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 ... **STRENGTHEN YOUR
COMMITMENT TO LEARN TORAH.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום א' פרשת ויקרא, ג' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

I hope you enjoyed yourself last night at the Melave Malka 'Hakoros Hatov;' it brought me great pleasure to see the many Talmidei H'Yeshiva sitting together and strengthening one another.

I hope you renewed your commitment last night to truly belong to this holy place by learning some Chumash, Rashi, and Targum every day. We begin Seder V'Yikra today, be from those who study Torah every day. With a strong determination find the time for 'שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום', Mishnayos, Gemara, Shulchan Aruch etc. When one learns Torah, he is Zoche to many blessings, because wherever there is Torah, Hashem is there too.

This is the meaning for the smaller Alef in the word Vayikra; it is there to show us that Hashem is everywhere. The letter Alef refers to Hashem who is the 'אלופו של עולם' – the master of the world – who is found everywhere.

Iy”h on Tuesday there will be a gathering for the ladies; there are a few important points I want to address regarding Purim and Pesach, stay home so your wife can attend.

Good day.

... TZNIUS ON PURIM.

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום א' פרשת ויקרא, ג' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

To my dear...

I received your letter.

It brings me great pleasure to hear that you learn every day, and that you just completed Mishnayos for the twelfth time; likewise, you learn 'Bayis Nitzchei' and you completed Yerushalmi Masechtas Shveiis; it warmed my heart to see that you are still consistent with your Shiurim.

It also pleases me to hear that you are **עוסק** in **הפצה**; continue giving out the small cards with the number for the ‘Kol Breslev’ hotline, where people can call in for Chizuk; the Yingerman who updates the phone line constantly tells me that thousands of people call in daily, and leave messages how the hotline transformed their lives. Therefore, continue with your holy work, informing others that they too can achieve happiness through the **עצות** of the holy Rebbe.

Regarding your question if your wife should dress up with a Sheitel; it is not advisable for women to dress up on Purim, especially not for her to lower her standards and take off her Tichel. Purim is a very holy day, a day which more Kedushah descends to the world; it is a day of Simcha, and **המתקת הדינים**, as the Rebbe says (Likutei Maharan, Chelek 1, Siman 10): “Through clapping and dancing Hashem removes all the Dinim from Klal Yisroel”. On Purim Hashem brings down such light, and this will even remain after Moshiach arrives.

Thus, on such a holy day it isn’t worth it for your wife to diminish from her Tznius, if your wife feels that you value and respect the way she

dresses throughout the year, then she wouldn't seek opportunities to lower her standards.

Preserve the Kedushah in your home; don't bring in any technology, even just email etc., because "כך" in any technology, even just email etc., because "כך" "אומנתו של יצר הרע", this is the tactic the Yetzer Hora uses, "היום אומר לו עשה כך", today he persuades the person to do this one small Aveira, "ולמחר אומר לו" "עשה כך" and tomorrow he influences him to another Aveira, "עד שאומר לו: עבוד עבודה זרה, והולך ועובד", until he completely tears the person away from Hashem, Rachmana Litzlon. (Shabbos 105:)

Keep in touch; it brings me pleasure to hear from you.

 ... **START ANEW.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום א' פרשת ויקרא, ג' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

To my dear....

Daven to Hashem that your connection to the holy Rebbe should always remain strong; you should always have the same vigor and passion you had, when you were first introduced to the Rebbe's teachings.

The holy Rebbe said (Likutei Maharar, Chelek 1, Siman 62): “One must always renew himself with a fresh resolution;” when connecting to the Tzaddik a person’s thoughts should be as if it is a new experience for him, as if he is for the first time being exposed to the light of the Tzaddik. By keeping this in mind it doesn’t become part of his routine and it prevents him from becoming indifferent.

Why am I writing this to you? I remember when you initially discovered the Rebbe’s light, many years ago, every word associated with the Holy Rebbe was valuable and dear to you. You would attend every Shalosh Seudas together with Talmidei Hichel Hakodesh, and sing Zemiros and listen to the holy Rebbe’s teachings. However, nowadays I see you sitting at the back of the Beis Hamedresh etc., and the passion you once had is gone.

