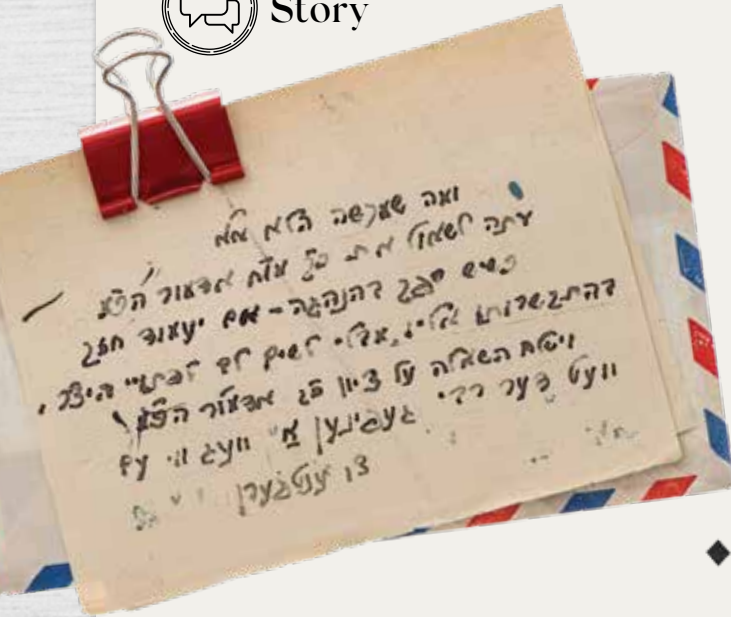




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The Tanya I Forgot to Mention



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In the summer of 5781, due to Covid, Camp Gan Yisroel Montreal operated their overnight summer camp at a campsite in Upstate New York, in a town called Burlingham. I was hired as a learning teacher, and in addition to teaching my learning class, I was involved with arranging many extra-curricular activities.

A few weeks into camp, I wondered if a Tanya had ever been printed in this remote town. My research confirmed that it hadn't. The director and head staff were enthusiastic about the idea and eager to share this special mitvza with

our campers. I was given the go-ahead to make all the arrangements.

I contacted Rabbi Shmuel Jacobson to receive the official edition number as well as the PDF file we would need, and arranged the proper printer and the necessary printing paper. We needed to print 500 copies in order to give a copy to each camper and staff member in camp. For 48 hours, the printer printed non-stop, and I needed to buy more toner several times during the process until the copies were complete.

With open miracles, I found someone in Crown Heights willing to bind the large amount of Tanyas in just a few days. By the time the campers and staff boarded the busses to go home at the end of camp, they each had a beautifully bound Tanya published in the camp where they had spent the summer.

When I returned from camp, I went to the Ohel right away with the first copy of the Burlingham edition as a gift for the Rebbe. Before entering the Ohel, I wrote a long letter describing the eight weeks I worked as a learning teacher, and all the extra *peulos* I had helped arrange throughout the summer.

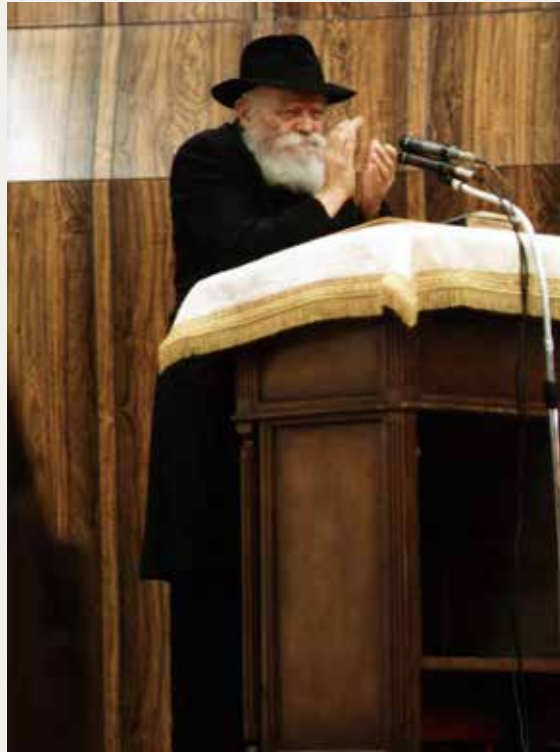
To my surprise, when I stood in the Ohel reading my letter to the Rebbe, I realized I had completely forgotten to mention the Tanya we had printed. I felt very foolish holding the Tanya in the Ohel without having the opportunity to describe the details about it in my letter and was unsure how to proceed. Writing it into the letter while I stood there was not an option, and once I left the Ohel, I felt it was improper to go back in.

Feeling a bit disappointed about the whole episode, I walked into the main tents and decided to listen to a *sicha* on the Ashreinu app. Before Gimmel Tammuz, at the conclusion of the summer, it was customary for campers returning from all the nearby camps to daven Mincha in 770 together with the Rebbe, followed by a rally in which the Rebbe usually said a *sicha* to the children.

Since it was Elul and I had just returned from camp, I randomly clicked on the *sicha* the Rebbe had said to the returning campers on 10 Elul 5748. Here is how the *sicha* begins:

צום אלעם ערשטן איז פותחים בברכה וואס ברכה בכלל גייט אויף תורה, וואס דעם סיום פון די קעמפ, פון די מחנות האט זיך פארענדיקט מיט א ענין פון תורה א סיום צוזאמן מיט א פתיחה בתורה - אפגעדרוקט דעם ספר התניא פון דעם אלטער רבי'ן. ביז אין א אופן אז מ'קען שוין עם גלייך אנהויבן לערנען און פותח זיין נאכאמאל לימוד התניא אין א נייע געדוקטן תניא. וואס איז געדרוקט געווארן בשדה, צוזאמן מיט דער מלך בשדה, מיט דעם אויבערשטענ'ס סיוע, מיט ברכה און הצלחה...

Firstly, we open with blessing. Blessing, in general, refers to Torah. Some of the camps concluded with a



conclusion in Torah - a siyum, as well as a beginning in Torah, the printing of the Tanya¹ of the Alter Rebbe. It was done in a way that one can immediately begin learning Tanya from a newly published Tanya, printed "in the field" (camp) together with the "Melech Basodeh - the King who is in the field (during the month of Elul)" - with Hashem's help, with blessing and success...

I was overwhelmed by how quickly the Rebbe had sent me his reassurance that although I forgot to write about it in my letter, the newly published Tanya was duly noticed. **T**

1. That summer Tanya #3281 was published in Camp Shaloh (Dairyland, NY) and Tanya #3282 was published in Camp Emuna (Greenfield Park, NY).

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