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### לרגל יום הולדתי י"ב ניסן, לחיזוק התקשרות

*The Sicha urges a person whose primary Avoda is Kabbalas Ol, as he still has Ra, to also incorporate his intellect and his pleasure into his Avoda. Conversely, the person who is completely elevated, intellectually and emotionally, should also incorporate Iskafya, Bittul, and Kabbalas Ol, into his Avoda. Here are a few stories, some of them מפי השמועה.*

### התכללות - The inclusion of Iskafya and Ishapcha

The previous Rebbe, when he was in Warsaw, was served a hot cup of tea, with milk, on a particularly cold day. The tea stood there but the Rebbe didn't touch the tea.

The person who served the tea asked the previous Rebbe, "Why aren't you drinking?"

The previous Rebbe answered, "It's no big deal. A little bit of Iskafya."

"Iskafya? isn't that for people who are still coarse and need to abstain from physical involvement? Iskafya is not needed by someone like you!"

The Rebbe responded, **איינער דארף און איינער וויל**! "There is a person that needs (Iskafya), and there is a person that wants (Iskafya)!"

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A devoted Chasid learned Imrei Bina in-depth and told the Mitteler Rebbe "I learned through Imrei Bina numerous times, but it did not help me!"

The Rebbe became emotional and said "I too learned it a few times and it was not effective, but if you learn it again and again, with additional effort and depth, in the end, it has a great effect. As much as you think you put in the effort, it was not enough!"

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On the 3rd of Tamuz, 1927, the previous Rebbe was released from prison and allowed to go home for six hours. Then, at 6:00 pm, he was to board a train to Kostroma, for three years of exile. Thousands of Chassidim came to bid farewell to the Rebbe, realizing they may not see him for at least three years.

The previous Rebbe inquired as to where was Reb Nissan (Nemanov). One of the Chassidim told the Rebbe that since the Rebbe directed the Chasidim not to come to the train station to see him off, Reb Nissan stayed home. The Rebbe responded **א זיסע א טאלדאס**, A Sweet Soldier!

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Reb Zalman Moshe was once farbrengen with Reb Nissan when he was in Nevel. Reb Zalman Moshe, as Reb Nisan always did, extolled the virtue of Kabalas Ol- an unequivocal commitment to Hashem and His Torah. He then addressed Reb Nissan "True our primary Avoda is Kabalas Ol, but even the attribute of Malchus, which seemingly is only a recipient, is a complete structure. Same with our Kabalas Ol, which mirrors Malchus, needs to be infused with the light of intellect and of with heart (emotions)!"

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When Reb Dovid Horadaker came back from visiting the previous Rebbe for Shavuot, his family asked him what the Rebbe told him in Yechidus. He replied, "The Rebbe demanded very lofty Avoda. The Rebbe told me that to do the right thing you don't need Chassidus, for that is basic Judaism. The goal of Chassidus is to bring one to Ishapacha, to transform darkness itself into light."

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