I’m writing to you because you are beloved to me, and I want your enthusiasm for Avodas Hashem to remain strong; the Rebbe said in Sichas Haran (Siman 51) “One should never become old” meaning it is important to stay passionate and enthusiastic despite one’s age. Therefore, one must always find ways to renew himself and find excitement for Yiddishkeit.

Make a fresh resolution; when you see Yidden sitting together at Shalosh Seudas etc. be part of them. Chazal state (Chagigah 9:) in reference to the Pasuk in Koheles (1, 15): "וחסרון לא יוכל להמנות" זה שנמנו"; "חבריו לדבר מצוה ולא נמנה עמהם"; when Yidden engage in a Mitzva together and someone disassociates himself – this is a loss for him he can never recover. Instead of sitting at the side, absorb the Dibburim from the holy Rebbe, and take part in the singing; be from those who the Rebbe is etched into their hearts. As the Rebbe said; “there are three categories of people who come to me; one category enjoys my Torah, the second comes to eat Challa, and the third category is comprised of people who I am etched into their hearts.” Make sure to always be from the third category, be from those who come to the Rebbe to draw Chizuk and Seichel, not from those who are just here to eat Challa.

I hope you will accept my words with positivity, I only want your benefit.

 ··· GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHY
AND EHRliche CHILDREN.

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום א' פרשת ויקרא, ג' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Mrs....

I am happy to hear the good news that you are expecting a Simcha, and I will give you some guidance on how you should conduct yourself throughout these months.

The first thing to always remember is to never stop thanking and praising Hashem for the many Chassadim and miracles He grants you; accustom yourself to say Tehillim every day, you should try to say the entire 'Yom' but if you can't manage that, just say Kapitel after Kapitel and by every Kapitel thank Hashem for the blessings He gives you. While saying Tehillim it is permissible to pause and talk to Hashem in Yiddish; weave your own Tefillos into the Pesukim.

Also accustom yourself to say the names of Tzaddikim; the Rebbe says in Sefer Hamiddos (Ois Tzaddik) "By mentioning the names of Tzaddikim one can even change the nature"; therefore it is advisable that while you Daven to Hashem you should say the

names of Tzaddikim, for ex: Avrohom, Yitzchok, Yaakov, Moshe, Aharon, Yosef, Dovid, Shlomo, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, Rabbi Yitzchok Luria Ashkenazi, Reb Yisroel Baal Shem Tov, Reb Nachman Ben Faiga M'Breslev, Reb Nosson M'Breslev, etc., and whichever other names of Tzaddikim you can recall. Likewise, you should say this Tefilla:

“Hashem help me give birth to a healthy child, ברמ"ה איברים ושס"ה גידים, and help me throughout this time. Remove any Ein Hora's from me, and help that nothing should be able to harm me. Help me merit Ehrliche children who will only want to do your bidding their entire lives. Reboinoi Shel Oilam, help me be strong and healthy my entire life, and I should only do righteous deeds which will bring you a Nachas Ruach. Hashem, accept my tefilla and help me in the merit of all the Tzaddikim, especially in the merit of the holy Rebbe, Rabbeinu Nachman Ben Faiga, and in the merit of Rabbeinu Eliezer Shlomo M'Breslev who wrote this Tefilla, יהיו לרצון אמרי פי והגיון לבי לפניך ה' צורי, וגואלי, אמן כן יהי רצון.

During these days one shouldn't eat raw garlic or onions.

May Hashem grant you success in all your endeavors.

 . . . **SEEK OUT YOUR BLESSINGS
AND REJOICE WITH THEM.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום א' פרשת ויקרא, ג' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

Instead of crying over things you are lacking, rejoice with everything you do have.

Maharosh once related that a Yid came to the holy Baal Hatanya Zt'l extremely dejected and miserable, and the Baal Hatanya questioned him "Why are you so miserable?" to which the Yid replied "I want to reach the level in Avodas Hashem of Moshe Rabbeinu yet it's too difficult for me", the Baal Hatanya admonished him "Why don't you rejoice that you aren't Bilaam Harasha? Be happy that you aren't such a Rasha as Bilaam, you could have been on a much lesser Madreiga then you actually are."

Likewise, you don't realize that you too are virtuous; you wear Tzitzes, you lay Tefillin every day, you are careful with Kashrus – you must rejoice with

all the good qualities you do have. When a Yid finds happiness by performing Mitzvos, he values every small deed, it is a indication that he has Emunah, and doesn't question Hashem's ways. As the Rebbe quotes in Sefer Hamiddos (Ois Simcha): "כשאדם עושה מצוה בשמחה, זה סימן שלבו שלם לאלקיו", when a Yid performs Mitzvos with Simcha, it is a sign he is an Ehrliche Yid.

