



ERETZ YISROEL IS SAFE!

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Period of the Six-Day War in Eretz Yisroel

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Tuesday, 6 Iyar

Today¹, two *bochurim* in the 770 Kvutzah from Eretz Yisroel, Dovid Meir Drukman and Yechezkel Sofer, sent in a note to the Rebbe with two inquiries. Firstly, they asked if it is proper to translate sichos into Lashon Hakodesh for those who aren't fluent in Yiddish. The Rebbe replied that it is fitting to do so, provided there is a proper translator. Regarding the possibility of the *bochurim* themselves undertaking this task, the Rebbe emphasized that the only reason for a *bochur* to leave Eretz Yisroel is for diligent and rigorous Torah study. Any suggestion to engage in something else doesn't align with this purpose.

Sunday, 11 Iyar

Tonight, a Yid from Yerushalayim had a *yechidus* with the Rebbe and expressed his concern about the escalating situation in Eretz Yisroel. The Rebbe responded, noting that even regarding *Chutz La'aretz*, it says that Hashem is always alert and watching ("לא ינום ולא ישן"). How much more so for Eretz Yisroel, where it is stated that Hashem's eyes are always upon it. There is nothing to worry about.

Tuesday, Yud-Gimmel Iyar

Today marks the 15th *yahrzeit* of the Rebbe's brother, Reb Yisroel Arye Leib. The Rebbe said Kaddish during all of the *tefillos*, and a *yahrzeit* candle burned in the Rebbe's room throughout the day.

During Shacharis, the Rebbe came out after *Shir Shel Yom* to say Kaddish. While the minyan was reciting the day's Tehillim, a few *bochurim* were watching the Rebbe say Tehillim instead. The Rebbe motioned to them and said, "You're wearing Tefillin, why aren't you davening?!"

The Rebbe went to the Ohel at 2:30 pm and returned at 8:00 pm. Ten minutes later, Mincha was held. Upon entering the *zal*, the Rebbe said Kaddish D'rabbanan². After davening, the Rebbe said Kaddish Yasom, Mishnayos, and Kaddish D'rabbanan.

Thursday, 15 Iyar

Today, the Rebbe sent Rabbi Hodakov and Rabbi Kazarnovsky to Montreal to meet with Israeli President Zalman Shazar, who was visiting for an expo. The Rebbe accompanied them as they left 770. During Shacharis, a

Mi Shebeirach had been said at the Torah for Mr. Shazar, at the Rebbe's request.

Interestingly, once the Rebbe's emissaries were already on their way, Mr. Shazar was suddenly recalled to Eretz Yisroel that night, resulting in the cancellation of all his appointments. Rabbi Kramer from Montreal contacted Mazkirus to relay this development. To his surprise, someone responded, "But this appointment, he will receive." Rabbi Kramer asked who was speaking, and he heard, "Schneerson." The Rebbe had joined the conversation from his room.

When they ultimately met with Mr. Shazar, they presented him with the newly printed Sefer Pelach Harimon, and the Maamer Lihavin Inyan Krias Yam Suf, with the Rebbe's additions. During the meeting, Mr. Shazar shared that the Rebbe had called him earlier and given him a *bracha* for safety and security in Eretz Yisroel.

The Rebbe raised his voice, passionately emphasizing the words "*V'ein Macharid* — no one will cause terror," from this week's Parsha (Bechukosai).

The Rebbe also wished him a safe journey, and to hear good news.

Mr. Shazar mentioned that while he had been aware of these *pessukim* previously, they now held a whole new meaning for him. He expressed his intention to publicize the Rebbe's message upon his return to Eretz Yisroel.

Sunday 18 Iyar, Lag B'omer

Today's Lag B'omer parade was Baruch Hashem very successful, with many children participating.



SHAZAR MEETS WITH RABBIS HODAKOV, KAZARNOVSKY, MOCHKIN, AND KRAMER IN MONTREAL BEFORE BEING RECALLED TO ERETZ YISROEL.

RABBI YOSEF KRAMER



THE REBBE SPEAKS ON THE SITUATION IN ERETZ YISROEL AT THE LAG B'OMER PARADE.

A few weeks before Lag B'omer, there was a plan for the kids to walk all the way to Prospect Park, but the Rebbe commented that it would be too hot to walk such a long distance. Indeed, the day turned out beautifully sunny, and very hot.

