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Behar-Bechukosai (First Sicha of the week)

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The Sicha discusses someone whose awareness of Hashem is complete and his connection to Hashem seamless and his ego completely Batul to Hashem. When such a person promotes Yiddeshkeit, with confidence and assertiveness, it is an extension of Hashem's strength and presence, akin to עבד מלך כמלך. Here are stories connected to the themes of the Sicha.

Me? A Chasid of the Alter Rebbe sin?

Reb Mendel Futerfas would tell the story of a Chasid of the Alter Rebbe who abstained from sin out of pride גאווה! This Chasid would say, "Me? A Chasid of the Alter Rebbe sin? Me? A Chasid of the Alter Rebbe would entertain foreign thoughts? No way, not fitting!"

(שמעתי בעצמי)

כמותו ממש

In 5782 (1982), the Rebbe sent Reb Ahron Dov, editor of Kfar Chabad Magazine, to visit Shluchim in major centers and to report on their activities and accomplishments. Thus, was born the popular series "Chabad Around the World" in Kfar Chabad Magazine.

I remember when Reb Ahron Dov came back to 770 after his first travels (California, London, Paris) he was so inspired by the accomplishments and Breitkeit of the Shluchim "One of the world's best-kept secrets!" (at that time). He was even doubly impressed that the Shluchim do not recognize their own greatness or even think we owe them a Yasher koach. RAD shared that at the end of a few days in Paris and seeing the mosdos and the thousands of people involved,

he noticed how unassuming the Azimovs are. They sincerely and matter of fact said "It is not our accomplishments. It is the Rebbe's accomplishments!"

(שמעתי בעצמי)

Do not get in the way of the one who sent you!

Rabbi Chadakov once called Rabbi Avraham Shemtov and requested that he build a Mikvah in a town outside of Philadelphia. At that time, Rabbi Shemtov was quite overwhelmed with other aspects of his Shlichus and it seemed impossible for him to take responsibility to build this mikvah.

Rabbi Chadakov told Rabbi Shemtov, "Everything that you did until now, were things that you were able to do on your own? Whatever you accomplished came from the blessings and Kochos you received from the one who sent you." (Meaning: Just as you received kochos for those other things, the same will be in regard the mikva). "The main thing is that we should not get in the way..."

(From the Shluchim Zoom Farbrengen Book, Page 13)

Meet the spiritual Mayor!

"A single Chassid or student, who devotes his entire heart, mind and soul to study Torah and bolster its observance, can bring salvation and healing to a large city, with all its concerns. [His endeavors succeed] in a manner that transcends the limitations of nature, in the merit of our Rebbeim"

(Hayom Yom, Daled Tammuz)

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Rabbi S. L. relates that when he came to Texas, after the Rebbe appointed him the Shlichus, he drove down from the Midwest with a map in hand. After traveling in Oklahoma for a while, he stopped every 45 minutes at gas stations and asked the attendant "Are we in Texas yet?" The first few times the response was no and then finally he stopped at a gas station and asked, "Are we in Texas yet?" And the attendant said yes! RSL looked at the person and announced, "You see all this? It is all mine!"
