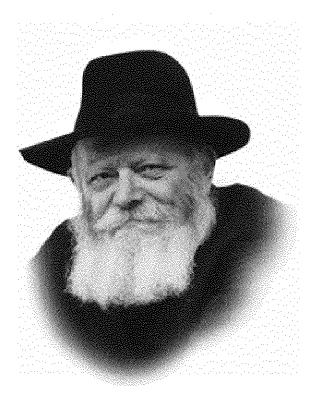
# "Tshura"



Stories of the Rebbe

Wedding of Yaakov and Roza Hindy Weiss Rosh Chodesh Ellul 5763 Hugust 28, 2003



Dear honored Guest.

Words alone can not express our appreciation and gratitude to each and every one of you for participating and adding to our Simcha tonight! You definitely enhanced and beautified our most special day.

We present you with a booklet of personal stories of the Rebbe with our family members. Each story is a shining gem full of precious wisdom, priceless advice, and powerful teachings. These gems are still shining, waiting for us to relearn their message and relive their lessons.

We are sure that by each of us taking one or two of these gems into our daily lives we will tip the scale and be "Zocha" to the Revelation of Moshiach NOW!!

"Ksiva VaChasima Tova", With warmest appreciation and best wishes,

Yaakov and Roya Hindy Weiss

Rosh Chodesh Ellul 5763

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#### Stories of the Rebbe with the Weiss Family

## **Spiritual Self Sacrifice**

When Rabbi Meshulom Weiss was learning in Mir yeshiva, he had a friend who lived in the dorm room next to him. He was from Uruguay in S. America. This Bochur had a dream to make a Talmud Torah in Mexico City because there was no Torah education there whatsoever. When he mentioned it to his teachers and Rosh Yeshiva they all discouraged him from doing this, claiming that there was no Yiddishkeit there and it would be spiritually unhealthy for him. He reluctantly gave up on the idea. One day a friend of his suggested that he meet with the Rebbe. He agreed and made an appointment for Yechidus in a few months time. His Yechidus took place on a Thursday night. It was a late appointment, so of course everyone in the dorm went to sleep and did not wait up for him.

At around 4:00 am Meshulom woke up and saw his friend's light on in his room. He had just returned from his yechidus, and he was packing his bags. Meshulom asked him "what are you doing?" He answered, "I told the Rebbe of my idea and the Rebbe liked it very much. He told me that if I can get a flight for tomorrow before Shabbos then I should take it! If not, I should fly immediately after Shabbos. The Rebbe then gave me a Brocha. I found a flight and I am flying out on it." And so he did. He was extremely successful there and built a beautiful Yeshiva, which is still bringing many Yidden closer to Yiddishkeit to this day.

#### **Children Teach You Patience**

It was only four days before Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss' wedding when they entered into Yechidus with the Rebbe. The Rebbe told them to come with a Shomer. They went for a Brocha for the wedding and for their move to Miami to work in Chinuch. In 1957 very few religious people were willing to move out of the security of New York. The Rebbe was trying to influence more and more young men and women to go out of town and to become teachers and principals all over the world. Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss knew it would please the Rebbe to know they were moving to Miami in order to educate children in the ways of Torah and Mitzvos.

They waited in the outer office of 770 for hours. It was Thursday night around 3:00 a.m., (or rather early Friday morning) when Rabbi Groner finally ushered them into the Rebbe's office with the warning "Only a few minutes, no longer!"

Mrs. Weiss looked into the Rebbe's penetrating blue eyes, and she began to cry. She asked if the Rebbe could please send out the Choson! The Rebbe asked the pale Choson if he could please step out for a few moments. The Rebbe asked Mrs. Weiss why she was crying. She told the Rebbe that she wanted to call off the wedding be-

cause she didn't have patience, and in order to be a proper wife and mother you need to have patience. The Rebbe answered, "You will have many children and they will teach you patience."

So they were married. (She learned in "Hayom Yom" many years later that the first time you meet with the Rebbe in Yechidus, you are given your Avoda (purpose and service), as well as the lesson your Neshoma was sent to learn in this world.) Rabbi Weiss walked back in and he told the Rebbe that he wanted to become a teacher in Miami. The Rebbe told him that a "Mechanech" must give over to the children "Yiras Shomayim" - Fear of Heaven. Just as well, in order to give water must replenish itself with water, so too a "Mechanech", in order for him to give out "Yiras Shomayim", must refill himself with "Yiras Shomayim" or else he will go dry.

