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Stories of the Early Chassidim

Reb Moshe Yitzchak of Yassi

This week's story is about Reb Moshe Yitzchok of Yassi. He was amongst the younger Chassidim of the Alter Rebbe, and then became a Chassid of the Mitteler Rebbe. The Mitteler Rebbe once said "I have three Chassidim with whom I have accomplished what I wanted to." One of these three was Reb Moshe Yitzchok. After the passing of the Mitteler Rebbe, he became a Chassid of the Tzemach Tzedek. He was very important in the eyes of the Tzemach Tzedek, who said Maamorim for him in Yechidus. Reb Moshe Yitzchak was the Mashpiya of the Chassidim in Basserabia (Ukraine, Rumania...). Reb Moshe Yitzchak had a lot of Mesiras Nefesh teaching and spreading Chabad Chassidus in those places.

One time, the son of Reb Moshe Yitzchok came to visit the Tzemach Tzedek. The Tzemach Tzedek asked him to relate a story about his father. The son said the following story:

One Friday, Reb Moshe Yitzchak went to the Mikvah, as he usually did. On the way back, as he was walking through the streets of Yassi, he lifted his eyes and looked at the sky. Suddenly he screamed out, and asked the people around him to bring him a chair. They quickly ran to a nearby store and brought a chair from there. The people were worried that maybe he was not feeling well because the Mikveh was too hot, and they asked him if they should call a doctor. "There is no need to," said Reb Moshe Yitzchok, "I just need to be left alone."

He sat there for half an hour, with his eyes closed and his head leaning on his stick. After this time, he lifted up his head, looked at the sky, stood up and continued walking.

The son finished off the story saying, "We have no idea about what happened then."

The Tzemach Tzedek asked for the exact day and time this story happened, and when the son answered, the Tzemach Tzedek laughed.

He explained: That Friday was the day of the famous "Zhlobiner Chasuna", where the grandchildren of the Alter Rebbe and Reb Levi Yitzchok of Barditchev got married. At the exact time that your father asked for a chair, it was the time of the Chupa, and standing under the Chupa, the Alter Rebbe said a Maamar called כי על כל כבוד חופה. When he said the Maamar, all the Malochim came to listen, and your father Reb Moshe Yitzchok felt this and was also zoche to hear the Maamar then.