

III. "THE HAPPY LIGHT"
עוֹרֵי אֵשׁ וְאֵשׁ אֵלֶיךָ

- A) 1- R. Meir Dan Plotzky: DVIWIK - looked at all cities -- such small place, 2 such giants!
- 2- all 3 subjects - RHB; R; RMS - mutual respect, affection

B) LIFE

- 1. R. Meir of Tiktin long visit (אבן עזר רמב"ם) + wife + job in District of Vilna (RKK = respected merchant, (S.M.): blessing: ch - to be some fine y'v s'kn
- 2. ch. b. 1843, in honor (אבן עזר) + אבן עזר - called אבן עזר
- 3. at 7 - all פ"א; at 8 - all (אבן עזר) - אבן עזר. אבן עזר.
- at 10 - no more teachers, learned by self
- 4. POWERS CONCERN: R. Amiel - that RMS told him: 10 yrs old, climb ladder אבן עזר to see 100, stands up unit + learn. Only Rul calls: "MS - come down": MS: "Did I miss 100?". Rul: "Time for you to go!"
- 5. 13 yrs old -- visiting another, leaves MS on table. Next morning - filled w. marginal notes child'sh scribble. Angry. Strides - overwhelmed, אבן עזר. Kusses MS, predicts: אבן עזר.
- 6. 17 - to Eishkeshek to study
- 7. Marries Chaya Markovitz, Bialostok. Many years Corp. אבן עזר. אבן עזר - אבן עזר, he: student (ravenous of today...)
- 8. With expert אבן עזר. RMS: forgot words - she: supplied at once, אבן עזר
- 9. 1888 - at urging אבן עזר (and אבן עזר) - Mitnagim rabbinic position DVIWIK. Stay 30 yrs, till death
- 10. First sermon - important text: So involved - reported Web press:
 - a) ordinary אבן עזר (- אבן עזר), NOT אבן עזר אבן עזר
 - b) not only brilliant אבן עזר but also: אבן עזר; אבן עזר

11. Looks: Tall forehead, embarrassing short gray beard.

12. Many other other positions: Kovno, Pinsk, N.Y. (Rivers) - + Jerusalem. When Jewish threat to him 1906, Drunk went to Jewish community;

אין ארץ ישראל... (Hebrew text describing his activities and community involvement)

13. RMS - counselling. Father figure. St-couple came to. Spends hours counselling. Colleague walks in - finds all 3 holding hands in prayer...

14. WWI - most Jews flee Drunk. RMS - no. (Fatalistic - "every bullet, bomb has its address"). "As long as a Jew remain Drunk - I = 100%"

15. Poor, refused gifts. Prob'ly had problems loans not repaid to him. Said: why get communit...? To ensure not return there. Habit borrowers - make themselves scarce...

16. Even evil respect him. Often came to "dave" for adjudication.

17. People came to him for advice. Smile: "if you believe it will help - you have my blessing." strokes it e. said. (when they came to Rof... "go to go to...")

18. humor. argued in b-i-l (Rof/Rinkli). Both stubborn. Decided submit rabbi little (Gide near Bialystok...)

19. Deep, spirit'l side to personality. Fully... (Hebrew text describing his personality)

Q: why such far-out way saying "p..."? RMS and... (Hebrew text with a question and answer)

Why no 2nd part? - Bec. concluding words: עיניו - 25 23
(Kalman Kagan Kagan - relative RMS: he means very much, real)

20. POLITICAL MOVEMENTS: Spring 1919 - chief minister STOLIN demands Rabbis lam
speak Russian - as way legalizing Rabbis (during army w. P (in 1919)). Convention,
RHB + P (in 1919) - opposed. RMS a moderate - held sugg'n sensible, a
acceptance realistic. P (in 1919) w. RMS. So moderate. Prevails
(ygt: why fr. y P (in 1919) RMS. P (in 1919): RMS is 25 23)
(OT: at convention, elections. Candidates: if don't elect me - heart
attack - RMS - at least say 25 23)

21. ZIONISM. Belonged to it - ygt said: why people non-obs't z'it.
Also 25 23 P (in 1919). (ygt: no illusions, myths. Z'it in town here
3 P (in 1919) children, latter ok RMS which soon to begin. RMS: you'll
probly go on "fr - do learn - 25 23...)

C) HIS WORKS:

1. his classic: עיניו לר ארבעה (4 vols.)
2. his life on v. l. 6 lost (only 2 volumes recently found. publi'd)
3. נאום לר רבי'ן. (reported: 40 boxes of the individual lost -
18 boxes of RMS, 22 of R)
4. unlike RHB, R - did work on עיניו - altho didn't admit it.
(R taunted him - accused RMS of knowing all PP by heart)
5. נאום לר (= RN) ^(on Torah) last publi'd (posthumous - 1927) but first written.
gr. author: don't start w. עיניו - we go on for reputation... but RMS ^{it most} ^{Christian}
6. RN - very hard coming. Needs coming on it. Ruchvich Kuperman - offer
new edition - Kab, morphol - mostly Halic. "En Cik - d'yth RMS; in it
P (in 1919); in עיניו - see - 25 23 in it - see P (in 1919)

(TIME)

7. EX. philol. - tym anwar

a) 2 Qs: why not centralised, why not force, why not... After 1917's great elaboration...

b) why is it not mentioned in all places?

c) AM'S ANSWERS: with it, no need for a... pattern...

- ONLY AFTER 1917 was centralisation needed for...
- Before 1917 - every gov. working at... with...
- THIS - EVERY gov. had...
- AFTER 1917 - ONLY gov. = ... & gov. = gov.
- NOW, mention that ... - ...
- NOW - gov. = bet. gov. & gov., so mention...
- bec. gov. gov. = gov. & gov. no...
- so: gov. gov. gov. gov., so bet. gov. & gov., even indiv'l could get...
- ∴ MASS NOT KNOWN
- BUT AFTER 1917, when indiv. ≠ gov., problem...
- ... law: gov.

E. CONCLUSION:

1. Summer 1926 - sick. To Riga for medical attention
2. 2 days before 11:00, student (Plekhanov's pupil) enters room. RNS eyes closed, not hear. Bends over to hear what saying. (Hans: RNS reviewing 11:00-11:30)
3. On 11/15, 1926 - dies in Riga. 83 yrs. old, no children.
4. Tremorist winds at 11:00 in Riga. Body on train to Duinsk. Every stop - whole population of town turned out.
5. In Duinsk, Rogatschewer orders that planks of his 13/100 be broken in him.
6. All Duinsk turned out to funeral, plunged in mourning. At 8 AM start, stop takes place at 10:30 AM.
7. Eye witness describes the thousands in the air, w. hundreds upon hundreds of candles casting eerie glow. A prayer. During life - was HAPPY LIGHT - and now, both. Now - and now, but LIGHT of his soul shine forever.