

Inspirational Story

Let me share with you a truly uplifting story. A story which depicts the אהבת תורה and the love the גדולי בני תורה ישראל have for each תורה.

When Rav Leizer Yudel Finkel זצ"ל was the Rosh Hayeshiva of the מיר in ירושלים the yeshiva consisted primarily of yungeleit and only a handful of בחורים. One בחור approached Rav Leizer Yudel and informed him that he wished to transfer to the Brisker yeshiva which was also in ירושלים.

Rav Leizer Yudel responded, we have Rav Nachum Partzovitz and his father in law, Rav Chaim Shmulevitz and from what I understand you are one of the Chashuva talmidim of Rav Nachum and you are "shteiging" very much. You still have much that you can learn and grow from him. What is the rush? Remain and grow.

The בחור out of respect for Rav Leizer Yudel remained until the end of the זמן. However, for the next זמן he transferred to Brisk without consulting the Rosh Hayeshiva again.

The Brisker Yeshiva, unlike today had no dormitory facilities. Bochurim would join together and rent a "dira". The בחור tried but was unable to find appropriate lodging. Without letting anyone know he slept in the Mir. During the day he learned in Brisk and at night he stayed in the Mir.

One morning upon leaving his room Rav Leizer Yudel passed by. The Rosh Hayeshiva commented "I have not seen you the last few weeks..." where have you been?

Oy oy, Rosh Hayeshiva what should I do? My heart is pulling me to Brisk. The בחור quickly added I do not plan on lodging at Yeshiva permanently. I searched and searched but could not find a place to stay. The moment I find a place I will leave.

The Rosh Hayeshiva raised his voice in agitation. It is not enough that you left our bais medrash. Now you want to leave our Dormitory!

Can you imagine such אהבת התורה so long as a בחור is מצליח..... So long as a בחור has what he needs the Rosh Hayeshiva was happy.

The גדולים lived and breathed torah not for their own כבוד rather for כבוד of הוא ברוך הקדוש ברוך הוא.

Magnificent lesson, we live for כבוד שמים under all circumstances.