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Stories of the Early Chassidim

This year's Stories for Shabbos will be focusing on stories of the early Chassidim, from which we can learn a lot about the ways of Chassidus and how a Yid and Chossid should act

Reb Binyomin Kletzker-2

This week's story is about Reb Binyomin Kletzker. He was a chossid of the Alter Rebbe and the Mittlerer Rebbe. He had Mesirus Nefesh for the Rabbeim, and he was also related to them by marriage. His daughter married the Alter Rebbe's grandson (Reb Boruch the son of Rebbetzin Freide)

Reb Binyomin Kletzker used to think very deeply about Chassidus.

One day, he was going home after Shacharis, with his Tallis and Tefillin in his hand. While on his way, he started thinking about Chassidus. He got very involved in his thoughts, so he put down his Tallis and Tefillin on a wagon that was standing there. This wagon belonged to a Goy. After putting down his Tallis and Tefillin, he put his foot up on top of the wheel (of that wagon), and was soon completely lost in his thoughts of Chassidus, and did not realize anything that was going on around him.

In the meantime, the Goy whose wagon it was, came back and wanted to leave. He did not notice Reb Binyomin, and he rode away with his wagon. Reb Binyomin was left there, in the middle of the street, with his foot in the air. He did not even realize the wagon had gone. After a while he put down his foot, but still not realize anything that had happened.

Only when it was time for Mincha, did he wake up from his thoughts and went quickly to Shul.

In the meantime, the goyishe wagon driver went to another street and started selling his things. He offered some things to a Yid who was passing by. The Yid saw the Tallis and Tefillin there, and eventually returned them to Reb Binyomin Kletzker.

The Frierdiker Rebbe said about this story. Look at the great power of Yiras Shomayim. Reb Binyomin was so engrossed in his thoughts that even when the wagon that his foot was on, rode away, and his foot was left hanging in the air, he did not realize it. But still, when it came time to daven Mincha, he felt it, and awoke from his thoughts! Anything else he did not realize, but when it came to a Mitzvah, he felt it and went quickly to do that Mitzvah.

[Told by the Frierdiker Rebbe. Recorded by the Rebbe in his Reshimos]