Good night.

... THE POWER OF A GOOD WORD.

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ב' פרשת ויקרא, ד' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

Keep in mind that with one good word you can change a person's life!

People think that in order to make someone happy, it is necessary to tip them or give them money, however, money isn't everything. What the person really needs is a good word from you, because this is worth more than anything else. Chazal state (Kesubos 111:) on the Pasuk in Bereishis (49, 12): "ולבן

שנים מחלב" - טוב המלבין שנים לחבירו יותר ממשקהו חלב, a smile, a good word or a compliment is more valuable than anything in the world.

Fortunate for the person who accustoms himself to compliment others; wherever you are, brighten someone's day with a good word. Starting with the post man, flash him a smile and greet him; or show some sympathy and say "I feel bad for you that you have to be out in such cold weather," with a few words you made his day. Or someone who is employed to clean for you, give him a compliment and say: "It's such a pleasure to enter the room," or "Thank you for making the place so pleasant;" it didn't take much and you transformed his day.

Thus, get into the habit of giving everyone you meet a smile and a good word; teach your children to do so too. Teach your children to have Hakoros Hatov; they should say thank you to their teachers and Melamdim, or their bus driver, whoever and wherever it may be. They should know to express appreciation to everyone.

May Hashem bless you with success in all your endeavors.


 . . . **RESPECT YOUR WIFE.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ב' פרשת ויקרא, ד' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

I beg you dear... cherish your wife; don't argue with her; judge her favorably and speak to her in a respectful manner. Just like the Rebbe instructed us, to communicate with love and respect. (Sichas Haran 264)

The Rebbe was extremely Makpid that his Talmidim have Sholom Bayis; You've surely heard the story Maharosh would relate: The Rebbe was once sitting together with his Talmidim when he suddenly called out "How does one dare to come to my Shiur if he doesn't have pure thoughts?" the Rebbe then stood up and secluded himself no longer wanting to engage in the Shiur. One of the Yingleit who was there also stood up and followed the Rebbe to his private room and started crying and begging the Rebbe to return and continue the Shiur. What was the story with this Yingerman? He had had an argument with his wife before he came to the Rebbe, and because of this the Rebbe refused to even sit with him at one table.

This is how strongly the Rebbe demanded that his Talmidim have Sholom Bayis. Pure thoughts was such a priority to the Rebbe, however if one argues and squabbles with his wife, then he doesn't have pure thoughts, and he is an easy victim for the Yetzer Hora.

Older girls shouldn't dress up on Purim, it isn't Tznius. For younger girls it is ok.

May Hashem bless you with success in all your endeavors.

 ... **THE HOLY REBBE HAS A DERECH FOR EVERYONE.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ג' פרשת ויקרא, ה' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

אשרינו מה טוב חלקינו ומה נעים גורלנו how fortunate are we that we are connected to the holy Rebbe.

On one of the Rebbe's travels the Rebbe proclaimed (Chai Maharar 251): "I can bring the entire world back to Hashem; its not only on simple people on who I have an influence they should do Teshuvah, I can even draw great Tzaddikim closer to Hashem."

Since the Rebbe has such a tremendous power to inspire people to repent, the Yetzer Hora is very wary of him. Therefore he causes people to ridicule the holy Rebbe, resulting in others being afraid to attach themselves to the Rebbe.

The Rebbe once commented about the Machlokes that are created against him, and all the lies people repeat about him, and he said (Chai Maharar 396) the Navi sighed and said (Hoshou 7, 13): "ואנכי אפדם", I am the one who helps the Yidden; "והמה דברו עלי" "כזבים" yet they speak about me badly. Likewise, the holy Rebbe said the same regarding himself, "I only help Yiddishe Kinder, yet they speak badly of me."

All those who ridicule and speak badly about Breslev – when they would only know the truth about Breslev, not only would they cease talking Loshon Hora, they would also connect to Breslev and encourage their children to. As the Rebbe said in Sichas Haran (182): "עלי אין חולקים כלל, רק הם חולקים" "על מי שעשה כך כמו שבודים החולקים עליו, ועל איש כזה בודאי ראוי לחלק", People don't oppose me; they oppose the false image they created of who they think I am. And the Rebbe concluded "And I oppose that person too."