Since then, Mrs. Weiss has given birth to fifteen children, K"EH, who continue to teach her patience to this day!

#### **Connections**

By the time Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss were married for six months Mrs. Weiss still had not become pregnant. She went to a specialist who informed her that she was sterile, and would need years of treatments. She was devastated. A friend recommended that she go to a well known doctor in Miami Beach, Dr. Greene. After meeting with him Dr. Greene told Mrs. Weiss that she had an infantile womb, but that didn't mean she could never have children.

A few months later Mrs. Weiss conceived, without medication, but rather with the help of Hashem and lots of Teffilos. During the first months of pregnancy she became very ill with a disease that her doctors could not diagnose. They put her on medication and said that she would probably have a miscarriage.

After receiving such poor prognoses from her doctors in Miami, Mrs. Weiss flew to NY to try to meet with a specialist who was recommended by a doctor and friend of the family. Once arriving in NY Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss were informed that the doctor was on vacation and not seeing patients. They were informed however, that if they would admit Mrs. Weiss into the hospital, the doctor may be able to see her when he did rounds with medical students during the following week.

With the Rebbe's direct intervention an appointment was arranged for Mrs. Weiss with a specialist through the Rebbe's personal doctor. The doctor advised her regarding her medical situation and told her to stop taking the medication her other doctors had prescribed to her due to the fact that it would cause a miscarriage.

After she saw the doctor, Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss both went into Yechidus to tell the Rebbe what the doctor had said. The Rebbe spoke about her medical condition and reviewed all of the points that the doctor had spoken about. The Rebbe also added that Mrs. Weiss would have the same reaction with all her pregnancies, and as soon as she would feel life in her womb the symptoms would go away. That is exactly what happened.

#### The Broken Pencil

When Mordechai, the oldest of Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss' children, was 6 months old, Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss went to the Rebbe for their annual Yechidus. During the Yechidus Mordechai began to cry. The Rebbe stopped speaking, broke off the point of a pencil (in order to prevent him from hurting himself with it) and handed it to Mordechai. Mordechai immediately stopped crying and started to play with the pencil. As they were leaving the Rebbe's office, Mrs. Weiss took the pencil from Mordechai to return it to the Rebbe. The Rebbe said that she should keep it in case Mordechai might remember it later and cry for it. (We lost it when moving from one of our houses.)

## Take My Word For It

After living in Miami for four years, Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss decided that they needed a Mashpia. They chose the Rebbe. They spoke to their parents, and asked their permission to change their Minhogim (customs) to Lubavitch. They agreed.

On their first visit back to see the Rebbe after this decision they no longer sat in his office during Yechidus. (Except sometimes when Mrs. Weiss was pregnant the Rebbe told her to sit.) When the Rebbe put out his hand to shake Rabbi Weiss's hand, he asked the Rebbe if he could have the Brocha without the handshake, since Chasidim don't touch the Rebbe. With a beautiful smile the Rebbe answered in Yiddish "Well, if you take my word without the handshake, fine."

#### No Scratch Tests

When the doctor recommended that Mordechai get scratch tests to see what he was allergic to they decided to ask the Rebbe, thinking that the Rebbe would surely agree. The Rebbe surprised them and answered that food elimination would be better.

## Stay in Miami

When Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss first got married they decided that when their first child would be old enough to go to school they would move back to N.Y. to a very good Bobover school. When Mordechai reached school age they asked the Rebbe and the Rebbe answered - NO. They asked again the next year when he would be going into kindergarten and the Rebbe answered – "You should stay!" The next year he was to go into pre-1A. They asked again and the Rebbe gave the same answer – "Do not move!"

The next year he was going into 1st grade. Besides for the fact that 1st grade is a very important year for a child, the teacher of that grade publicly desecrated Shabbos and they didn't feel she would be the proper role model for Mordechai. So this time they didn't ask the Rebbe, they told the Rebbe they were moving to N.Y. The Rebbe answered that they should not move to N.Y. Rather, Rabbi Weiss should teach a half day 1st grade, Mordechai's class, and the other half 6th grade. If the principal did not agree to this, then the Rebbe told them to send him to public school and teach him after school, but under no circumstances were they to move from Miami! Rabbi Weiss asked the principal and he agreed. Mordechai was the first of six of his own children who Rabbi Weiss taught in 1st grade.

