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THE REBBE ENTERS THE SHUL ON ROSH CHODESH TEVES 5735\*, JOINING THE CHILDREN FOR A CHANUKAH RALLY.

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# Tefillah Betzibur

TEVES 5735\*

Excitement was in the air as everyone geared up to prepare for the 25th year of the Rebbe's nesius. In only a few weeks, a new era was approaching and on Yud Shevat they would celebrate this great milestone.

*Presented below is a selection of the diary of Reb Yitzchok Meir Sossover, a bochur at the time.*



## SUNDAY, 8 TEVES

Among those who entered *yechidus* this evening were Reb Shmuel Chefer and Reb Nissan Nemanov.

Reb Yekusiel Farkash went in for *yechidus* with his daughter who is not well. The Rebbe spoke with the girl and asked her what she learned in school, her age, and whether she lights Shabbos candles. When she responded that she lights two candles every Friday night, the Rebbe exclaimed, “Two?!” Then the Rebbe asked if she also makes a *bracha*, to which she replied that she does.

Afterwards the Rebbe inquired if she received *Chanukah gelt* during the eight days of Chanukah. When the girl replied that she did not, the Rebbe showed surprise and proceeded to give her two dollars, explaining that one is for the Shabbos candles and one is for *Chanukah gelt*.

The following night, Reb Nissan Nemenov farbrenged in 770 and recounted his *yechidus*. The Rebbe had inquired about *tefillah b'tzibbur* in the yeshiva, and Reb Nissan responded that it needs improvement. The Rebbe continued on this topic and told him, “We just celebrated Yud-Tes Kislev, and as we know, the *maamar Padah B'shalom* explains that true freedom comes about through the study of Torah, *gemilas chassadim*, and *avodah*—which specifically refers to davening with a *minyan*.” The Rebbe spoke about this animatedly and got up from his chair, waving his hand in the air as he exclaimed, “Why don't they daven with a *minyan*?!”

The Rebbe continued: “Even *misnagdim* recognize the importance of *tefillah b'tzibbur*. How much more so should Chassidim, who study Chassidus, and therefore understand that *tefillah b'tzibbur* is as great as the *tefillos* of *Aseres Yemei Teshuvah* when our *neshamos* are closer to Hashem! These are concepts that are only properly understood by those who study Chassidus.”

The Rebbe then told Reb Nissan: “You don't need to say this in your own name, as these ideas are expounded upon in Chassidus, specifically in *maamarim* studied by *bochurim*. They should look at the *maamar Padah B'shalom* which was just printed last summer and read what is written explicitly there.

The Rebbe then said emphatically: “The fact that *eltere Chassidim* didn't seem to be so meticulous about *tefillah b'tzibbur*—for that one needs to be an *eltere Chassid*.”

Afterwards the Rebbe said that the *bochurim* must study two or three *maamarim* by heart, so that they always have what to daven with. This is also beneficial for *hafatzas hamaayanos*, as one is more successful when he knows several concepts of Chassidus *baal peh*. It is also advisable to study *maamarim* from three different times of the year, in order to have something to repeat for every Yom Tov.

## TUESDAY, ASARAH B'TEVES

The Rebbe entered the shul during *selichos*.

At first the Rebbe was reciting *selichos* without a *gartel* but then he hurriedly put it on and did not tighten it completely, instead he held it with his hands. The Rebbe turned towards the *chazzan* and asked where the *minyan* was up to. Reb Meir Harlig approached and answered where they're holding. The Rebbe then motioned and asked the *chazzan* to recite *selichos* a little louder.

When *Rachamana D'anei* and *Avinu Malkeinu* were sung, the Rebbe encouraged the singing.

## SUNDAY, 15 TEVES

On his way out of his room for Maariv, the Rebbe passed a man collecting tzedakah, so he reached into his pocket looking for coins. Reb Binyomin Klein tried to hand him some, but by then the Rebbe had already gone back to his room and returned with a few coins. He gave tzedakah to the individual and then deposited some more into the *pushka*.

After Maariv, a woman was waiting outside with her son for his *upshernish*. She wanted to give the scissors to the Rebbe to cut the boy's hair, but the Rebbe informed her (speaking in Hebrew with a Sephardic accent) that he usually does not cut *upshernish* boys' hair, and instead gave them a *bracha*. They followed the Rebbe into *Gan Eden Hatachton* and the Rebbe gave them a dollar coin.



REB YITZCHOK MEIR SOSSOVER

## THURSDAY, 19 TEVES

On his way out from Maariv, the Rebbe saw Mrs. Garelik and her children from Italy, and gave them dollars.

Tonight, an individual from Yerushalayim entered for *yechidus* and recounted afterwards that the Rebbe told him that the *kolelim* in Eretz Yisroel are of sufficient quality but they don't study "*aliba d'hilchesa*" (with a focus on the final *halacha*). This is evident in the lack of rabbonim and *morei hora'ah*.

