchas Menachem Alter, brother of the Gerrer Rebbe, and the Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivas “Sfas Emes” in Yerushalayim, arrived at 770 accompanied by a delegation of Gerrer Chassidim. They entered the Rebbe’s room together with



THE REBBE MEETS WITH REB PINCHAS MENACHEM ALTER, THEN-BROTHER OF THE GERRER REBBE.

members of *Mazkirus*.

After the Rebbe addressed those present for about 45 minutes, Reb Pinchas Menachem Alter requested to speak with the Rebbe privately. Everyone else left the room, and he had *yechidus* with the Rebbe until 10:15.

Following this, the Hosakover Rebbe entered the Rebbe’s room with his *shamash* and had *yechidus* for about 25 minutes

He told the Rebbe about the activities of Chabad in Be’er Sheva, where he lives, adding that he occasionally participates as well. He then mentioned that he was present at the printing of the Tanya in the city a few weeks ago. The Rebbe expressed the hope that the Tanya was studied right after it was printed.

Thursday, 13 Adar I

When the Rebbe arrived at 770, two men from Iceland were standing near the entrance, each accompanied by his son. One of the individuals presented the Rebbe with a recently printed Tanya and mentioned that the printing was done in the merit of his son Avraham Moshe, who was very ill.

The Rebbe blessed him that he should be able to raise his son to Torah, *Chuppah* and *Maasim Tovim*, and that the boy should live for many happy healthy years. The Rebbe also instructed that the boy learn Tanya. The father

then told the Rebbe that 200 copies of the “Iceland Tanya” were printed. The Rebbe instructed that 201 people should learn from the Tanyas, “including you and me.”

Afterward, the Rebbe asked the second man if his son also had a Tanya. When he answered affirmatively, the Rebbe suggested that the boy should start learning from it even before his Bar Mitzvah. Later, the Rebbe contributed \$20 towards the printing of this Tanya.

After Krias Hatorah, Rabbi Shabsi Alpern, Shliach to Brazil, waited in *Gan Eden Hatachton* to present 100 different Tanyas printed in cities throughout Brazil. The leather-bound Tanyas were pocket-size and placed in a beautiful clear display case with a transparent map of Brazil etched on it, inscribed with the words: “We want Moshiach now.” The case was placed on a table in *Gan Eden Hatachton*, alongside a photo album documenting the various printings.

Also present were Rabbi A. D. Binyamini, who participated in the printings, and Rabbi Yitzchok Mishan, who also contributed, along with his wife and two children.

Upon entering *Gan Eden Hatachton*, the Rebbe inquired about the number of Tanyas. When Rabbi Alpern mentioned 100, the Rebbe replied, “Yashar Koach! May we greet Moshiach together with the books of Tanya and those who have studied, and will study, from them!”

After the presentation, the Rebbe participated in the

printings by contributing \$50 each to Rabbi Alpern, Rabbi Binyamini and Rabbi Mishan. The Rebbe also gave a dollar coin to Mrs. Mishan, and a half dollar coin to the two Mishan kids. The Rebbe then gave a *bracha* to the Mishans for their children.

Right before the Rebbe entered his room, he asked the group if they were staying for Shabbos. When they replied that they were, the Rebbe said that there would probably be a *farbrengen*.

Shabbos Parshas Ki Sisa, Shushan Purim Katan

The Rebbe entered the *farbrengen* holding a newly printed edition of *Likkutei Torah* and one of the Tanyas from Brazil. He placed the *seforim* on the table near his place.

The Rebbe addressed the importance of not utilizing the Tanya printings for financial benefit, even for *Mosdos*. This could cause a few misguided people to think that the printings were for an ulterior motive.

The Rebbe then spoke about the numerous volumes of *Chassidus* currently being printed — a development which should bring forth an outpouring of joy. Unfortunately, it seems that everyone is conducting themselves as usual.



