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נדפס ע"י נכדיו הרה"ת ר' **לוי יצחק** וזוגתו מרת **נחמה איידל** שיחיו **חזקלביץ**"

## THE VILEDNIKER

Reb Yisroel Dovber of Vilednik, known as "the Viledniker" was renowned as a great Rebbe and baal mofes (miracle worker). He was a disciple of Reb Mordechai of Chernobel, and lived during the same period as the Tzemach Tzedek. Numerous stories of his have become part of Chabad lore. The Tzemach Tzedek was once asked how it was possible that the Viledniker has ruach hakodesh. After all, the Rashba states that one who doesn't know how to learn cannot attain ruach hakodesh. The Tzemach Tzedek responded: "The Viledniker is a ga'on!"



TZIYUN OF REB YISROEL OF VILEDNIK

On Shabbos Parshas Balak 5716, the Rebbe taught the *niggun Asader L'seudasa*, and related the following story:

A Jew once came to the tzaddik of Vilednik and requested a *bracha* for a son. The Viledniker instructed him to hang silk sheets in his bedroom, assuring him that he would have a son. When the Jew left, the Viledniker's students asked him why hanging silk sheets were a *segulah* for a son. He replied that it is derived from the words of *Asader L'seudasa*:

"אלין מליא יהון לרקיעיא, ותמן מאן שריא, הלא ההוא שמשא". "Milaya" (words) can be translated as silk. "Lirki'aya" (the skies) can mean "spread out," "V'saman man sharya," (Who will abide there?) "Haloh hahu shimsha," "Behold, der zun, the sun, or 'son".

In this letter, the Viledniker responds to a chossid who asked his advice, by telling him to seek the council of the Tzemach Tzedek instead. *Published in Mibeis Hagnazim*, *p.* 322, article #127:

By the Grace of Hashem. Tuesday Parshas Vayishlach 5605.

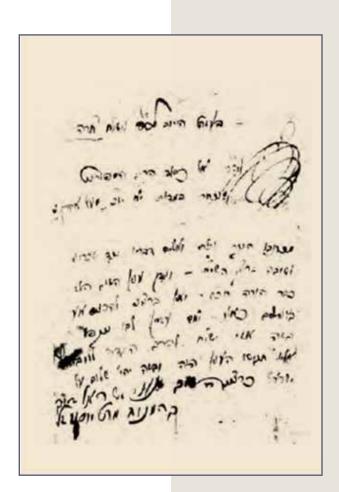
Greetings and much salvation.

To the esteemed and famed rabbi, crowned with fear of Hashem, etc. Harav Aharon [Lifshitz of Belenitz]<sup>3</sup>.

I received your precious letter, and will keep your words in my memory for good [and blessing], with Hashem's Will.

Regarding the couple that you mention, they already received a ruling from the wise one, and I do not wish to insert myself in these matters. But if your heart still troubles you [about this], then you can send [this query] to the great Rav of Lubavitch [the Tzemach Tzedek]. Send this matter to him, and then there will be peace upon Israel as you so aptly wish.

From me, Yisroel Dov, son of the late Rav Yosef z"l.



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<sup>1.</sup> Likkutei Reshimos Umaasiyos, #45.

<sup>2.</sup> Toras Menachem vol. 17, p. 97.

<sup>3.</sup> For more about Reb Aharon, see Mibeis Hagnazim, article #37.