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ר' מרדכי בן ר' אברהם

R' Mordechai Twerski (1840–8 Tammuz 1917) was the son of R' Avraham, the Triska Maggid (d. 2 Tammuz 1889), who was the son of R' Mordechai of Chernobyl. The Triska Maggid married Rikel, daughter of R' Yaakov Aryeh, who was the son of R' Mordechai of Neshchiz.

The Triska Maggid would say that it took three years from the passing of his father (R' Mordechai of Chernobyl, 20 Iyar 1837) to create a son who would continue his legacy.

R' Mordechai married Chanah, daughter of R' Asher Perlow, son of R' Aharon of Stolin (the Beis Aharon). He later settled in Kuzmir. During World War I, he relocated to Kielce, where he passed away.

The Triska Maggid once said: "Whoever partners with my son, Rav Mordechai, will be successful."

R' Mordechai's nephew and student, R' Nissan Yehudah Leib Twerski of Kielce, published *Maamar Mordechai* posthumously.

Quick Davening

R' Mordechai Twerski once related that when he was a young boy, one Shavuot morning his father, the Triska Maggid, was honored to be *sandik* at a bris. Normally, the Triska Maggid would daven quickly at dawn on Shavuot morning. After davening, he asked young Mordechai if he would join him at the bris.

The boy responded that he had not yet davened. His father then asked how much time he thought he would need. Mordechai replied that he needed about ten minutes. His father told him he would wait and that he should go daven.

The boy went and davened quickly. When he finished, he returned to find his father waiting. As he approached, his father looked at the clock and saw that ten minutes had not yet passed. The Triska Maggid was very pleased and exclaimed:

“You should know that your grandfather, R’ Mottel Neshchizer, was able to daven the entire Tefillas Shacharis in five minutes, while keeping in mind all the proper *kavanos* of the Ari HaKadosh, in addition to his own. If you would also be able to daven like that, it would make me very happy.”

R’ Mordechai explained how such a thing is possible:

“It says in sefer *Reishis Chochmah* (Shaar HaAhavah, Perek 6) that there is a special *malach* that has a thousand mouths, and each mouth has a thousand tongues—each capable of offering *shira* and praise to Hashem. If a tzaddik attaches himself to this *malach*, he too can daven with extraordinary capacity. Although it is usually difficult to attach oneself to this awesome *malach*, on Shavuot—the day of Kabbalas HaTorah, when we are in closer proximity to the heavenly *malachim*—it becomes much easier to do so.”

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We can learn important lessons from this story. On the day of Kabbalas HaTorah, we are especially close to Heaven and able to reach

levels of *avodas* Hashem that are beyond us at other times. We must seize this opportunity.

ALWAYS

Although R’ Mordechai only admitted that he himself could reach this level on Shavuot, the Triska Maggid did not make such a distinction regarding R’ Mottel Neshchizer. It appears that R’ Mottel was able to daven in this manner on other days as well.

HEILIGA DAVENING

Another lesson from this story is that things are not always as they appear. What may look like “quick davening” could in fact be something entirely different. When great tzaddikim, who are close to *malachim*, daven quickly, it is not merely fast—it is a higher form of tefillah, it is the *davening* of *malachim*!



R' MORDECHAI TWERSKI
(MAAMAR MORDECHAI)

QUICK MINCHA

This idea can help us understand another account. The Klausenberger Rebbe writes (*Divrei Yatziv, Orach Chaim* 99) that when he was young, he was in Skohl when R’ Areleh Belzer was present. He witnessed R’ Areleh begin davening Mincha approximately 70 minutes after shkiya and finish at tzeis hakochavim—within about two minutes!

TEFILLAH

It is also noteworthy that R’ Mordechai explains that the word *tefillah* means “connection.” This is based on Menachem ben Seruk’s interpretation of the name Naftali, as cited by Rashi (*Bereishis* 30:8). This idea is likewise found in the Noam Elimelech (*Parashas Vayishlach*).

ר' אהרן רוקח מבעלז

R’ Aharon Rokeach was born in 1880 to R’ Yissachar Dov, the third Rebbe of the Belzer dynasty. His mother, Basha Ruchama, was the granddaughter of R’ Aharon Twerski of Chernobyl, son (and successor) of R’ Mordechai of Chernobyl.

Although it would seem logical that he was named after his great-grandfather, when R’ Aharon of Belz met R’ Areleh (Koznitzer) Hopstein (who passed away without children; see *Fisher Family Legacy Haggadah*, page 191-197), he remarked: “We are both named after the same *zeide*, Rav Aharon Karliner.” (This is because R’ Mordechai of Chernobyl’s first wife, Chaya Sarah, was the daughter of Rav Aharon Karliner.)

After R’ Yissachar Dov’s passing in 1926, R’ Aharon became the leader of Belz, a position he held until his passing on 21 Av 1957.

He miraculously escaped World War II together with his half-brother, R’ Mordechai, the Rav of Bilgoraj (1902–1949). Tragically, their entire families were murdered. R’ Mordechai later remarried and had a son, who would go on to succeed R’ Aharon.