Wherever you go take along a small collection of Seforim; a Chumash, a Mishnayos, a Gemara, a Tehillim etc., and whenever you have a spare minute utilize it with learning a few words of Torah. This is what the Rebbe teaches us, everything else is trivial. The Rebbe wrote to his son in law: "I beg you my beloved son in law, make sure to learn some Gemara and Halacha every day," don't create an עיקר out of things which are unimportant. Internalize what the Rebbe requested from us – only Torah, Tefilla and Yiras Shomayim.

May Hashem bless you with success in all your endeavors.

 ... **THE HOLY TORAH SAVES A PERSON.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ג' פרשת ויקרא, ה' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

I request from you: find the time to learn some Chumash, Mishnayos and Gemara every day.

The holy Torah is one's closest companion; it is a place of refuge when life is challenging. Believe me,

there is no better place to escape to, when a person has a Tzarah than to the holy Torah. Chazal state (Tana Dbai Eliyahu, Perek 6): "אם ראית שהיסורין ממשמשיך", "ובאות עליך, רוץ לחדרי דברי תורה, ומיד היסורין בורחין ממך", if you see that pain and suffering befall you, escape to the holy Torah and you will see that through doing so you will be saved.

Good night.

 . . . **USB'S FOR הפצה.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ה' פרשת ויקרא, ז' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

I received the USB'S you prepared for the **מפיצים**, downloaded with hundreds of Shiurim, and Niggunim.

I want to strengthen you to continue with the holy task of revealing the Rebbe's **עצות** to Yiddishe Kinder; you cannot imagine the greatness of your work.

Maharosh would relate that fifty years ago, while going **הפצה** in Williamsburg he entered the Sigeter Beis Hamedresh and distributed the Sefer "**השתפכות הנפש**" to the congregants. One of the Yidden who had

taken a Sefer started learning it and began crying; he approached Maharosh and told him: “When I would have known the **עצה** that one can talk to Hashem in his mother tongue, my life would have been so much easier”; this elderly Yid had gone through the second world war, and had lost his entire family, however, he cried that had he been aware of this sweet **עצה** he would have found some comfort.

If people don't listen to tapes or cd's any longer, and USB'S are the way people listen to Shiurim and Niggunim then you should certainly continue down this path; we must always be ready for every situation to be able to provide people with Chizuk, in a format that is accessible to them.

How fortunate are you that you find time for **הפצה**; the holy Baal Hatanya repeated from his Rebbe the holy Maggid of Mezritch who heard from the holy Baal Shem Tov: “A Neshumah descends to this world and subsists for seventy years – only in order to do a favor for another Yid.” It is worthwhile to live for seventy years only to be able to do a favor for another Yid! What is the favor we are talking about? To be **מזכה** another Yid with Torah, Tefillah, Mitzvos and Maasim Tovim.

May Hashem bless you with success in all your endeavors.

 ··· **THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ה' פרשת ויקרא, ז' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

To my dear....

I received your calculation how you can help me complete the building in Uman, you write that you have a hundred Yingeleit who are ready to contribute a thousand dollars so we can finish the roof, the plumbing and electric.

I truly appreciate your efforts to help me; maybe if you request money from the Yingeleit you will have more success than I had; two years ago I asked all the Talmidim to try and contribute a thousand dollars for the building; I couldn't even get more than half to assist me, maybe you will manage to convince them.

Be well.

 ... **HELP ME COMPLETE THE BUILDING IN UMAN.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ה' פרשת ויקרא, ז' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

To my dear...

Thank you for your efforts to help me finish the building in Uman; for helping me pay off some of my debts, and for collecting money in order to complete it. We want it to be ready for the coming year with all the necessary accommodations.

Relay the message to all the Yingeleit that they should attempt to help me finish the building; even those who already contributed should collect money; I don't intend for you to ask them for their own money, when they are also struggling, however, they could collect money, especially now that Purim is around the corner and people are more generous with Tzedakah.

This year we have an entire class of Kitah Beis boys coming along to Uman; they want to benefit from the Rebbe's guarantee, who guaranteed (Chai Maharan, Siman 517): "I guarantee every child who comes to my Tzion before he turns seven, will be wed

holy and pure;” therefore Talmidei Hichel Hakodesh bring their children along every year from age seven onwards, despite the cost and Tircha; they know the importance of raising their children with the holy Rebbe.

