

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Reb **Reuvein** ben Reb **Mordechai Yaakov HaKohen** ע"ה  
**Caplan**

Passed away on 11 Tishrei, 5778

ת. נ. צ. ב. ה.

AND IN HONOR OF HIS WIFE - א"תבלחט

Mrs. **Elka** bas **Raizel** שתיח' **Caplan**

May she go from strength to strength  
in health, happiness, Torah and *mitzvot*.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FREIND  
Reb **Yosef Yisroel** ben Reb **Sholom** ע"ה **Rosner**

Passed away on 7 Menachem-Av, 5777

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# ONCE UPON A CHASSID

The Wisdom and the Whimsy  
The Fire and the Joy

Stories, Anecdotes & Sayings  
translated and adopted from the writings of the  
Rebbes and Chassidim of Chabad Lubavitch  
*Arranged in conjunction with the 54 sections of the Torah*

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 Horav **Schneur Zalman Halevi** עי"ה  
 ben Horav **Yitzchok Elchonon Halevi** הי"ד  
**Shagalov**  
 Passed away on 21 Tamuz, 5766  
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**Ekman**  
 Passed away on 5 Sivan - Erev Shavuot, 5765  
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 Passed away on the second day  
 of Rosh Chodesh Adar, 5766  
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 ת. נ. צ. ב. ה.

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 Mrs. **Esther Shaindel** bas **Fraidel Chedva** שתחיל  
**Shagalov**

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**Shagalov**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR MOTHER**

Mrs. **Sarah** bas Reb **Binyomin** עי"ה **Sarto**

Passed away on 3 Kislev, 5781

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28:30 | ונשא אהרן את משפט בני ישראל על לבו  
*And Aaron shall bear the judgement of  
the children of Israel upon his heart*

Aaron the High Priest was the heart of the Jewish nation: just as the heart feels the pain of every limb of the body, so did Aaron bear the judgements and tribulations visited upon his people.

Be'er Mayim Chaim

Excuses may be helpful in absolving one from responsibility and culpability. But the best excuse in the world cannot undo a negative occurrence or recreate a missed opportunity.

Chassidic saying

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Mrs. Zivar bat Rachamim Zecharia ע"ה Keshirim  
Passed away on 13 Menachem-Av, 5780  
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## *So What?*

In 5670<sup>1</sup> the czarist government convened a “rabbinical conference.” The aim: to force changes in Jewish religious life. Prior to the meeting, the participants were privately shown a list of 1 or 2 Jewish communities where the government promised to “arrange” pogroms should the conference fail to endorse its position.

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1. 1910.

## T'tzaveh / So What?

To Rabbi Sholom DovBer of Lubavitch the issue was a matter of spiritual life and death. Throughout the conference, he fought against the government's plans. When he rose to speak, he publicly exposed the ministers who had threatened pogroms. He then announced:

“True, we live under the dominion of the Russian government. But their jurisdiction over us extends only to material matters. In all that concerns our faith, no sovereign or regime on earth has the authority to dictate to the us.”

So deeply did the Rebbe feel for the matter that at the end of his impassioned speech he fainted.

He was immediately placed under house arrest for his words. Later one of the leading rabbis of the time came to see him. The visitor found the Rebbe weeping. “Lubavitcher Rebbe!” exclaimed the rabbi, “why are you so distressed? You have done everything you possibly can!”

The Rebbe utterly failed to see his point. “So what?” he said. “The tragic decree has been enacted.”

### Source:

Told by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneersohn, the Lubavitcher Rebbe shlita, July 17, 1951.

## BESURAS HAGEULO The Announcement Of The Redemption

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Further, and this is essential, to cry to G-d about the length of the exile, "Until when"... and to beseech and entreat and do everything possible so that the true and complete Redemption through our righteous Moshiach will come imminently and immediately.

The Jewish people find themselves in exile already **more than nineteen hundred years** and our righteous Moshiach has still not come!... All the Divine service of exile has already been completed, and we have already done everything in every way possible (including in particular the rejoicing of the month of Adar for sixty days). It's unknown what else is to be done. Nevertheless, **another week, another day, another moment** has passed, and still the true and complete Redemption has not yet come in actual reality!

*(From the talk of Tuesday, the eve of Shabbos Kodesh, Shabbos Kodesh Parshas Titzaveh, the 7th, 10th and 11th of Adar Rishon, 5752)*