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Shemos, Sicha 1 (Second Sicha of the week)

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The Sicha discusses how Yocheved and Miriam were rewarded, for their sacrifice and dedication in bringing an entire generation to birth, with נִעַשׂ לָהֶם בְּתֵימִים: - He made houses for them and Rashi's Pirush that it is referring to the houses of the Kohanim, Leviim and the Davidic royal family.

We bring here a brief description (from the Derher) of the Rebbe Rashab's involvement and special instructions relating to the births of our Rebbe and Rebbetzin, who established these three houses, in our generation, until Moshiach's coming.

We also bring a short story connected to the end of the Sicha about how Malchus has the furthest reach of the three, affecting the entire world.

Birth of our Rebbe Yud Alef Nissan, 5662 (1902), Nikolayev

From the very moment of the Rebbe's birth, the conduct surrounding him was on a level befitting a holy neshamah.

Rebbetzin Chana related to Reb Berel Junik that "from the day of his birth, my husband instructed me that whenever my newborn son awoke, I should wash Negel Vasser with him before nursing, which he did not instruct me to do for the other children. This was a directive from the Rebbe Rashab."

The involvement of the Rebbe Rashab, in truth, began even earlier. Reb Zalman Duchman related that the Rebbe was born following a bracha they received from the Rebbe Rashab. A short time later, the Rebbe fell ill with typhus, and the Rebbe Rashab sent telegrams with his blessings for good health. Rebbetzin Chana related that they received six telegrams from the Rebbe Rashab when the Rebbe was born. It is not clear if these telegrams were included in the six, or not.

[See the Sefer *The Early Years* for more about the Rebbe's birth].

Birth of our Rebbetzin, Chof Hey Adar, 5661 (1901), Babinovitch

Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka was born in the town of Babinovitch, near Lubavitch, on Shabbos 25 Adar, 5661. At the time, the Rebbe Rashab was visiting Germany due to health reasons. He was notified via telegram about the birth, and he

immediately dispatched a telegram back with a mazal tov and the suggestion that she be named Chaya Mushka, after her great-great grandmother, the Rebbetzin of the Tzemach Tzedek. He also sent a letter in which he repeated the suggestion and included many brachos for the new baby and her parents.

The news that a new granddaughter was born to the Rebbe spread to Chassidim all over. In letters over that next week, the Rebbe Rashab acknowledges the mazal tov he received from Reb Yeshaye Berlin and shares the happy news with Reb Avraham Abba Person.

[The letters of the Rebbe Rashab are in his *Igros Kodesh Vol. Gimmel*. See a few letters before CHof Hey Adar, and many letters after CHof Hey adar, through Pesach, about the Rebbetzin's birth.]

Here is an excerpt of the first letter the Rebbe Rashab wrote after receiving the telegram of the Rebbetzin's birth (*Igros Kodesh Vol. Gimmel page 218-219*): My heart rejoiced when today we received the telegram of my daughter in law giving birth with a Mazal Tov. I hereby bless you with the Bracha of Mazal Tov from the daughter that was born to you for a Mazal Tov. Mazal Tov. May Hashem help you raise her to Torah, Chupah and Maasim Tovim, in an easy manner and she should merit long pleasant years. She should be a woman with true Yiras Shamayim according to the wishes of our holy Rabbeim. We should all merit to rejoice together by her Chasuna.

This will change the entire world!

Rabbi Hershel Fogelman, A"H, would frequently share what he heard from the Rebbe by a farbrengen (Sukkos or Shavous, 5702), soon after the establishment of the Mesibas Shabbos project:

“דער רבי האט אנגעפאנגען מיט מסיבת שבת, דער סוף וועט זיין אז מ'וועט איינעמען די גאנצע וועלט”

“What the Rebbe, my father-in-law, began with Mesibas Shabbos, will culminate with affecting (literally: conquering) the whole world!”

[YN: When I was a Bachur we heard that there were fifty attendees at the Mesibas Shabbos programs at the time the Rebbe shared this.]