## **Yearly Yechidus**

When Rabbi Weiss would go into Yechidus they would hand in the "Tzetel" (note) with all of their questions. The next year the Rebbe would repeat everything from the previous year, including things they had forgotten about themselves. They were also always amazed at the simplicity of the Rebbe's answers to their problems. They would think, "Why couldn't we have thought of the things the Rebbe came up with?"

#### The Rebbe's Guidance

A thermometer broke in one of the babies while his temperature was being taken. They immediately called up the Rebbe and got a Brocha. On the operating table Rabbi Weiss was in touch with the Rebbe through R. Groner, and three different times the Rebbe told the doctor how to proceed!

#### The Level of a Beard

After nine years of living in Miami, and five of those years being Lubavitch, Rabbi Weiss began wearing a "Kapote", but he still shaved. In their 13th year, he had a "goatee". He went to the Rebbe that year and on Motzei Shabbos he went to the pizza shop in Crown Heights. He started talking with another Chasid and he asked Rabbi Weiss why he shaves. Rabbi Weiss answered, "To have a beard one has to be

on the level of having a beard, and I am not." The Chasid answered back "If you wait to be fitting to have a beard, you'll never get there. Rather, grow the beard and the beard will bring you to the level of having a beard." Rabbi Weiss never shaved again.

#### Father/Teacher

Rabbi Weiss took Mordechai into NY to see the Rebbe for his Bar Mitzvah. The Rebbe asked Mordechai what Gemora he was learning. He answered "Bava Kama". The Rebbe tested him and he did well. The Rebbe then asked him who his rebbe is. He answered "My father". The Rebbe turned to Rabbi Weiss and gave him a big smile!

## **Moving to Atlanta**

Rabbi Weiss was once offered a position in Atlanta as principal. He asked the Rebbe if he should take the job but he did not receive an answer. He went to Atlanta for the interview and he was sure the Rebbe would say yes because it was such a good job. After the interview on the way home he called his wife from the airport to see if they had an answer yet from the Rebbe. They did. The Rebbe said "It is not proper for him to change places now."

#### Hashem's Business

After the 6<sup>th</sup> child was born, the doctors felt Mrs. Weiss was not strong enough to have more children. Before they went to their annual Yechidus, Rabbi Weiss asked Mrs. Weiss not to mention it to the Rebbe. However, during the Yechidus Mrs. Weiss began to cry and asked the Rebbe to please send her husband out of the office. The Rebbe asked Rabbi Weiss to please step out for a moment.

The Rebbe asked Mrs. Weiss why she was crying. She explained what the doctors had said and that her husband was very worried about her health. After being assured by Mrs. Weiss that the Rebbe would not be interfering with their "Sholom Bayis" by speaking with her husband, the Rebbe called Rabbi Weiss back in and told him in Yiddish "Do not mix into Hashem's business." Baruch Hashem they continued having many more children.

## Don't Be Shy

Isaac's Bar Mitzvah fell out on Shabbos "Nachamu" during the "3 weeks" and Rabbi Weiss took him to the Rebbe. They went on "Shabbos Mevarchim Menachem Av". At the "Farbrengen" the Rebbe spoke about the "3 weeks" and how even though now it is

a time of sadness, when Moshiach comes it will be a time of joy

The Rebbe concluded by saying that anyone with a happy occasion during the "3 weeks" should come up to receive a L'chaim.

Rabbi Weiss turned to Isaac and asked him if he wanted to go up. Isaac was embarrassed and said no so they just stood and watched The Rebbe give L'chaims to the many people that had lined up.

All of a sudden, they saw the Rebbe call over R. Groner and whisper something in his ear. They then saw R. Groner looking all around 770. He spotted Rabbi Weiss and called out in a loud voice "Meshulom! The Rebbe wants to know why you're not going up!" They then went up, and not only did they receive a L'chaim, they also received a whole bottle of "Mashke" to bring back to Miami for the community!

## The Right Attitude

Rabbi Weiss was offered a job as principal in a school opening up in N. Miami Beach at the time that he was teaching in Hebrew Academy. His principal encouraged him to take the job, but he was worried that maybe it wouldn't work out and then he would be unemployed. His principal said, "If that happens you can always come back here." So Rabbi Weiss asked the Rebbe if he should take the job and he mentioned his principal's promise.