This year, for the first time, there was a dedicated lecturer for the Rebbe, in contrast to previous years, when Rabbi J.J. Hecht stood at the Rebbe's side on the same *bima*.

At 11:15 am, the Rebbe came out to speak and asked Rabbi Hecht if everything was ready to go, which he confirmed. The Rebbe said a ten-minute *sicha*, beginning with the significance of Lag B'omer. The Rebbe then addressed the special characteristic of this year, Hakhel, when everyone would gather together in the Beis Hamikdash. Despite the destruction of the physical Beis Hamikdash, this concept still extends to the "Beis

STAY!

In their letters to friends, the bochurim relate:

Regarding the current situation in Eretz Yisroel, the Rebbe wrote to various people:

The Rebbe replied to a telegram from the Vaad of Kfar Chabad as follows:

"You merit to be found among the myriad thousands of Yidden in Eretz Hakodesh, the land upon which the eyes of Hashem are constantly focused. Surely 'The guardian of Israel will neither sleep nor slumber' 'Hashem will be on your right hand guarding you' - all of the Yidden Shlita now and forever.

"Anticipating imminent good news in a revealed manner,

"The Rebbe's holy signature."

This telegram was widely publicized in Israel, and it was also printed and distributed to the soldiers.

Several Chassidim in America asked the Rebbe for advice on whether their sons should return from Eretz Yisroel, and the Rebbe wrote back, "It is obvious that they shouldn't. There is nothing for you or for them to fear."

When someone else asked about a relative learning in Eretz Yisroel, the Rebbe responded, "I already notified Kfar Chabad in no uncertain terms that there is no reason to travel from Eretz Yisroel. On

the contrary, they should increase in their learning and Hashem will grant them success."

The Rebbe also answered someone: "I am not at all pleased with the panic and exaggerated hysteria. May Hashem protect all of our brethren Shlita wherever they are, particularly in the place which Hashem's eyes are constantly upon."

Someone wrote to the Rebbe that Hashem should help that everything will be okay, and the Rebbe responded, "*Amein Kein Yehi Ratzon*."

The Rebbe also sent a telegram to the American students in Eretz Yisroel, that they should continue learning Torah with diligence, and surely, "The guardian of Israel neither sleeps nor slumbers," and may we hear good news.

An individual who had just made it out of the Soviet Union to Eretz Yisroel wrote that he wanted to come to the Rebbe, and the Rebbe replied: "This is not at all the right time to leave from Eretz Hakodesh, *chas v'shalom*. We will *iy"H* meet amidst joy in the upcoming month of Joy — Tishrei."

(In his *yoman*, Rabbi Avraham Gerlitzky writes that he heard—but could not verify—that someone asked the Rebbe how he can take responsibility for instructing people to stay in Eretz Yisroel. The Rebbe answered that he was at the Ohel, and the Frierdiker Rebbe took responsibility.)

Hamikdash" within each one of us.

Then, with profound emotion and resounding clarity, the Rebbe focused on the situation in Eretz Yisroel: "We can all help the Jews living there by dedicating ourselves to studying even one more *possuk* of Torah and influencing others to do the same." The Rebbe cited several of the *brachos* mentioned in *pessukim*: "And I will give peace in the land, and there will be no terror..." "And they will dwell in safety..." The Rebbe concluded by quoting the *possuk* "And I will bring them upright," referring to the coming of Moshiach.

The Rebbe ended by saying, "*Amein Kein Yehi Ratzon.*"

After the *sicha*, the Rebbe asked Rabbi Hecht if he had spoken clearly, and he responded, "The Rebbe spoke very well, the concern is if I will be able to translate it properly." The Rebbe told him, "Hashem's blessings will assist you with this as well."

Afterward, the assembled children began walking by the Rebbe, who warmly smiled at them, gesturing and waving throughout. The Rebbe's face shone as he watched the children.

The Rebbe remained at the parade until about 12:30 pm. Before the Rebbe went back inside 770, Rabbi Hecht asked him if he was happy with how things went. The Rebbe replied, "Very," adding that next year it should be even better.

The Rebbe then turned to Reb Nissan Telushkin and thanked him for coming to the parade.

As he was about to leave, the Rebbe asked Rabbi Hodakov if a draft of the *sicha* was ready for him to edit. The Rebbe edited the *sicha* right after the parade, even before going to the Ohel.

Besides the parade in front of 770 there were events arranged in other communities, which were very successful. The Rebbe sent out a telegram with a message similar to the one in the *sicha* about Eretz Yisroel.

