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Stories of the Early Chassidim

Reb Sholom Reb Hillel's

The Chossid Reb Sholom HaCohen from Beshenkovitch was a very devoted talmid of Reb Hillel Paritcher and would accompany him on all his travels. For this reason, he was called Reb Sholom Reb Hillel's (even though he was not his son). Reb Sholom used to daven at great length. He once davened Maariv until the morning, then he prepared himself and davened Shacharis, and by the time he finished, it was already Mincha time. Reb Yisroel Jacobson writes in his reshimos that he met a man in America who recalled that as a child he would come back to Shul after the Shabbos meal on Shabbos afternoon to listen to the davening of Reb Sholom Reb Hillel's.

In the year תרס"ב, Reb Sholom broke his foot and for a few years, he had great pains and had to stay in bed. The whole long time that he was sick, and lay in bed, he used to review Mishnayos Baal Peh, he would daven at great length, and tell stories or sing Niggunim.

When the Mashpiya Reb Grunem heard about this, he said, "Now I understand." And he explained:

Reb Sholom was totally dedicated to his teacher Reb Hillel Paritcher and would always serve him.

One Purim, Reb Sholom brought Reb Hillel Shalach Monos which included a bottle of wine and an apple. Reb Hillel asked him, "Why did you bring me an apple?" Reb Sholom answered, The word for apple in Loshon Kodesh is Tapuach – תפוח, and תפוח is the Roshei teivos of תגלון which means – You should reveal sayings and say *chidushim* (new ideas in Torah). (These words are from אסדר לסעודתא).

They continued talking for some time, and then Reb Sholom burst into tears, and said, "In עולם הזה, it's good – I am always with you and you say Sholom – come here, Sholom go there, but who knows what will be in עולם הבא, who knows if they will let me near you?"

Reb Hillel asked him, "So what do you want me to do for you?"

Reb Sholom answered right away: "I want you to promise me that also in Gan Eden I will be זוכה to hear Chassidus from you!"

Reb Hillel went into a dveikus for a half hour and then he promised Reb Sholom that he will be with him in Gan Eden (עמי במחיצתי).

Reb Grunem finished his story: At first this did not sit well with me. Will Reb Sholom really merit to be together with the Tzadik Reb Hillel in Gan Eden?

But now that I have heard that for a few years, Reb Sholom has been in great pain and he is מקבל יסורים באהבה – he does not complain but just continues his davening, learning and Farbrenging as he used to, I understand. Yes, he really does deserve to be with Reb Hillel in Gan Eden.

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