

In the time of the Kedushas Levi of Berditchev ZY"A there lived a Poritz - Count by the name of Graf Potoski. He was known for his indulgent in mundane pleasures. Once during the summer, he "decided" that he wants to go sledding. A technical problem existed, that it was the summer and there is was no snow to sled on. His servants, eager to please the will of the count hauled large sacks of sugar and spread them across the field and so the count filled his lust of sledding during the summer. Word of this reached the Heilige Kedushas Levi, who asked his Chassidim "Did he ever light Ner Chanukah?" to which they unrestingly answered in the negative. "If so, he has never had a true enjoyment in his life, all of his temptations do not reach the pleasure I have from lighting one Chanukah Licht (light)."

On a similar note the Poritz in the area of the Beis Aharon of Karlin ZY"A, acted in a similar fashion. Upon hearing this the Beis Aharon exclaimed, "All of his Teivos (temptations) in his whole life do not reach the pleasure I have of once saying Nishmas on one Shabbos."

As we are Zoche to have the great times, within immediate days of Chanukah, Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh, the stating of recitation of Visein Tal Umotor in weekday Shemonoh Esrei in Chutz Lo'Oretz and going to Tzadikim, we can surely aspire to reach greater heights and the glow of Chanukah shall lead us to the ultimate Geuloh Shleima Omein.

Zos Chanukah - The Sefer Toras Avos quotes the Saboh Kadisha of Slonim ZY"A, would say concerning Zos Chanukah "This is a great Chasunoh that has started on the fifteenth of Chodesh Av and comes to cultivation on Zos Chanukah. The Alter Stoliner ZY"A said Rosh Hashonoh the Tzadikim are written and sealed to life, Benunim (in-betweens) await until Yom Kippur. The earlier Tzaddikim revealed that Hoshanoh Rabboh is a time for those who did not merit until then. Concluded the Stoliner ZY"A, "And there are also those Shmates that we must deal with until Zos Chanukah."

In the end of years.

מקץ שנתיים

If a person awakes from his spiritual sleep, he can rectify his years, in counted days.

- Reb Boruch of Mezibuzsh

שבת!, ר"ח!, חנוכה!, אצל הרבי!

A Karliner Chossid from Eretz Yisroel went for Chanukah to the Frankfurter (Yenukah) ZY"A in Stolin. He stayed in the hospitality with Reb Mordechai Kapitchkivitcher Z"L. That year Rosh Chodesh Teives came out on Shabbos Chanukah. The Chossid from Eretz Yisroel said that he was not able to sleep. As every short time R' Mordechai awoke and Shouted "Shabbos!", "Rosh Chodesh!", "Chanukah!", "By the Rebbe!"

- Mateh Aharon - Pinsk Karlin

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One lights until the fire rises on its own.

Every person has a torch and warmth in their heart. One must kindle himself with Mitzvos to the extent that it will make the flame rise from his heart to his mind, for the name of Hashem:

- Bais Aharon - Karlin

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