The Rebbe went to the Ohel at 2:45 pm and returned at 7:45 pm.

Already in the evening, a tape of the Rebbe's *sicha* was sent to Eretz Yisroel, where it was immediately broadcast on the radio. A transcript of the *sicha* was also printed, and widely disseminated throughout the country.

Over the following days, it was also broadcast in America. The Rebbe instructed to ensure that many people heard this message.

Monday, 19 Iyar

Today, the Rebbe instructed Avraham Lipskier, who is traveling to Milan as a Shliach, to take the tape of the Lag B'omer *sicha* and the video of the parade with him.

Thursday, 22 Iyar

Today, the Rebbe told someone in *yechidus* that in another few days the whole situation in Eretz Yisroel will be resolved, and Hashem will help.

In a different *yechidus* tonight, the Rebbe said that, in general, when someone is a Shliach or involved with helping the community, it is imperative that they be able to properly learn *nigleh* and Chassidus, especially nowadays.

Friday, 23 Iyar

Today, in response to someone expressing concern about the situation in Eretz Yisroel, the Rebbe emphasized that a Yid must always have *bitachon*.

Shabbos Parshas Bamidbar, 24 Iyar

In the morning, the Rebbe came out for Shabbos Mevarchim Tehillim. The Rebbe finished reciting the entire *sefer* before the *tzibbur*, and remained in the *zal*, immersed in thought.



THE REBBE WAVES TO THE CHILDREN AS THEY MARCH BY.

At today's farbrengen, the Rebbe spoke about the situation in Eretz Yisroel and launched the new Mivtza of Tefillin.³

While distributing *mashke*, the Rebbe emphasized that people should receive the bottle in their right hand. The Rebbe also instructed people to hold their cup while receiving L'chaim, instead of placing it on the table.

A group of boys approached the Rebbe, and he poured them L'chaim, specifically into their right hands. The Rebbe then waited for them to recite the *bracha* aloud, and answered "Amen."

Commenting on sleepiness, the Rebbe mentioned that the men can learn from the women who will be gathering tomorrow night and don't nod off even for a second.

After Mincha, the Rebbe instructed those present to sing "*Hoshia Es Amecha*," and on his way out of the *zal*, he gestured with his hand.

Sunday, 25 Iyar

As the Rebbe entered the *zal* for Mincha, he handed Rabbi Hodakov a note.

At approximately 9:20 pm, the Rebbe attended the annual pre-Shavuot gathering for women, and said a *sicha* for around fifteen minutes. Subsequently, everyone present approached the Rebbe individually until around 2:00 am. Following this, the Rebbe davened Maariv.

Afterward, the Rebbe was seen with his glasses on, reading through the letters given to him by the women at the event.

Monday, 26 Iyar (The Start Of The 6 Day War)

Today, the Rebbe wrote to Rabbi Hecht that Hashem is accomplishing what needs to be done, and He can be relied on ("כדאי לסמוך עליו").

Someone stopped the Rebbe today while he was walking and showed him in the newspaper where the Rebbe's words on Eretz Yisroel had been publicized.

Thursday, 29 Iyar

In a letter to Mr. Shazar dated today, the Rebbe wrote:

"I was pleased to have just been notified that your home was not touched by the bombings, which reassures me that obviously you and your family *Shlita* [were likewise not affected], and that you are all well..."



ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS REPORT ON THE REBBE'S MESSAGE AT THE LAG B'OMER PARADE AND HIS TELEGRAM TO VAAD KFAR CHABAD.

"...It is obvious that most importantly, as the *possuk* says, 'the Jewish people saw the great hand of Hashem against Mitzrayim' and their accomplices, seeing how Hashem gave over the many in the hands of the few—the ones who put their lives on the line to 'save the Jewish people from their approaching enemies.' This will certainly lead to increased observance of Torah and mitzvos, and thanking Hashem for bringing about these miracles..."⁴

1. Based on the yomanim of Reb Yehoshua Mondshein a"h, Yblch"t, Reb Avrohom Gerlitzky and Reb Binyomin Bernstein, bochurim in 770 at the time.
2. Presumably this Kaddish was in place of the Kaddish at the beginning of Shacharis.
3. Full article: <https://derher.org/wp-content/uploads/56-Iyar-5777-06.pdf>
4. Igros Kodesh vol. 24, p. 321.