He related this with great excitement, as on that very day he had met with someone who had asked him to mention this to the Rebbe. Although he had not done so, the Rebbe still addressed the question that he did not ask.

## SUNDAY, 22 TEVES

Mr. Porat, a security officer for El Al, arrived for a *yechidus* with his children. The Rebbe gave dollars to all of the children, the older of whom received bills while the younger ones received coins. The Rebbe asked the daughters if they light Shabbos candles and they answered that they do, and that they do it because of the encouragement of Reb Kuti Rapp.

Upon exiting *yechidus*, Mr. Porat told Reb Leibel Groner that the Rebbe had responded to things

about which they had not even written. Rabbi Groner replied that a similar story had recently occurred as well.

A person came for *yechidus* and gave the Rebbe his *tzetel* and the Rebbe told him he can force an answer, should the man choose. The man did not understand what the Rebbe meant by that statement. The Rebbe then answered all of his questions. After he left he realized that he had given the Rebbe an entirely blank sheet instead of his letter.

Next in *yechidus* was an individual named Wertheimer, who had brought with him an old manuscript of Rashi's commentary, together with some *sefarim* that he had published.

The Rebbe took two of the *sefarim* and told him that he already has the others. Regarding the manuscript, the Rebbe said that this will make a big *shturem* especially amongst the Sephardim, because until now they only had *sefarim* on Rashi from the *chachamim* of Spain, and now they will have from the *chachamim* of France too. He remained in *yechidus* for approximately 45 minutes.

As he left, the Rebbe told Reb Leibel Groner to ask him for his address, as he had told the Rebbe about the great expenses involved in publishing his *sefarim*. [Presumably the Rebbe wanted to reimburse him for them.]



CHACHAM REFAEL CHUDIDAITOV STANDS BEHIND THE REBBE'S PLACE (BOTTOM ROW, THIRD FROM RIGHT) AT THE FARBRENGEN OF YUD SHEVAT 5735\*.





IN HONOR OF YUD SHEVAT, TZACH PREPARED 25 “LUBAVITCH MITZVAH MOBILES” FOR THE FIRST EVER MITZVAH TANK PARADE. THIS WAS FIRST PRESENTED ON THE NIGHT OF YUD SHEVAT, AS THE REBBE ARRIVED AT 770.

## WEDNESDAY, 25 TEVES

Tzach had written to the Rebbe about *hachlatos* in the area of *mitvzoim* that had been undertaken in honor of the 25th year of the Rebbe’s *nesius*, including *hadlakas neiros Shabbos*. The Rebbe inquired why they had neglected to include *tefillah b’tzibbur*.

Regarding the security of the *shechunah* the Rebbe wrote: “בּוּדָאִי עוֹסְקִים בְּמַרְץ הַדְרוֹשׁ אִזְעָה” צ בְּכָל הַנִּל—They are certainly engaging in all this with the required alacrity. I will mention this at the Ohel.”

## SHABBOS MEVARCHIM, 28 TEVES

At today’s farbrengen, the Rebbe spoke about the Zohar’s commentary on the words *atem shalom*. The Rebbe then said: “There is a Jew here from Russia who can sing a song with these words.” The Rebbe then told Reb Leibel Groner to bring some bottles of *mashke* and then gave *l’chaim* to Chacham Refael Chudidaitov, who began singing the song “*Atem Shalom*,” and the Rebbe nodded along with his head.

The Rebbe poured wine from his *becher* into the two bottles of *mashke* and then poured back a *l’chaim* from them and gave it to Chacham Refael.

Upon Chachem Refael’s request that the Rebbe should take *l’chaim* as well, the Rebbe poured into his *becher*. Chacham Refael then requested *l’chaim* for his son, Moshiach. The Rebbe smiled and called “Moshiach,” and when he came the Rebbe poured him some *l’chaim* as well.

At the end of the farbrengen, the Rebbe spoke with closed eyes and reiterated that not a penny needs to be spent on anything in honor of 25 years. All efforts should be put solely into more *mitvzoim*.

Afterwards the Rebbe distributed *l’chaim*, and he called out, “Reb Shimshon is making a bar mitzvah.” When Reb Shimshon Stock approached the Rebbe with his son, the Rebbe poured some *l’chaim* for them.

The Rebbe concluded the farbrengen by saying: “Since we spoke about *mitvzoim*, and being that it’s Shabbos and these efforts are not yet possible to be carried out, whoever commits to go on *mitvzoim* starting tomorrow until Yud Shvat should say *l’chaim*. The Rebbe then gave the bottle to Reb Dovid Raskin.

The Rebbe started the *niggun* “*Ufaratzta*” and made a *bracha acharona*. As he got up to leave, he encouraged the singing. **1**