The Rebbe answered: "If you go with the condition that you can always return to Miami, I do not give you my bracha, because you will always have this in mind and you will not work as hard. Only if you "burn all bridges" will I give you my bracha." That's what he did. After 2 years the school closed down and he did not go back to his old school.

## **Everyone Can Serve Hashem**

After the school in N. Miami Beach closed down Rabbi Weiss received Chinuch offers from all over America. But each time he sent in the offer to the Rebbe, he would not receive an answer. Mrs. Weiss' father had recently moved to Miami and wasn't very pleased that they were considering moving since they were the whole reason he had come there. He then offered Rabbi Weiss a partnership in a bakery business.

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Rabbi Weiss wasn't impressed with the idea, but he wrote into the Rebbe nonetheless. Shortly afterwards R. Groner called up to say that the Rebbe had approved of the bakery partnership. Rabbi Weiss was quite depressed. Here he thought he was such a good educator and the Rebbe wants him to be a baker! That Shabbos he learned a Sicha of the Rebbe where the Rebbe says that a person can serve Hashem no matter what his career. Rabbi Weiss felt that the Rebbe was talking directly to him and he decided to serve Hashem with a bakery.

## Chinuch as a Hobby

The first year of the bakery was a hard one. Usually Rabbi Weiss was the one to take in the boys to Yechidus for their Bar Mitzvah. That year he was too busy with the bakery so Mrs. Weiss took in the next one. When they walked into the room, the Rebbe asked Mrs. Weiss "Where is Meshulom?" She answered, "He is in the bakery". The Rebbe replied: "When you go back home, tell your husband that until now his job has been a "Mechanech." A job is from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Now his job is a baker. "Chinuch" should now become his hobby, and a hobby is for 24 hours!" Rabbi Weiss then became very involved in "Chinuch" and he even became the director of the "Mesiyta".

#### Weiss' Move to LA

Mrs. Weiss told over the following: "The Brocha the Rebbe gave to go into the bakery business was that my husband could give 100 percent of his time to "Chinuch" now that he did not have to depend on it for "Parnosa". However, the business monopolized our time. We gave 100 percent to the bakery and had no time for anything else. It took over our lives so that we forgot the Rebbe's bracha and thus we lost the bakery in 1988."

"My husband then decided to go back into education. He received a call from R. Shochet offering him a position as the principal of the elementary school in LA. We had now been in the bakery business for 20 years. In addition, the Rebbe had told us not to leave Miami Beach numerous times throughout our 32 years there. Therefore I was sure the Rebbe would say no. I was wrong! The Rebbe gave us a beautiful Brocha. The Rebbe told R. Cunin: "Take good care of Meshulom Weiss!"

#### A Rebbe's Child

The birth of Yaakov (the Choson) was so difficult and precarious for both mother and child that Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss decided that it would be too dangerous to have more

children. They had spoken about this matter so many times before with the Rebbe that they were embarrassed to bring it up again.

They decided it was not in their hands and that very Shabbos the Rebbe spoke about not taking birth control into your own hands! The Rebbe said that women should stay home and not work even if it meant not teaching, but to have children, no "Heterim". Nine months from that Shabbos Shmulie was born. When Mrs. Weiss called Rabbi Shain (the Mohel) in Crown Heights, he said in Yidish "Ahh! Der Rebbe's a kind" (One of the Rebbe's children). She asked him what he meant. He said he was waiting to see who would be the first to call after the Rebbe's speech and she was the first to call.

## **Reaching Higher**

Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss took Yaakov to the Rebbe when he was three years old because he had just recovered from a serious illness. Rabbi Weiss asked Rabbi Groner if they could have a Yechidus with the Rebbe together with Yaakov. He said that a Yechidus would not be possible, but that instead they should meet the Rebbe outside his room on his way to Mincha, which hey did.

Mrs. Weiss stood by the front door with all the children, and Rabbi Weiss stood between the wooden Pushka and the door that enters into the small Bais Medrash. When the Rebbe walked out of his room he first nodded to Mrs. Weiss and the children. The Rebbe then nodded to Rabbi Weiss who was holding little Yaakov. Next, the Rebbe turned to Yaakov and began staring at him with a very serious face. Yaakov stared right back into the Rebbe's penetrating eyes. They stared at each other for about two minutes (that seemed more like two hundred years!)

