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“כי בשמחה תצאו...” **A MEMORABLE FAREWELL**

The month of Tishrei saw an ever growing crowd of guests coming to be in the presence of the Rebbe during these special days. But as the month came to a close, it was time for “ויעקב הלך לדרכו,” the return back home, infused with new inspiration and energy to unpack for the upcoming year’s *avoda*.

In 5721 the very first chartered group from Eretz Yisrael visited the Rebbe for Tishrei. One of the *hora'os* the Rebbe directed to this first group was that before leaving, all the visitors and their families should bring their luggage to 770, and the bus taking them to the airport should leave from there.



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As the guests arrived at the courtyard of 770, the Rebbe came out to personally see them off, joyously encouraging the singing and dancing. The actualization of this ambitious endeavor to visit the Rebbe along with the uplifting experiences of the weeks prior, brought these Chassidim to total elation.

Yet, this moment was bittersweet. The reality of having to leave the Rebbe's presence is painful. For many, this Tishrei was their first opportunity to see the Rebbe, and who knew when they would have their next opportunity? The Rebbe was also visibly emotional, with a pained look at having to see his children leave, as the Rebbe often quoted the words of the Midrash¹ “קשה עלי פרידתכם—you parting is difficult for me.”

The Rebbe remained outside, watching the Chassidim board the buses and take leave for the airport. The Rebbe didn't return to his room until the buses were out of sight.

This began the tradition of the Rebbe seeing off the guests, continuing until 5738.

1. Bamidbar Rabbah Pinchas 25.



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