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It is the most extraordinary wonder how it is possible that our righteous Moshiach still has not come in actual reality, something that cannot be understood at all; if they cried "Until when" in truth, Moshiach would certainly have come already; I have done my part - do all in your power - actions that are in a way of lights of Tohu but in vessels of Tikun - to bring in reality our righteous Moshiach immediately

(Thursday evening, erev Shabbos Kadosh, Parshas Shmini, 28 Nissan)

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We are actually standing at the end of exile, soon, soon the Redemption will come; the world and the nations prepare and assist the way to Redemption, as explained in detail; to increase in "our actions and Divine service," specifically learning Torah in matters of Redemption

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concerning Redemption, in the Written Torah (that "all¹⁴ the books are filled with this subject") and the Oral Torah: Mishneh, Gemara, Midrashim, etc.

(From the talk of Shabbos Parshas Acharei-Kedoshim, 13 Iyar 5751)

14. Rambam, *Laws of Kings*, chapter 11, halacha 2.

(This includes the discovery last week of precious stones and pearls in the farthest corner of the world, through the blessings of G-d. (This is analogous to "The princes brought the onyx stones and the stones for the ephod and breastplate."¹¹ (These were used for the priestly garments, that were [miraculously] brought to them by the clouds.¹²) The intention is they should be used for adorning brides, increasing tzedekah, etc.)

The practical conclusion of what has been said is: the Redemption comes precisely through the service in exile, from revealing the master of the world in "exile,"¹³ so that this generation, the last generation of exile, will be the first generation of Redemption.

And G-d helps us see in the recent world events how the world itself is assisting and leading to the Redemption.

This simply means - as mentioned above - that every Jew must increase in "our actions and our service" in general that bring the Redemption, including and particularly - as talked about in the previous gathering - learning the Torah

11. *Vayakhel* 35:27.

12. *Targum Yonasan* on the verse.

13. *[There is a play on words in the Hebrew: exile is "golah" and redemption is "geulah." The difference between them in Hebrew is the letter "Aleph." The word "Alufo" means L-rd or master. The letter "Aleph" also has the numerical value of one. Thus, the "Master of the world" is the "Alufo of the world." He is also the "Alef" - the only One. By revealing the "Alufo," the "Alef" is also revealed, which transforms "golah" (without an alef) into "geulah" (with an alef). Translator's note.]*

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From what has been said previously about emphasizing the subject of Redemption (especially) at this time - emerges the absolutely incredible: **how is it possible that notwithstanding all these things - we have not yet accomplished the coming of our righteous Moshiach in actual reality?!... something completely beyond comprehension!**

Equally incredible - that when ten (and many times ten) Jews gather together, and in a worthy time with regard to Redemption, and nevertheless, they don't create an uproar to cause the coming of Moshiach immediately and instantly, and it's not inconceivable to them, G-d forbid, that Moshiach won't come this night, and also tomorrow our righteous Moshiach won't come and also the day after tomorrow our righteous Moshiach won't come, G-d forbid!

Also, when they cry, "Ad Mosai" [Until when will we remain in exile] - it's because they were told to. If they meant it and desired it and cried **sincerely**, with absolute certainty Moshiach would have already come!

What more can I do so that all the children of Israel should create an uproar and cry sincerely and cause Moshiach to come in reality, since all that was done until now, **has had no effect**, and the proof is, that we find ourselves still in exile, and most essentially - an inner exile in Divine service.

The only thing I am able to do - is to turn the matter [over] to you: **do everything in your ability** - things that are in the

nature of lights of Tohu, but, in vessels of Tikun¹ - **to actually bring our righteous Moshiach immediately, instantly, in reality.**

And may it be His will that ultimately ten Jews will be found who are "obstinate" enough to obligate themselves to move G-d, and certainly G-d will be moved - as it is written,² "Because it is a stiff-necked people (to their benefit,³ and therefore) You will pardon our iniquity and our sin and take us for Your inheritance" - to actually bring the true and complete Redemption immediately, instantly, in reality.

In order to hasten and speed the Redemption even more through my actions - I will increase and give to each and every one of you shlichus-mitzvah⁴ to give to tzedekah [charity], for "great is tzedekah since it draws near the Redemption."⁵

I have done my part; from now on, you do all that you can.

And may it be G-d's Will that there will be found among you one, two, three that will devise a plan what to do and how

1. *[Tohu is the primordial world of chaos; Tikun is the world of order that follows it. Translator's note.]*

2. *Tissa 34:9.*

3. See *Shmos Rabba*, end of chapter 42.

4. *[Shlichus-mitzvah literally means the mission or assignment which performs a mitzvah. It is customary to give someone who is leaving on a journey tzedekah for an institution (of his choice) at his destination. He thus becomes a "shliach" or emissary with the assignment of delivering tzedekah elsewhere. The Talmud states that an individual who travels to perform a mitzvah (as opposed to reasons of business or pleasure) is protected by the merit of that mitzvah. Translator's note]*

5. *Bava Basra 10:1.* And see *Tanya* chapter 37.1a)

own citizens, it used them to rescue unfortunate people, particularly small children, from the cold, and indeed, from the very opposite of life.¹⁰

One sees thereby the compassion of the citizens of this country: when they heard and saw the suffering or others, not their own relatives, and with whom they had no connection - the country was aroused to help them. According to the principles of this country regarding tzedekah, it helps people throughout the whole world, and it doesn't even wait to be asked to help.

