

Pesach, and then continue to the rest of his works on the Written and Oral Torah.

STUDY TEACHINGS OF OTHER REBBEIM

- We should include in our study the innovative Torah teachings of recent generations up until the times of the Tzemach Tzedek, as well as the teachings of his successors, the subsequent Rebbeim of Chabad – including the teachings of the Rebbe, Leader of our Generation.³¹

TOPICS OF THEIR MAIN CONCERN

- We should particularly focus on studying topics that our own Rebbe, as well as the Tzemach Tzedek – and also *Rambam*, whose birthday is *erev* Pesach – set as their main preoccupation.³²

TZEDAKAH AND MAOS CHITIM

- We should increase in giving *tzedakah*, for it “hastens the Redemption”; as our Sages state, “The Jews will be redeemed only in the merit of *tzedakah*.” We should especially focus on an extremely timely cause: *Maos Chitim* (supplying Pesach requirements for the needy).³³

31. ... [i.e., the Previous Rebbe] whose first name, [Yosef,] means “addition” – alluding to an increase in all matters of Torah and *mitzvos* (*ibid.*).

32. [Yiddish: *In vas zei haben zich mer gekacht* (*ibid.*).]

Personal area of Torah

... After all, every Jew, and certainly the great personalities and Leaders of Jewry, have a part of Torah that is unique to them; as we recite in our daily prayers [at the conclusion of the *Amidah*], “And grant us *our* portion in Your Torah.”

Now, although [the majority of Jews] do not know [where their unique “portion” is to be found], the unique “portions” of the Leaders of Jewry are known from the directives they issue and their actual conduct; i.e., those matters in which they were most preoccupied (*ibid.*).

33. *Parshas Tzav*, 5750; *Hisvaaduyos*, p. 29.

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THE 13TH OF NISSAN

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION
FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE REBBE
5748-5752

A PROJECT OF
HaMaaseh Hu HaIkar

The 13th of Nissan

Yahrtzeit of the Tzemach Tzedek

INTRODUCTION

The Tzemach Tzedek (the third Lubavitcher Rebbe) passed away in Lubavitch, Russia, on the 13th of Nissan, 5626 (1866).

STUDY HIS TEACHINGS

• We should make certain to utilize this propitious day, along with its adjoining days, to add in our study of the Tzemach Tzedek's works; both his books on the revealed parts of Torah, entitled *Tzemach Tzedek*, and particularly, his works on the inner teachings of Torah; i.e., *Kabbalah* and *Chassidus*, beginning with his notes on *Likkutei Torah*.²⁸

THREE TIMES ON THE YAHRTZEIT

• Ideally, we should study from the teachings of the Tzemach Tzedek on at least three occasions during the twenty-four hours of his *yahrtzeit* – the more, the better!²⁸

HIS TEACHINGS ON RAMBAM

• Preferably, we should link the Tzemach Tzedek's *yahrtzeit* (on the 13th of Nissan) with *Rambam's* birthday (on the 14th of Nissan). This is done by studying the Tzemach Tzedek's

28. Night of 13 Nissan, 5751, *Hisvaaduyos*, p. 48; and *Parshas Tzav*, 5750; *Hisvaaduyos*, p. 29.

Bring Moshiach through study

We should increase those aspects of our Divine service that have the particular ability to hasten and actually bring the Redemption ... with special focus on timely themes ... [such as our service related to] the *yahrtzeit* of the Tzemach Tzedek.

In his Torah teachings, as is known, the Tzemach Tzedek put extraordinary effort into unifying the inner and revealed teachings of Torah. This is something that brings the true and complete Redemption led by Moshiach, who is referred to, [among his many other names and titles,] as both "Tzemach" and "Tzedek." Therefore, we should make certain to utilize this propitious day ... to add in our study of the Tzemach Tzedek's works (*Parshas Tzav*, 5750; *Hisvaaduyos*, p. 29).

explanations of *Rambam's* works, as well as the Chassidic explanations of the topics written in the beginning of *Rambam's Mishneh Torah*.²⁹

FOLLOW HIS DIRECTIVES

• We should add in our observance of the directives of the Tzemach Tzedek: instructions that are recorded in his works, as well as directives that have been transmitted orally. This is especially pertinent to our generation, which has merited [access to] the prolific publication of his many teachings, including his numerous directives.³⁰

HIS TEACHINGS ON NISSAN AND PESACH

• We should begin with the Tzemach Tzedek's teachings and directives pertaining to the month of Nissan and the festival of

29. G-d's Unity

We should promote the study of *Rambam*, beginning with the daily study cycles.

Ideally, we should "combine" *Rambam's* birthday with the Tzemach Tzedek's *yahrtzeit* by studying the Tzemach Tzedek's explanations of *Rambam's* works, as well as the Chassidic explanations of the topics written in the beginning of *Rambam's [Mishneh Torah]*: "To know that there is a Primordial Being ... and that all existence ... exists only within the truth of His existence."

[Note that the Rebbe's birthday (the 11th of Nissan) is also in close proximity to the *Rambam's* birthday, and the Rebbe likewise has many explanations of *Rambam* in general, and especially on the beginning of *Mishneh Torah*.]

First study laws, then discover secrets

We should also study those topics to which the *Rambam* merely hinted, in keeping with the verse, "Give [a hint] to the wise and he will become even wiser." The way to study *Rambam*, as is known, is to first study the plain meaning of the laws, which he set down – [to quote his own description of his work] – "using clear terminology" but "in a concise manner."

Following this, we should scrutinize *Rambam's* brief statements (written "in a concise manner") to discover the great breadth that these statements contain.

We can also derive matters that *Rambam* himself never even (consciously) had in mind when composing his work. Such matters were [certainly present, but were] concealed and merely alluded to, even within the *Rambam's* own mind These were later brought to light and innovated by future veteran scholars.

It is worth adding that the ability for a veteran scholar to introduce such innovations is actually within the grasp of each and every Jew... (Night of 13 Nissan, 5751; *Hisvaaduyos*, pp. 48-49).

30. Erev Pesach, 5750; *Hisvaaduyos*, p. 44.