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The Sicha discusses that when one serves Hashem on the highest level of lishma, exclusively for its own sake — to gratify Hashem, and for the Nachas Hashem receives while not thinking about himself at all, he becomes a single entity with Hashem.

He then merits inheriting the yesh hamuchlat - the Complete and Eternal reality of Hashem, transcending the limitations of created beings and basking in Hashem's Nachas תענוג בורא.

Do not be defined by your Tziyur!

Reb Meilach Zwiebel shared: Until we came to the Rebbe we were educated, under the tutelage of Reb Shloma Chaim Kesselman and Reb Nachum Goldshmid, to be Chassidische Bachurim and to attain א חסידישע ציור – A Chasidic persona.

When we came to the Rebbe for Tishrei 5722, the Rebbe taught us that our ultimate purpose is fulfilling Hashem's Ratzon "I am created to serve my Maker" and not to be defined by our Tziyur, even an elevated Tziyur. (Reb Meilach also shared that when the Rebbe taught Anim Zemiros that Simchas Torah he connected himself for life!)

Only a Nachas Ruach

Reb Zalman Gurary once took the Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka to see an eye specialist. At the end of the examination, the doctor explained that there are two different options for treating her eyes, and she should choose which treatment to have.

On the car ride home, Reb Zalman mentioned that the Rebbetzin would surely ask the Rebbe which treatment to undertake. Reb Zalman knew that thousands of Jews around the world request the Rebbe's advice on such matters, and surely the Rebbetzin would do the same. The Rebbetzin replied that she would not do it. She did not want to give the Rebbe any agmas nefesh (pain), and therefore, she said, Reb Zalman should advise her instead on the methods of treatment.

Reb Zalman did not know what to do, as the Rebbetzin wanted his help in making her decision! Finally, he wrote the story to the Rebbe, asking him what he should advise the Rebbetzin. In the answer, the Rebbe directed him regarding the treatment, and then added that he should not tell the Rebbetzin that he had told the Rebbe about her medical problem, because it would make her unhappy to know that the Rebbe knew of her problem!

Finally, someone got the message!

Reb Yoel was giving one of his regular Tanya Shiurim in Boro Park and in the middle a participant gets up and says "The Tanya demands complete Bitul, everything is the Aibershter! This leaves no room not only for physical pleasures but even for personal spiritual satisfaction. This is too much for me!" The person then left the Shiur.

Reb Yoel paused and then remarked "We sit here for hours every week and I put my energy and Neshama into these Shiurim and finally someone understood what we were discussing! He is the one who got the message of Tanya but now he is not here anymore..."