The Rebbe then gave Yaakov a big smile and handed him a nickel to put into the "Pushka" as was the Rebbe's custom. The "Pushka" had an upper and lower slot for the money to be put in. Yaakov stuck his hand out to put the nickel into the lower slot of the "Pushka". The Rebbe stared into his eyes again and said "No". The Rebbe then took Yaakov's hand, picked it up and brought it to the higher slot of the "Pushka" where Yaakov placed the nickel.

#### Stories of the Rebbe with the Rubashkin Family

## The Rebbe's Foresight

Zaidy Uziel Chazanov lived in Russia and was a Chassid of the Frierdiker Rebbe at the time. One day the Frierdiker Rebbe instructed some of his Chassidim, including Zaidy Uziel, to change the age on their passports, without giving a reason. The Chassidim, of course, promptly changed their passports.

Many years later, WWII broke out. The Russians began drafting all able young men into the army. Zaidy Uziel, who's passport stated his age as 55, was too old to be drafted into the army. He, and the other Chasidim, were saved by the Rebbe's foresight.

#### The Rebbe's Advice

When the Chazanov's first came to America, Bubbe Hinda was suffering from gall stones, which the doctors wanted to remove. Bubbe Hinda went to the Rebbe for advice, and the Rebbe told her "M'ken Leb'n A Gute Gezunte Leben Mit Di Shteiner, Men Darf Hitin Der Diet -One can live a good, healthy life with the stones, you must watch your diet". From then on Bubbe Hinda had no problems in this area as long as she watched her diet.

## A Walking Miracle

When Meir Chazanov was a young man of 18 or 19 years, he was crossing the service lane of Eastern Pkwy, and was hit by a drunken driver. His body was thrown two stories into the air and crashed to the ground. The doctors told his mother that they did not think he would survive. Meir was in critical condition. He could not breathe since he had broken some bones and marrow had entered his lungs. For three months Meir remained in the ICU in critical condition. His foot was smashed.

The Rebbe gave Meir a special Brocha that he will be Gezunt and when he recovers he will not only be able to walk again, he will not be able to remember which foot had been broken. The doctors were amazed when he fully recovered. They said it was a great miracle, and wanted to know who was this Rabbi who had performed such a miracle. (For a letter from the Rebbe relating to this story see Letter 4 at the end of this booklet)

#### "Yiladim"

Rochel Dagan (Chazanov), once wrote to the Rebbe for a Brocha for children. She very much wanted to have a boy, so she asked the Rebbe specifically for a Brocha for a boy. She did not receive an answer from the Rebbe. Again she sat down and wrote to the Rebbe repeating her request, again receiving no reply.

She then decided she didn't care if it was a boy; she just wanted more children. She again wrote to the Rebbe, this time requesting "Yiladim" meaning "children". Right away she received a Brocha "Azkir al Hatzion, Bsha'a Tova U'mutslachas". Exactly nine months later she gave birth to two beautiful twin boys. Interestingly "Yiladim" also means "boys" (plural).

#### The Rebbe Protects

One Sunday, Rochel Dagan (Chazanov) drove into Crown Heights to shop for her eldest son, Yaakov Meir's, upcoming Bar Mitzvah. When they arrived the Rebbe was giving out dollars, and so Rochel decided to pass by the Rebbe. When Rochel's turn came, the Rebbe raised the dollar high into the air and said loudly "Rochel Leah bas Hinda". Rochel walked away, slightly concerned by the Rebbe's unique actions. It took only a few moments for her to understand. Rochel had parked on Kingston Ave. and left her six children in the car. One of the children inadvertently started the car, which began rolling towards Eastern Pkwy, a wide boulevard. Rabbi Rivkin, a Chabad rabbi visiting Crown Heights, seeing the inevitable, quickly drove his car directly into the path of the rolling vehicle. Rabbi Rivkin's car was damaged, but B"H all six children were saved.

Afterwards Rabbi Rivkin related to Rochel the following Hashgocho Protis: He had missed his scheduled flight earlier that morning, and although normally, he would wait in the airport for the next available flight, this time, for some reason he had decided to return to 770. He now understood that he had been the Rebbe's Shliach to save six special children.

