



DAILY BOOST

20 MENACHEM AV

GEULAH THROUGH GOLUS

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LIVING WITH SELF-SACRIFICE

Today marks the passing of the Rebbe's Father, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak. The Rebbe would often speak about his father's self-sacrifice for uncompromised Jewish observance in the Soviet Union:

Rambam teaches, "Not only the tribe of Levi, but any one of the inhabitants of the world whose spirit generously motivates him [..., if] he understands with his wisdom to set himself aside and stand before God to serve Him [..., he] is as sanctified as the Holy of Holies. G-d will be his portion and heritage forever...."

My father exemplified this path. Throughout his life, he dedicated himself to Torah and mitzvos. The Soviet government pressured other rabbis into issuing proclamations declaring their support for the government and their willingness to accept its authority. My father, however, conducted himself as a rav did in previous generations, teaching Torah without compromise. Furthermore, he did this with great self-sacrifice....

We must all spread Judaism with self-sacrifice. Just as the tribe of Levi is counted from infancy, we must educate our children in this path from birth. This will hasten the time when the tribe of Levi will serve once again, in the Third Temple.

(Sichas 20 Menachem Av, 5751)

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