



## A Story for the Shabbos Table

## סיפורי הבעל שם טוב

### THE SPECIAL TEFILAH OF THE CHILD THAT SAVED THE YIDDEN

One Year on Yom Kippur, the Baal Shem Tov was in Shul davening. He saw what was going on in *Shomayim*, how the judgment was going to be for the Yidden this coming year. And he saw that it was very difficult. They did not want to give all the Brachos and good things that the Yidden need to have for the year.

So the Baal Shem Tov started davening stronger with more *Dveikus*. When his Talmidim saw that their Rebbe was davening stronger, and crying, they also started davening stronger. But still, this did not help. The judgment was not becoming better. The day continued and it was already time for Neilah when the final judgment will be made.

At that time, in the Baal Shem Tov's Shul there was a boy whose parents did not send him to learn in a Cheder or in a Yeshiva, and therefore he did not know anything about Yiddishkeit and about Torah and Mitzvos. But he was a Yiddishe child, with a warm, Yiddishe heart. When he saw that all around him, Yidden are standing, davening and crying, he also wanted to daven, to ask Hashem that everything should be good.

But since he was not lucky enough to learn in a Yeshiva or a Talmud Torah, he was not able to daven. He could not even read the Alef-Bais. But he wanted to daven to Hashem.

What did he do?

This boy grew up in a village, and he liked very much the sound of the rooster that called out "Ku-ku-ree-koo" every morning. So when he saw that everyone is davening with all their heart from a siddur and a Machzor, and he can't do that, his Yiddishe heart was lit up with love to Hashem, and he decided that he will give his favorite sound to Hashem, so he called out with all his strength, "Ku-ku-ree-koo".

The Baal Shem Tov said later, that the scream of this boy was able to do that which all the Tefilos could not do. This boy's scream, that came from the depths of his heart, from his "דחילו ורחימו" – his love of Hashem and his fear of the judgment that will be, broke through the not-good decree, and made that the judgment should be all good for the Yidden that year.

[Taken from a sicha the Rebbe said in Camp Gan Yisroel on 15 Tamuz 5720]

#### *The Rebbe explains the lesson from this:*

We have to do everything with feeling, "בדחילו ורחימו" with love of the good things and fear of the not-good things. When we serve Hashem in this way, even if we are only doing a little, Hashem accepts it with great pleasure and He gives the person who is davening to him, and acting in this way, everything he needs, that he should be blessed in all his things.