## Says Who?

When Shterna Sarah Balkany (Rubashkin) was 14 years old she was having problems with her eyesight and she went to see an optometrist. After examining her eyes, the doctor said that her eyes were very weak and will progressively worsen even with glasses. Every year, her grandparents, Zaidy Getzel and Bubbe Roza, would go to the Rebbe for Yechidus. That year, Sarah went along and told the Rebbe what the optometrist had said. The Rebbe asked: "Who said?" To which Sarah replied "The doctor". Again the Rebbe asked "Who said?" and again Sarah answered "The doctor." The Rebbe then gave Sarah a Brocha that her eyes would be fine. Until this day her eyesight has never changed.

#### The Rebbe's Guidance

Before Sholom Mordechai Rubashkin became Bar Mitzvah he went into Yechidus. The Rebbe asked Sholom Mordechai if he had given Tzedaka that day and asked him questions on the Ma'amar, which he answered. The Rebbe then gave a Brocha to Zaidy and Bubby and their son Sholom Mordechai.

At that time Zaidy Rubashkin had a textile business, and he asked the Rebbe if he should expand in a certain area. The Rebbe smiled and said "Yesterday (by the Farbrengen) we spoke about being Moisif, adding."

Zaidy then asked if he should attempt growth in the meat business, telling the Rebbe about a certain opportunity which had come up. The Rebbe asked Zaidy several questions concerning the opportunity, which Zaidy answered. Zaidy, realizing that the Rebbe did not approve, did not act on the opportunity. The Rebbe gives guidance and advice tailored to each individual and his situation.

## **Sharing Good News**

Rabbi Yehoshua Balkany and his wife Sarah were once in Yechidus. Rabbi Balkany told the Rebbe that he was working in Roselyn, where Lubavitcher Bochurim used to come to visit. He told the Rebbe that they made a very positive impression on the people there with their pleasant demeanor. The Rebbe was very happy with this news and said: It is nice to hear positive news. I usually hear so many troubles that it is very nice to hear pleasant things. Thank you for sharing this good news with me.

#### A Precise Brocha

When Bais Yaakov of Brooklyn was first established, Rabbi Balkany, its founder, needed to take many loans. Money was tight and he applied for a grant. No news came regarding his application so he wrote to the Rebbe for a Brocha. The Rebbe replied "In three days you will hear good news." Three days later he received the grant!

## **Learning Halacha**

During a Yechidus the Rebbe asked Rabbi Balkany about the contents of his curriculum. He told the Rebbe that the students would be learning Birchas HaNehenin. The Rebbe asked "What about Hilchos Shabbos?" Rabbi Balkany replied that they had learned Hilchos Shabbos the previous year. The Rebbe responded: Halevai the Rabanim would know it properly!

We see that Hilchos Shabbos is something you must always learn.

#### The Rebbe's Soldiers

Bubbe Roza Rubashkin went together with her husband, Zaidy Getzel, to be a cook in camp Gan Yisrael in Parksville, New York. They went like Shluchim, soldiers of the Rebbe, with a mission; to help build the Rebbe's camp.

Bubbe Roza became the main cook in camp. She cooked along with Dobe Raskin whom she respected very dearly.

One year, Avremel Shemtov came to Bubbe Roza telling her that since she was the main cook, he would like to give her more money. Bubbe Roza would not hear of it, explaining that both she and Dobe were cooks in the Rebbe's camp equally.

Towards the end of Bubbe Roza's life, she wasn't feeling very well. Zaidy Getzel had a Yechidus with the Rebbe in which he informed the Rebbe about his wife's health, suggesting that, being that Dobe would not be there, maybe she shouldn't go to camp as a cook anymore. The Rebbe stood up saying, "A Chazoka Lust Men Nisht Up! - One does not abandon a Chazoka!" Bubbe Roza was Zoche to continue cooking for three more years!

#### Lost and Found????

When Zaidy Getzel came to America with his family, he was a very thin man. During a checkup the doctor discovered a problem in his stomach, on which he wanted to operate. Before operating they wanted to ask the Rebbe for a Brocha. So Zaidy Getzel went to Yechidus, along with Zaidy Rubashkin (Avrohom Aharon). Zaidy Getzel told the Rebbe the whole story and said that they found a problem in his stomach which they want to operate on. The Rebbe had a big smile on his face and replied: "Azoi Vi Zei Hoben Dos Gefunen, Vel'n Zei Dos Farliren! -Just like they found it they will lose it!"