In this regard, the Rebbe mentioned the new printing of Likkutei Torah, which includes sources and references to Maamarim of the Rabbeim. The Rebbe praised and blessed those who put so much effort into bringing the project to fruition so quickly. The Rebbe also said that he would contribute a bottle of Mashke to a grand farbrengen which should be held in honor of this achievement.

The Rebbe then announced the printing of Tanyas in most Brazilian cities, which was also accomplished in a very short amount of time. The Rebbe said that he would give a bottle of Mashke to those who worked on this, with a condition. The organizers should visit all of those cities again and arrange a Chassidishe farbrengen in each one, learning from the Tanya as well. This is in addition to the learning that was done right after the Tanyas were printed.

After the *sicha*, Rabbis Alpern, Binyamini and Mishan approached the Rebbe, who poured them some Mashke. The Rebbe also gave Mezonos to Rabbi Mishan for his family. Following this, the Rebbe gave Rabbi Alpern a bottle and instructed him to farbreng in all the locations with the bottle, starting here. The Rebbe also clarified that for places that are hard to reach, Rabbi Alpern should do as he sees fit regarding a farbrengen, and ensure that the bottle is empty by Pesach.

Then the Rebbe invited Rabbi Aharon Chitrik, who had worked on the Likkutei Torah, to come up as well. Since he was not present, Rabbi Shneur Zalman Chanin came up instead, and received a bottle of Mashke for the farbrengen which would be held in honor of the printing of Likkutei Torah.

Tuesday, 18 Adar I

At 9:30 pm, Chassidim gathered together to farbreng in honor of the new printing of Likkutei Torah, as per the Rebbe's instruction on Shabbos.

During the gathering, the Alter Rebbe's *maamarim* were divided up for study, to be finished by Yud-Aleph Nissan. The farbrengen continued till morning.

Thursday, 20 Adar I

At 8:25 pm, the Chief Rabbi of the IDF, Rabbi Gad Navon, entered *yechidus* accompanied by Rabbi Simcha Fishbein and a member of the Israeli consulate in New York. They remained in the Rebbe's room until 10:15.

During their conversation, which covered various

Torah topics, the Rebbe discussed Mivtza Tefillin, the borders of Eretz Yisroel, and the "Tzahal Nussach" of davening. The Rebbe emphasized that when soldiers return from service, they should daven in the Nussach of their community.

The Rebbe also mentioned that the Tanya which was printed with the IDF and Kehos logos is very precious to him.

As they were leaving, Rabbi Navon wished the Rebbe "may we soon meet in Yerushalayim," and the Rebbe added, "on Har Habayis!"

Shabbos Parshas Pikudei, 29 Adar I

During today's farbrengen, the Rebbe spoke about the upcoming Melave Malka to benefit Hatzalah. The Rebbe emphasized the importance of the matter, and the great obligation and merit associated with helping sponsor an ambulance.

The Rebbe continued with a prayer that this be the final action needed to bring redemption and "Hatzalah" to the world. When we fly on the heavenly clouds to Eretz Yisroel, the ambulances of Hatzalah will come along with us, just like our shuls. In the same way that places where Yidden davened and learned Torah cannot be left behind in *golus*, it is also impossible to leave behind a vehicle where even one Jewish life was saved!

Later, Hatomim Feivel Rabinowitz, who printed the Tanya in two distant locations, approached the Rebbe to receive a bottle of Mashke. The Rebbe told him that, if possible, the Mashke should be used at farbrengens to be organized in those two communities, and he should continue printing Tanyas in many more places.

Following this, the Rebbe reiterated the importance of printing Tanyas in every Jewish community.

The Rebbe also announced the good news that Tanyas were recently printed in extremely remote locations with only a few Yidden! How fortunate are those who engage in this important endeavor. May many more people learn from them to "*Chap Arain*" the last moments of *golus* and complete the printing of Tanya everywhere.

Tanyas should be printed even in a place where there is just one Jew. After all, Hashem Himself dwells in such a place, as stated in Pirkei Avos.¹ **1**

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