Thus, it is of utmost importance to us that we have a safe place where our children can be on Rosh Hashanah; one cannot bring children to Uman without the proper accommodations or supervision. This is the only reason I started the project, and incurred so much debt, only so we have a safe place for our children.

Start a campaign between the Yingleit to help me complete the building, and in this merit you will find your Shidduch and be Zoche to establish an Ehrliche home.

You can show this letter to all the Talmidim.

 ... THE GREATNESS OF
DRAWING YIDDEN CLOSER TO HASHEM.

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ה' פרשת ויקרא, ז' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

I received your letter and the picture you enclosed of you printing גליונות.

You cannot imagine the greatness of your actions, this will benefit you on this world and the next. The Libavitcher Rebbe – the Rayitz once said: "טובה פעולה אחת מאלף אנוחות", one good deed is worth more than a thousand Krechtzen; through printing and distributing the "גליון היכל הקודש" in London, you accomplish more than just sitting around and Krechtzing.

Remain strong with your holy work; by spreading the holy Rebbe's עצות you certainly bring Hashem a Nachas Ruach.

Maharosh would emphasize the importance of a מפיץ up in heaven with the following story: When

the holy Tzaddik R' Yitzchok from Drubitch passed away he was asked up in heaven by Rashi Hakodesh: "What virtuous deeds does your son, the Tzaddik R' Mechele from Zlotchov perform that here in heaven they make such a commotion of him?" R' Yitzchok answered: "He exerts great efforts into his Davening;" to which Rashi replied "that alone can't be a reason why he creates such a storm up in heaven; many Tzaddikim apply a lot of Kochos into their Davening yet they don't cause such an excitement that your son creates". R' Yitzchok continued: "He is extremely committed to his learning"; Rashi Hakodesh answered "This too cannot be the reason because many Tzaddikim learn passionately and they don't create the excitement he creates." R' Yitzchok said "Could be its because of his Tzedakka and Chesed etc.?"; and Rashi still wouldn't agree; until R' Yitzchok remarked: "Maybe it is because he also occupies himself with drawing Yidden closer to Hashem? he is very dedicated to this." And Rashi Hakodesh replied "היינו דאהני ליה, now I understand the excitement and commotion there is up here for him." Someone who brings Yidden closer to Hashem is very beloved up in heaven.

May you have a joyous Shabbos.

 ... **TREAT THE מפיצים WITH RESPECT.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ה' פרשת ויקרא, ז' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

Please relay the message to all the Bochurim and Yingleit who work in the printing room to allow the מפיצים to buy Seforim in peace. A few מפיצים expressed their disappointment that they receive attitude when they come to buy Seforim; they are hurried to purchase and leave.

I know I can't have Taanis on anyone because everyone who works in the בית הדפוס is doing it Leshem Mitzva, no one is paid, however, we must remember the מפיצים are Baalei Mesirus Nefesh, they give away their days and nights for הפצה and we must respect them for that, and certainly open the printing room to them whenever they request.

I'm waiting to hear from the מפיצים that they are taken into consideration.

 ... **VIEW ANOTHER WITH POSITIVITY.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - יום ה' פרשת ויקרא, ז' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

I'm writing to you regarding your daughter, that you don't want her to be together in one class with ..etc.

One must be aware that they are never guaranteed with their children; one must always Daven to Hashem in order to merit Ehrliche children. A person believes "If I do so and so..." and if he creates a plan then he will be secured, however it states in Mishlei (19, 21): "רבות מחשבות בלב איש, ועצת ה' היא תקום", a person weaves his plans, yet Hashem decides differently. Therefore I beg you; don't look for shortcomings in another, instead try to find the qualities everyone possesses.

A Yid once came to the holy Satmar Rebbe Zt"l and complained that there is a child in his son's class whose parents are Mechallel Shabbos Hashem Yishmereinu, and he requests that this boy be expelled from the Moised. The Rebbe asked him:

“Are you so confident with your children that you are ready to suggest we expel someone else’s?!” and the Rebbe refused to send this child away from the Talmid Torah. The Rebbe’s words entail profound wisdom. Who is so secure with his own children that he can take the responsibility to suggest another’s be expelled from the Moised? No one is certain even with himself – and certainly not with his children. If the tables would be turned, he would surely want some compassion and not want people pushing for his children to be expelled from the Moised. It requires a lot of Tefilla in order to merit righteous children.

