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THE MENORAH OF CHASSIDUS

In honor of Hei Teves—a day that highlights the unbroken chain of our Rabbeim from generation to generation—we present a fascinating sketch handwritten by the Frierdiker Rebbe.

Shortly after the *histalkus* of his father, the Rebbe Rashab, the Frierdiker Rebbe attests to having spent much time secluded alone in his room, in shock and unable to fully process the devastating loss. He spent a lot of this time writing, including a detailed index of all his father's *maamarim* and more.

One of the manuscripts that he wrote was this sketch of “The Menorah of Chassidus,” detailing the seven generations of *nesi'im* from the Baal Shem Tov through the Rebbe Rashab.

Each of the menorah's seven branches represents one of the Rabbeim, stating their name, the years of their *nesius*, and sometimes also their resting place.

The Frierdiker Rebbe begins with an introduction:

בחסדי אל עליון

על לב ישראל יאירו שבעת הנרות

והיתה לבבם, ביתם, ונחלתם שלום את ד' תמיד כל הימים

By the grace of the exalted G-d.

Upon the heart of Israel these seven lamps cast their light.

May their hearts, families, and legacies be at peace with Hashem, constantly, for all days.

Between the branches, he writes:

מנורת החסידות

ח"י אלול תפ"ד. ב' ניסן תר"פ

The menorah of Chassidus.

Eighteenth of Elul 5484 [the date that Achiya Hashiloni first appeared to the Baal Shem Tov, setting the ground ready for the revelation of Chassidus to the world] — Second of Nissan, 5680 [the date of the Rebbe Rashab's *histalkus*].

On the middle branch:

WRITTEN BY:
RABBI MENDEL JACOBS

ר' שיון (Sixth of Sivan, the Baal Shem Tov's yahrtzeit.)
 ר' אדמו"ר הבעש"ט תצ"ד תק"ך (The Rebbe, the Baal Shem
 Tov, 5494-5520.)

On the next branch:

ר' טסלו (Nineteenth of Kislev, the Maggid's yahrtzeit.)
 ר' אדמו"ר המגיד תקכ"א תקל"ג (The Rebbe, the Maggid,
 5521-5533.)

On the other side of the branch:

ר' כד טבת (Twenty-fourth of Teves, the Alter Rebbe's
 yahrtzeit.)

ר' אדמו"ר רבינו הגדול תקל"ז—ע"ג (The [Alter] Rebbe, our
 great Rebbe, 5537-73.)

On the next branch:

ר' טסלו (Ninth of Kislev, the Mittlerer Rebbe's yahrtzeit.)
 ר' אדמו"ר האמצעי תקע"ג—פ"ח. מ"כ נייעזין (The Mittlerer
 Rebbe, 5573-88. His honored resting place is in Niezhnin.)

On the other side of the branch:

ר' יג ניסן (Thirteenth of Nissan, the Tzemach Tzedek's
 yahrtzeit.)

ר' חתנו אדמו"ר הרב צמח-צדק תקפ"ט—תרכ"ו ליובאוויטש (His
 son-in-law, the Rebbe the Tzemach Tzedek, 5589-5626. [His
 resting place is in] Lubavitch.)

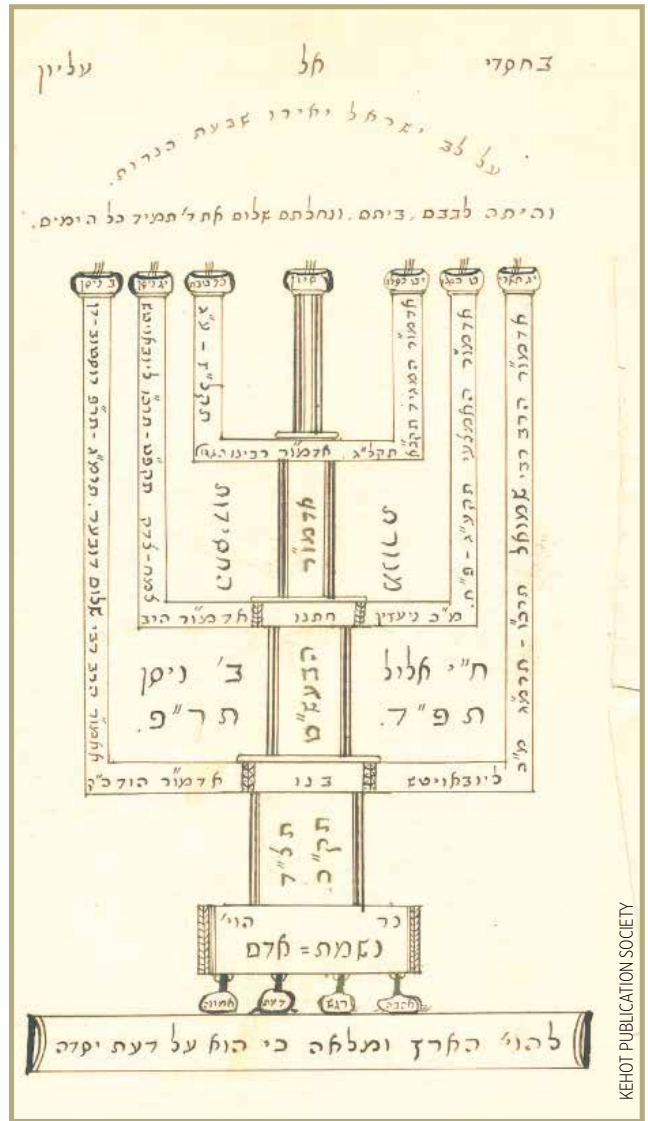
On the next branch:

ר' יג תשרי (Thirteenth of Tishrei, the Rebbe Maharash's
 yahrtzeit.)

ר' אדמו"ר הרב רבי שמואל תרכ"ו—תרמ"ג. מ"כ ליובאוויטש (The
 Rebbe Reb Shmuel, 5626-5643. His honored resting place is
 in Lubavitch.)

On the other side of the branch:

ר' ב' ניסן (Second of Nissan, the Rebbe Rashab's yahrtzeit.)
 ר' אדמו"ר הוד כ"ק אאמו"ר הרב רבי שלום דובער. תרמ"ג—תר"פ



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ר' שולום דובר (His son, the Rebbe my esteemed father, Reb Sholom
 Dovber, 5643-5680. [His resting place is in] Rostov-on
 the River Don.)

At the base of the menorah, he writes:

נהויה נשמת=אדם
 אהבה, רגש, דעת, אמונה.
 להויה הארץ ומלאה כי הוא על דעת יסדה.

The lamp of Hashem is the soul of man.

This quote stands upon four boxes, containing:

Love, feeling, knowledge, faith.

To Hashem belongs the earth and all that fills it. For He
 established it upon knowledge.

(Mibeis Hagnazim, p. 40, article 13)