

# SICHA POEM

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## **Yud-beis Yud-Gimmel Tammuz, Sicha 1**

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When a person is saved from a dangerous situation,  
Like crossing the ocean or desert, surviving an illness or prison,  
To express gratitude to Hashem it is only right,  
The Brocha of Hagomel he does recite.

“Who bestows kindness on the culpable, and has bestowed kindness on me”,  
This implies that he has found fault in himself and feels guilty.  
For being in a dangerous prison, how can the Frierdiker Rebbe have felt blame,  
If Mesiras Nefesh to save Yidishkeit in Russia was his only aim?

To answer this question,  
A Mashal is given,  
Of a person who is working outside of the palace to fulfill the orders of the king,  
He is busy running around getting everything.

But when he comes into the palace and stands before the king,  
He must stand at attention and can't be distracted by anything.  
If he winks at someone or texts someone an emoji on his phone,  
His service is lacking because closer to the king he has grown.

When Hashem sees a Tzadik or Tzadeikis who on their level have reached perfection,  
To help them move to the next level is Hashem's intention,  
So He gives them a challenge or puts them in a narrow place of danger,  
So that they will overcome it and reach a level that is greater.

Once the higher level they attain,  
Their previous level is lacking compared to the new closeness that they did gain.  
For saving their life they thank Hashem for His kindness wholeheartedly,  
Compared to their new level of closeness, for their previous state they feel sorry.

The descent is in order for the ascent it is true,  
After the Friediker Rebbe was released from jail an era began that was new.  
The Friediker Rebbe came to America and paved the way,  
For Chabad Houses to be found in every corner of the world today!

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