May Hashem help you to always look at other Yidden with Rachmanus and with a positive view, and Hashem will view you in a positive light too.

May Hashem bless you with success in all your endeavors.

... HOW CAN ONE ERADICATE AMALEK?

בעזרת ה' יתברך - ערב שבת קודש פרשת ויקרא, זכור, ח' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Dear...

This week is Shabbos Zachor where we have a Mitzva of wiping out Amalek.

Maharosh would say that עמלק is gematria the same number as ספק. The entire קליפה of Amalek is to introduce ספיקות, uncertainties and doubts to the person. Amalek's goal is to weaken our Emunah in Hashem and make us believe the world is controlled by Teva, Mikra and Mazal.

This week we will be Zoche to wipe out Amalek, to wipe out all our doubts and internalize that Hashem controls the entire world and has an exact accounting for everything that occurs. We will realize that nothing happens by accident, as Chazal state (Chulin 7:): "A person can't hurt even his small finger without it being determined up in heaven that so and so will now occur."

Thus, we must accustom ourselves to talk about Hashem; Chazal state in Berachos (58.) on the Pasuk (Divrei Hyomim-1 39, 11): "לך ה' הממלכה" - זו מלחמת עמלק; and Maharosh explains, the more one talks about Hashem and spreads Dibburim of Emunah, the more one internalizes that Hashem rules over the entire world, he thereby wipes out Amalek and all the ספיקות on the Emunah which he poses.

Likewise, make a firm resolution to abandon all arguments and strife and live peacefully with everyone; allow everyone to choose whichever Derech they prefer, and only seek to strengthen another Yid. Don't look for ways to disparage others etc. By respecting every Yid, you will also wipe out the קליפה of 'Haman' and 'Amalek' as their greatest goal was (Esther 3,8): "ישנו עם אחד מפזר ומפרד" – create Machlokos and arguments between Yiddishe kinder. However, Esther Hamalka and Mordechai Hatzaddik's resolve was (Esther 4, 16): "לך כנוס את כל היהודים" – to gather all the Yidden together as one; therefore, its certainly the time you stop all your disagreements with others, and respect others.

Especially at home – I beg you – do not talk badly about anyone. Chazal say (Shabbos 23:): "דרחים רבנן הוי", "לה בנין רבנן", one who loves Talmidei Chachomim will

be Zoche that his children grow up to be Talmidei Chachomim, and "דמוקיר רבנן הוי לה חתנותא רבנן", one who respects and honors Talmidei Chachomim will merit sons in law Talmidei Chachomim. When children see their father respecting every Ehrliche Yid, they will want to attach themselves to Ehrliche Yidden thereby also becoming righteous. Likewise, if daughters see their father holding Ehrliche Yidden in high esteem, they will then encourage their husbands to seek out an Ehrliche Yid, resulting in them also being Ehrlich. However, if a father ridicules Ehrliche Yidden, and only respects his own Tzaddik while disparaging others, then his children will conclude that nobody is right Rachmana Litzlon, until they will abandon everything.

You certainly have heard the Sippur Maharosh would relate why it was so difficult for R' Nosson to approach Chasiddus in general and especially the Rebbe; his father in law, Harav Hagoan R' Dovid Tzvi Auerbach Zt"l would constantly scorn Chassidim. The Rebbe R' Dovid Tzvi was a great personality who served as Rav in three big cities in Ukraine; Sharigrad, Kremnitz, and Mohliv. The Rebbe even once commented to R' Nosson "Your Shver is a Tzaddik", and the holy R' Boruch from Mezibuzh Zt"l

said in regard to him “Wherever R’ Dovid Tzvi goes, Eliyahu Hanavi accompanies him.” Despite this he had a Minhag to serve a Seudah every single day to all his sons, daughters, sons in law, and daughters in law, where he would speak to them, and warn them against Chassidim. Why was this? He once decided to travel to the holy R’ Pinchas from Koritz and see for himself the Rebbe’s holy Avodas. There was one thing however which bothered him while he was there. He heard how R’ Pinchas’s Chassidim were ridiculing the holy Tzaddik R’ Mechele from Zlotchov. He thought to himself, I’ll travel to Zlotchov and find out the truth for myself; when he was in Zlotchov he was very impressed of R’ Mechele’s Avodas, however he couldn’t understand why R’ Mechele’s Chassidim were poking fun at R’ Pinchas Koritzer. The whole concept really bothered him; why can’t you have your Rebbe and at the same time respect another? Why do you need to dismiss someone else? He then made a conclusion that both are not for him and from then on warned his children to stay away from Chassidim.

