

"The Brisker Dynasty"

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- I. 1. An example of the finest Jewish aristocracy -- that of Torah scholarship -- the "237-12"
2. Lithuania ^{before} ~~after~~ RHV (R. Hayyim Volozhiner) -- a desert. After him -- an oasis. VY (Volozhiner Yeshiva) has been termed "not a town, or school, but a concept."
3. The "Dynasty": RHV; his son R. Isaac (R. Itzelle); then his first son-in-law R. Elizer Isaac, who died young, had very brief tenure. Then controversy over succession between R. Isaac's 2nd son-in-law, 237, & R. Joseph Baer Soloveitchik (237-112). A famous & distinguished 237-113 (including N [Netiv] 237-115) decided in favor of 237. (Later, N [Netiv] and RJB reconciled; latter's son married former's gr-daughter).

In last days of 237, the Russians got closed down Yeshiva. During these last days, RHB (R. Hayyim Brisker) was his unofficial asst. RHB was 237-111 in VY, then succeeded his father as Rabbi of Brisk.

RHB's sons: R. Simcha, R. Mordechai, R. Velvel;

RHB's son-in-law: RSB 237-112

4. JB's typological essay: "237-112" -- its profound influence on whole generation of Am. Orth. Rabbis. Generalized, however, it's only 1/2 the story. Plot: "237-112" (ms).

II. General characteristics (of 237-112):

1. Total Dedication Torah. RHV's seriousness in Torah: 237-112, that was it: 112.
2. Centrality of Hal. RHV on 237-112. R. Velvel m: 237 for purpose of giving us 237-112.

for RHV on 237-112 237-112 237-112

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9. ענייני חינוך ופיקוח

- חינוך: purposeful life
- חינוך in function of Rabbi (small seminar on Chofetz Chaim)
- חינוך during שבת in Brisk (seminar)
- " in מוסדות חינוך (seminar ")

10. Our own Chofetz Chaim - חינוך

his intellectual integrity
his personal life