Similarly, it's also known that recently the leader of this country came out with a declaration and detailed directive regarding children's education. This was consistent with a declaration the president made at the beginning of his tenure, concerning his ambition to be remembered as the "education president" for the actions and large, positive reforms that he would introduce to strengthen education in the country.

...And this is in addition to the many things that daily occur by Divine Providence, whether in general or in relation to each one in their personal matters. The purpose of all this is to reveal even more how the world is helping to make a dwelling place for G-d in this lowest world and bring the Redemption.

10. *[The Rebbe - in the spirit of the Talmudic dictum to employ clean and positive language - frequently employed the euphemism "the opposite of life." Translator's note.]*

It was not this way previously, when specifically the Jewish people (even though "You are the smallest of all the nations"⁷) accomplished the intention of making a dwelling place in the lower world,⁸ while several governments of the nations of the world behaved in a cruel fashion to each other. Their main occupation was their own benefit, either by conquering the other countries, etc.

Among the obvious things which occurred very recently, where we see how the world and the nations of the world are preparing and assisting the way to the Redemption, are the areas of tzedekah and education, two fundamental foundations for civilizing the world, "He formed it to be inhabited."⁹

The recent events have become well-known and publicized (in all the newspapers). This country (founded on tzedekah and kindness, as is known) has used its great power to help and rescue people in a distant region of the world (far away from the country), even though the citizens of this country receive no direct benefit.

This country sent many people and soldiers from its army to assist the refugees in those places, together with food, clothing and medicine. Instead of using the planes for conquest, and instead of using the food and clothing for its

to do it, and most essentially - that it will produce the true and complete Redemption in actual reality, with joy and a glad heart.

(From the talk of Thursday evening and the eve of the holy Shabbos Parshas Shmini, 28 Nissan, 5751)

7. *Va'eschanan* 7:7.

8. *[The Previous Rebbe explains in his discourse Basi L'gani that G-d's intention behind creation was to make a dwelling place for G-dliness in even the lowest physical realm of existence, that is, this world. Translator's note.]*

9. *Yeshayahu* 45:18.

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From what was said previously, one may discover several lessons regarding the service of the Jews to bring the Redemption, and what must be done to prepare for the Redemption, as we stand now at the end of exile, "golah," with the Redemption coming momentarily.

...Worldly affairs themselves and the nations of the world themselves (even in the time of exile) are (in truth) assisting in the service of bringing the Redemption.

It may be suggested that at the end of the time of exile, close to the Redemption, this assistance appears in a more open fashion.

We see this especially in the recent generations and even more in recent times, specifically in the latest days:

In previous generations, (most) Jews lived among countries which in general were a hindrance and an obstacle, etc. ([the trouble] will not rise twice)¹ to the service of G-d.

However, in recent generations, (most) Jews live among benevolent governments, primarily this country² (in which the largest number of Jews and Jewish institutions are located). This enables the Jews to achieve an inner Redemption in their

1. The language of Scriptures - *Nachum* 1:9. And see *Likkutei Sichos* volume 23, page 306, note 55.

2. [*The United States. Translator's note.*]

service, so that they should perform the service which will bring the actual Redemption. Then the benevolent government will also help the Jews to return to the land of Israel (in the language of Scriptures:³ And they will bring all your brethren, etc.).

And in this last year we see how this attitude towards the Jewish people has spread to other countries, even to that country,⁴ which (until recently) placed limitations on the freedom of the Jews in their observance of Torah and mitzvos, and also on their emigration from that country. Their attitude has now been reversed, for they permit Jews to observe Torah and mitzvos and allow Jews to leave there (without the previous restrictions). On the contrary - they are now helping the Jews to travel to the Holy Land. This is a prelude of the assistance the nations of the world will give the Jewish people to go out of exile and into the Holy Land, in the complete and true Redemption.

In addition to the direct assistance from the nations of the world to the Jews, we also see instances where the nations of the world themselves perform acts of goodness and kindness, which reveal even more that there is a Master to this palace.⁵ All of this is a preparation for "And the kingdom will be the L-rd's"⁶ in the complete and true Redemption.

3. *Yeshayahu* 66:20.

4. [*The Soviet Union. Translators note.*]

5. See *Bereishis Rabba* beginning of chapter 39.

6. The end of *Ovadyah*.