The same will happen to your children if you continuously deride others. Our children will make the same decision R’ Nosson’s Shver made and

drop everything. Therefore I beg you: now Shabbos Zachor eradicate Amalek from our midst. Flee from the Yetzer Hora who tries to convince you ‘It is a Mitzva to talk about so and so,’ or ‘It is a Mitzva to oppose so and so;’ rejoice that you found a way to serve Hashem, why does it have to come at the expense of hurting another?! Why are you occupied with what someone else is doing? Be wise; a smart person focuses his attention on himself and on self-improvement, life is so short, there is no time to be busy with others.

The holy Tzanzer Rav would say “When I was still young I thought that I had the power to rectify the entire world; when I saw I don’t have the capabilities for that, I hoped I would be able to rectify my entire city; I became older and realized that I don’t have the power to influence my city so I resolved to rectify just my own family; however I became even older and grasped that I don’t have the power to rectify others, the only person I need to, and should rectify, is myself.”

Maharosh would often repeat this story to teach us that we don’t have to be busy with others; everyone has their own flaws to rectify and they should look at themselves in the mirror before thinking of others.

In most cases the people who are busy speaking Loshon Hora about others are very far from Hashem.

We must be very careful not to involve ourselves in another's life, and certainly not to hurt another Yid. One pays a heavy price for hurting another. Your Shabbos Seuda should be a place where you only talk positively about other Yidden, so your children absorb the message, and desire to be Ehrlich.

Now before Purim seize the opportunity to make amends; if you have a neighbor who you aren't talking to, go over to him on Purim with a Mishloach Monos and request his forgiveness; likewise, if there is someone in your family who you had a disagreement with – your father, father in law, a brother or brother in law – Purim is an opportunity to ask for forgiveness.

Maharosh would advise us, if you see someone hurting another Yid on Purim, he isn't שיכור, he is simply a רוצח! A שיכור is someone who loves another Yid, and cries to Hashem **“Reboinoi Shel Oilam, help me! My only desire is to be Ehrlich; help me love every Yid, and help me view every Yid in a positive light. Help me only do Chesed with other Yidden.”**

I hope you will accept my words that are written to you from the depths of my heart. I promised Maharosh two things by his Levayah: firstly, I will never create Machlokos between Talmidei Hichel Hakodesh, and I will not take part in any Machlokos; secondly, I will spread his greatness to the entire world. Thanks to Hashem I have so far kept my promise and with Hashem's help I will continue to do so.

Talmidei Hichel Hakodesh must love one another; everyone is permitted to have his opinion, and draw Chizuk from wherever he feels is right for him. No one is obligated to be exactly like another, and one may never hate another. Maharosh said (Aruch Apayim, Perek 5): Talmidei Hichel Hakodesh are the Tzaddikei Hador who live with Hashem; we certainly must love each other and only view each other positively.

The holy R' Nosson once remarked to his Talmid R' Nachman Toltchiner: "To be an Ehrliche Yid is a challenge, we should at least love and aspire to be an Ehrliche Yid; let's at least envy an Ehrliche Yid and not oppose him;" when a person desires to be Ehrlich, and respects Ehrliche Yidden then ultimately it will bring him to be Ehrlich too.

The holy Rebbe once said to R' Nosson (Sichas Haran 119): “It is a great Madreiga for a person who is not yet on the level in Avodas Hashem he wants to be on, to Fargin another Yid that he is righteous and holy;” when a person loves a Talmid Chochom it will bring him to the level he wants to achieve.

May you have a joyous Shabbos.

 ... **DAVEN TO HASHEM FOR EVERYTHING YOU NEED.**

בעזרת ה' יתברך - ערב שבת קודש ויקרא, זכוה, ח' אדר ב', שנת תשע"ט

Mrs...

This week Shabbos is “Shabbos Zachor;” we have the opportunity to fulfill the Mitzva of wiping out Amalek.

