



## חסידים הראשונים

### Stories of the Early Chassidim

*In honor of Rosh Hashana, we are printing a story of the Rebbe and Tekiyos*

On Rosh Hashana, in the year 5731\*, as the Rebbe was blowing Shofar in 770, the tekiyos went very smoothly and easily. That is, until the Rebbe got up to the last teruo (right before the Tekiyo gedoilo). At that point, as the Rebbe tried to blow the sound out of the Shofar, the teruo just did not come out. So, the Rebbe tried using a different Shofar, but still no teruo sound was coming.

The Rebbe became very serious, and people who were close, heard the Rebbe crying. This went on for a very long time. Finally, after fifty minutes had passed, the Rebbe finally blew the teruo, and the sound came out.

*Everyone in 770 was wondering what was going on, and why there was such trouble with blowing the teruo. A certain Chossid related the following story which might help us understand.*

*The Chossid related:* I had already been married for a number of years at that time, and did not have any children yet. After Rosh Hashana, I went into Yechidus with the Rebbe and asked for a Brocho. The Rebbe gave a Brocho, but I said that I want a *havtocho* (a promise). The Rebbe asked me, "Will you keep the promise you made during tekios this year?"

At first, I did not understand what the Rebbe meant. But after some thought, I remembered. During the long wait before the last teruo, I was thinking of the brocho that I need, and I made a hachloto that if I will have a child this year, I will bring him along to the Rebbe's tekiyos next year.

Boruch Hashem that year the Rebbe's brocho was fulfilled and we had a baby. On Rosh Hashana I brought my 2-month-old son to 770, to hear the Rebbe's tekiyos.

On Motzei Rosh Hashana, when the Rebbe was giving kos shel brocho, I took the baby with me to the Rebbe. The Rebbe looked at the baby and said דאס איז פון די ילדי התקיעות – is this also from the children born (as a result of my) tekiyos?!

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\* In 770, the Rebbe himself blows the Shofar on Rosh Hashana. Anyone who has been there knows, that it is a very special and mysterious time, at that time the davens for Klal Yisroel for the new year. Here is one story about a brocho from Tekiyos.