

כד טבת

Yartzeit of the Alter Rebbe

**HEY SHKUCHIM KIDS!
 READY FOR AN ADVENTURE? READY TO MEET
 NAPOLEON THE GREAT? AND A CHASID WHO BE-
 CAME A SPY? TO HEAR WHY THE ALTER REBBE
 HAD TO LEAVE LIADI?
 READ ON TO FIND OUT ALL ABOUT IT!**

NAPLEON OR CZAR ALEXANDER?

There was a big argument amongst the Maggid's talmidim. Most if the Rebeim wanted Napoleom to win but the Alter Rebbe wanted the Russian Czar to win. If Napoleon would win things would be very good for the Yidden B'gashmius that means, they would have plenty of money and food. The goyim would accept them. They would be able to live wherever they wanted and work wherever they wanted.

But and this is a big but they would assimilate easily and forget about Hashem.

If the czar would win, the Yidden would still be oppressed and poor, but they would continue to keep the Torah and Mitzvos.



NAPLEON BONAPARTE

Napoleon Bonaparte was a great French general. He went to war with many countries around him and won



every single one! In a few years he had conquered Italy, Switzerland, Austria and more.

But Napoleon wasn't satisfied with that. He wanted to conquer Russia as well.

IN FLIGHT

On Friday, כ"ט אב the Alter Rebbe left Liadi with an entourage of 60 wagons, and an armed guard, supplied by

left the Alter Rebbe took everything with him. The group had already Alter Rebbe requested him back to Liadi. When the his Chassidim to search nothing was left. They the attic and a few other

the Russian army. Before they stripped his house bare and traveled a few miles, when the that two soldiers should escort Alter Rebbe returned he asked his house again and make sure found an old pair of slippers in items. Then on the Alter Rebbe's command, they set the house on fire. The Alter Rebbe gave a Beracha to the Chassidim who were staying behind and quickly left the city.

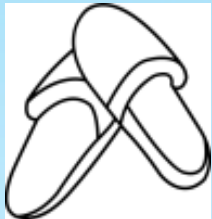


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 MOSCOW!**

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IN PURSUIT



As the Alter Rebbe was leaving from one end, Napoleon and his troops were entering from the other. The general headed directly to the Rebbe's house. When he saw that it was aflame, he was furious. He offered a lot of money if anyone would come forward with something that belonged to the Alter Rebbe, but he was unsuccessful.

The reason for this behavior is that Napoleon had כוחות הטומאה , powers of Tumah. If he would have had an object of the Alter Rebbe's, he might have been able to cause damage to him with his special powers. The Alter Rebbe outsmarted Napoleon however, and there was not one item of his left in the city for Napoleon to use.

OPEN NEVUA

The Alter Rebbe and his group crossed the Dniepr river and made it to a village a half hour before Shabbos. After Shabbos they continued traveling until they reached the city of Pyatne.

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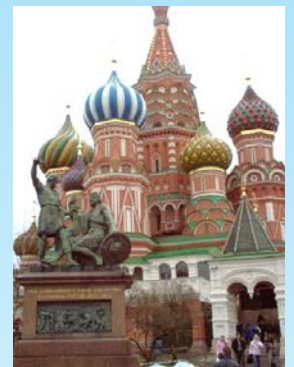
On ערב ראש השנה , the Alter Rebbe was extremely distraught, and cried bitterly. On ראש השנה itself, he told the Mittler Rebbe: "I saw that the situation changed and our side will be victorious. Napoleon will conquer Moscow, but it will be temporary."

day, the group was forced to flee again, because Napoleon's army was coming closer and closer.

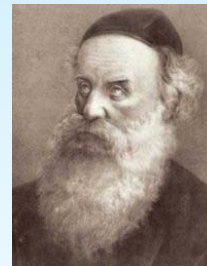
Throughout the travels, the אלטער רבי , displayed open prophecy. He spoke about what would happen, and everything he said always

MOSCOW!

On יום כיפור Napoleon entered Moscow, the capital city of Russia. The אלטער רבי began to cry upon hearing this update. The אלטער רבי assured him that Napoleon's downfall was imminent. Two months later, on the Shabbos of י' כסלו the Rebbe announced that this week would be Napoleon's downfall. Indeed, five days later, Napoleon began his long and disastrous retreat out of Russia. Czar Alexander I and the Russian army beat the great and invincible Napoleon! But who was really pulling the strings (Besides Hashem of course)? The Alter Rebbe!



NISTALKUS



On ה' טבת , the אלטער רבי arrived in a small village called Pyena. They decided to settle there until they could find a permanent residence for the Rebbe. On ט' טבת "the Alter Rebbe became ill from the travels' and the anguish. Five days later, on כ"ד טבת , the Alter Rebbe was Nistalek. He was 68 years old. 68 = Chayim. The אלטער רבי was in קרעמענשטוג at the time of his father's passing. He had gone there to see if it would

be an appropriate place for them to settle. He was informed when he returned to Pyena. He laid his father to rest in the city of Haditch. But of course, a Tzaddik never truly passes away. We, as Chabad Chassidim, are only here today because of the Alter Rebbe. So we are proof that Alter Rebbe lives on!