Regarding if women must go to Shul to hear Parshas Zachor; there are women who are very Makpid to do so, however, if one can't manage to go, they can rely on Purim morning before Megilah when the Baal Korah reads the Parsha of ‘Vayavo Amalek’.

The way one eradicates Amalek is through abandoning all his doubts and uncertainties in Emunah; Amalek's desire is to cause the person to become apathetic, and scornful, as it states in the Pasuk (Devarim 25, 18): "אשר קרך בדרך", and Tzaddikim explain, Amalek causes a person to become indifferent; Amalek introduces thoughts into a person's mind that the world is controlled through Teva, Mikra and Mazal.

Therefore, there are Tzaddikim who wage war with Amalek, with the goal to reveal to the entire world that it is Hashem who controls everything. Nothing happens by chance, and Hashem can be found in everything in the world. Hashem is behind every **דומם, צומה, חי, מדבר**, thus, whatever one desires, he should request from Hashem.

Maharosh would relate that after he was **מקורב** to the holy Rebbe he accustomed himself not to request favors from anyone – only from Hashem; if he had to ask someone for something, he would first murmur quietly 'Heiliger Bashefer', and only then state his request to the other person. Maharosh was once in the grocery buying milk, and the milk was situated behind the counter so one had to request it from the worker. As he was accustomed to, he

said; “Bashefer – can you give me a bottle of milk?” the worker looked at Maharosh in surprise and asked him: “To whom are you speaking?” Maharosh realized he had forgotten to say ‘Bashefer’ quietly; this was how ingrained it was in Maharosh, he first turned to Hashem for everything.

You too, accustom yourself to ask Hashem for everything you desire, especially while lighting the Shabbos candles. There are women who say תחינות while lighting the Shabbos candles; then there are women who say a certain Kapitel of Tehillim at this time; there are women who don’t say תחינות etc. they simply Daven to Hashem in their mother tongue; everyone should follow their own unique custom, yet once you finish, cover your eyes and talk to Hashem in the language you are the most comfortable with, cry to Him for everything you need, and you will certainly be Zoche to a Yeshua.

R’ Nosson would request his wife and daughters to say the following Tefilla while lighting the Shabbos candles: **“Reboinoi Shel Oilam, just as I am lighting the Shabbos candles and illuminating my home, please shine the light of the holy Rebbe into every Yid’s heart;”** likewise also say the following: **“Reboinoi Shel Oilam, just as I am lighting the**

Shabbos candles and lighting up my home, please lighten up the life of every Yid. Remove the darkness and hardships from Klal Yisroel; help my husband and children be Ehrlich etc...”

Good Shabbos.

 ... **WHEN ONE ABANDONS HIS AVEIROS, HE MERITS A BEAUTIFUL LIFE.**

**בעזרת ה' יתברך - מוצאי שבת קודש פרשת ויקרא, זכור, ט' אדר ב',
שנת תשע"ט**

Dear...

It brought me great happiness to hear that you abandoned all your contacts with Aveiros, and you live with your wife 'בשלום ובשלוה'; you love and cherish her.

Realize what Aveiros do to a person; they rob him of his love and emotions to his wife and children. You couldn't think logically while you had bad connections, you wanted to divorce your wife; you would argue with her day and night, but now that you did Teshuva you once again find pleasure in sitting

with your wife and children, you conduct beautiful Shabbos Seudas, and your life is once against sweet.

You cannot imagine how much pleasure it brings to Hashem when one returns and does Teshuvah; Chazal state (Yuma 86.): "גדולה תשובה שמגעת עד כסא", when a person repents, he reaches all the way to the Kisei Hakavod; in one moment a person can return from **שאל תחתית** and attain Kedushah.

Now that you have done Teshuvah, and abandoned the Aveira you were pursuing, add on to your daily Shiurim, and start saying Tehillim every day. In this Zechus you will remain strong with your commitment because Tehillim is **מסוגל** to Teshuvah. It draws a person closer to Hashem, as the Rebbe said (Likutei Maharar, Chelek 2, Siman 73): "מי שרוצה לזכות לתשובה, יהיה רגיל באמירת תהילים, כי אמירת תהילים מסוגל לתשובה", whoever wants to repent should say Tehillim, likewise Tehillim entails all Yeshuuous.

May Hashem help us all merit a Teshuvah Shleima.