## "Enough Doctors!"

Before Zaidy Getzel went to have an operation, he went to ask for the Rebbe's permission. The Rebbe, responded "Daloy doctors" (enough doctors). For years Zaidy Getzel went to a doctor! Once Bubbe Roza nudged him to go see a doctor when he was ill. Zaidy Getzel was at a loss, he didn't know what to do. The Rebbe had told him "enough doctors". Finally he decided to go to the Rebbe.

Zaidy Getzel told the Rebbe his situation. The Rebbe told Zaidy Getzel to go to Doctor Zeligson but he should not talk about his health issues. Doctor Zeligson would give him vitamins that he can take but he should only speak about Torah.

## **Retirement Age**

Zaidy Uziel Chazanov was a Shochet by trade. He was getting older and wanted to retire. He went to the Rebbe for Yechidus to ask the Rebbe's permission.

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The Rebbe smiled and said "Ich Arbet, Kent Ir Oich Arbet'n!" (the Rebbe and Zaidy Uziel were the same age). At a later date Zaidy Uziel repeated his request but the Rebbe's response remained the same. He continued working until, at the age of 75, the slaughterhouse where he worked shut down.

#### **Emunas Tzadikim**

Alter Zaidy Shalom and Zaidy Getzel would travel to the Frierdiker Rebbe for Yechidus. Once when they were traveling together on their way there was a group of Chassidim traveling as well. They were all discussing the Frierdiker Rebbe. Among them was an older Chassid called Leibele Vinovsky.

Hearing the discussion Leibele added "You think you know who the Rebbe is, let me tell you a story."

Leibele was a Ben Yachid. During the war the army would go from city to city drafting boys to join the army. Generally, they would not take an only child. However, rumor had it, that since there were so few people in Nevel, Leibele was going to be taken. Looking for hope and a way out, Leibele traveled to the Frierdiker Rebbe and told the Frierdiker Rebbe his dilemma.

The Frierdiker Rebbe answered that he should not make a blemish on his body and Hashem would help! (In those days people would make a defect to themselves like cut off a leg, a finger etc. so they wouldn't be drafted.) One day, Leibele received a card that he must show up for inspection on a certain day, meaning he might be drafted.

The dreaded day came and the guards pulled into town. Everyone panicked and tried to take whatever action they could. There was a group of Yidden who wanted to help by making different types of defects. Leibele saw the "inevitable" and couldn't handle the pressure any longer. He decided to seek their help. They injected his leg with petroleum which caused his leg to swell up immediately. His leg blew up so much that it was clear that it had been self inflicted. The pain increased to such a point that he said he'd rather serve twenty years in the army than have such pain.

The time had come for Leibele's appointment. He sat in the waiting room in tremendous agony and extremely nervous. He was convinced that even his damaged leg wouldn't help him. Even worse, he thought he'd be punished for self infliction. His turn was next. Suddenly, the inspector called out "We don't need anyone else. Everyone is free to go home!" With that, the inspector closed the door and with much excitement everyone ran home!!

Exactly as the Frierdiker Rebbe had said: Hashem will help! It's up to us to have Emunah in our Rebbe!!

## Stay Awake

In the seventies one of Zaidy Getzel's nephews, Arkadya Lifshitz got a visa to come America. Arkadya lived in the Ural mountains where there was no other Yidden. His father was a loyal communist who devoted his life to spreading communism. His father would travel in a small airplane from place to place strengthening people's beliefs in communism.

Although they were communists, his mother being from a Chassidic lineage would travel to Nevel to give birth and perform a Bris Mila on her sons with her husbands permission. Arkadya had never seen any Jews. When he arrived in Brooklyn and saw Yidden and Yiddishkeit flourishing, he was overwhelmed! He was amazed to see the successful lives of Yidden keeping Torah and Mitzvos.

Zaidy Getzel wrote to the Rebbe asking for a Brocha that his nephew become closer to Yiddishkeit. He then arranged for Arkadya to have yechidus with the Rebbe. He told the Gabbai not to interrupt. Arkadya had a long, powerful yechidus. He spoke to the Rebbe, explaining how he felt, seeing Yiddishkeit flourishing so much. He told the Rebbe that he felt like he was asleep and just woke up!

