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# DALED MINIM

## EREV SUKKOS

The sorting and selecting of the Rebbe's *daled minim* began in the late summer in the Southern Italian region of Calabria. Several dozen of the most beautiful *esrogim*, featuring the *hiddurim* in shape and size unique to Lubavitch, were handpicked for the Rebbe by Rabbis Yisroel Jacobson, Moshe Lazar, and Mordechai Altein.



## SELECTING THE DALED MINIM

The Rebbe would choose his esrog the night before Yom Tov (though some years it was the next day). After *Shacharis* on Erev Yom Tov, the Rebbe would select several *lulavim* out of a collection of about 30, as well as *hadassim* and *aravos*. While the Rebbe would spend a long time meticulously selecting a *lulav* and *esrog*, the *hadassim* and *aravos* were chosen more quickly.



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## CHASSIDIM PICKING DALED MINIM

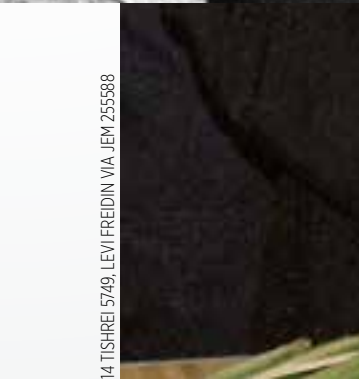
After the Rebbe chose his *daled minim*, a select group of Chassidim were allowed into the Rebbe's room (and in later years, into *Gan Eden Hatachton*) to take from the remaining *daled minim*. This group included *mazkirim*, representatives from various countries, and certain elder Chassidim. The Rebbe would glance at a list of participants and scrutinize the attendees. After each person chose his set, he would pass by the Rebbe, and the Rebbe would *bentch* him that he should draw down all the *hamshachos* for the entire year.



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## ESROGIM FROM ERETZ YISROEL

Representatives from Eretz Yisroel would then bring *esrogim* to the Rebbe, and the Rebbe would give them a short *brocha*. (Although the Rebbe always said the *brocha* on an *esrog* from Calabria in accordance with minhag Chabad, later in the day the Rebbe did the mitzvah again with an *esrog* from Eretz Yisroel).



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