The Rebbe then replied: A smart person, when he wakes up he doesn't go back to sleep!

The Rebbe also told him he should "take a small flame back with him and it will grow."

## **Peace of Mind**

When Bubbe Hinda passed on, Bubby Rubashkin was totally beside herself. She couldn't get back to herself and found it impossible to fall asleep at night. For a year she went from doctor to doctor searching for a remedy to help her relax and sleep. It was then that Zaidy Rubashkin made an appointment for Bubby Rubashkin for a Yechidus.

Usually you are allotted two minutes maximum. B'Hashgacha Protis a big Gvir (a wealthy person) came to 770 and distracted the Gabbaim. Bubby Rubashkin got to stay for eleven minutes!!

Bubby Rubashkin told the Rebbe her situation. She told the Rebbe that she took upon herself to sell all her jewelry for as a Kapara.

The Rebbe responded that the jewelry she needed for her husband and children. However since she had that in mind she should give the money, over time, to Tzedaka and do good things for people.

Finally Bubby Rubashkin had Menuchas Nefesh and was able to sleep, something that no doctor was able to help her with.

## Make everyone happy

After the birth of Moishy Rubashkin, the doctors told Bubby Rubashkin that it would be difficult for her to have more children.

Boruch Hashem, the doctors were proven wrong when Sholom Mordechai was born without complications.

Bubby wanted to name him after Reb Mordechai Dubin, a great Chossid who had a part in the Frierdiker Rebbe's escape from Europe and whom the Rebbe described as "Kuloi Chesed". Zaidy, however, wanted to name him after his grandfather, Sholom. They presented their dilemma to the Rebbe during a Yechidus. The Rebbe said "M'ken Machen Baida Tzdodim Tzufridin" - We can make both sides happy. Their son was named Sholom Mordechai.

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שלום וברכה!

מאשר הנני קבלת המשלוב שלו.

ולקראת חג המצות, זמן חירותנו, הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לשובה, הנני בזה לחביע ברכתי לחג כשר ושמח ולחירות אמחית, הירות מדאגות בגשם ומדאגות ברוח – מכל דבר המעכב עבודת ה' בשמחה ובשוב לבב.

ולהמשיך מחירות ושמחה זו בימי כל השנה כולה.

ובפרט שעבודת השם, כמצווה עלינו בתורתנו תורת חיים, הרי היא בכל עניני האדם ובמשך כל היום וכל הלילה, יכשן שנאמר בכל דרכיך דעהו.

ה"ח על הברכות. וכבר מלתי' אמורה בתוה"ק: ואברכה (ה' מקור הברכות) מברכיך, בברכתו של הק' שתוספתו מרובה על העיקר.

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לקראת השנה החדשה הכאה עלינו ועל כל ישראל לסוכה ולכרכה, הנגי מכרך את ידידי ואת כיב יחיו בתוככי כלל אתכיי ובתוך כללות אניש, ה' עליהם יחיו, מכרכת כתיבה וחחימה מוכח לטנה סוכה ומתרקה בגשקיות וכרותני וחבר



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נהניתי להחדע אשר כבר הוטב סצבו, ויהייר טהשיית אשר הלוך ילך וטוב זיוכל לנצל זמנן בליסוד חורת הנגלה ובליסוד תורה החסידות, ויהזורלאיתנו לנמרי ויהי' בריא ושלם בגשטיות וברותניום גם יהד, ובכה משתדל להשפיע על הנמצאים אתו בבית ההבראה להודיעם דרכי השם תורתו ומצותיו, כמובן באופן הטחאים להשנתם והבנתם, ולהסיק סזה גם ענינים של פועל במצות מעשיות בחיי היום יומים, ואין אתנו יודע עד מה, ובודאי כאשר יכדים עליתותו נו במקומו (מתה-יבריא לנמרי ויבוא שלום לביתו.



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בין כסא לעשור חשיא קראחי הפ"נ בער"ה על הציון, ואח"כ בהיכל מו"ח אדמו"ר הכ"מ, סלשם נכנסים לנחינה פדיונות וליחירות, והנותן כו' צריך להודיעו. ובטת ראח מכתבי הכללי, ובבקשה לחודע מה נעשה בזה במשך חדש הכללי הוא חדש תשרי, וח"ח מראש.