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Eliyahu Hanavi - Elijah the Prophet



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Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev (northern Ukraine, 1740–1809), also known as the holy Berdichever, was a great Chassidic rabbi, well known for his classic book “Kedushat Levi”.

A week before Pesach, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak and his family were busy preparing for Seder night. A Jew named Chaim from a village in Russia came knocking on the door. The rabbi welcomed Chaim warmly and offered him a box of matzot and tzedaka money. Chaim surprisingly responded, “I have no financial difficulty. We have plenty of matzot and no shortage of food... but I need your advice. Every Seder night, I open the door to greet Eliyahu Hanavi

(Elijah the Prophet), and he never appears. I have tried everything, purchased the largest cup of wine, and decorated the table with expensive utensils... but Eliyahu never comes.” Rabbi Levi Yitzchak gave Chaim the address of a family in his village and told him that Eliyahu would appear at their door. Chaim was delighted.

Chaim returned to Russia and visited the family where Eliyahu was expected to appear. He asked the family if they would kindly host him and his family for Seder night. The family was happy to host but had very little to offer. No matzot, food or wine were available, the roof was leaking and the table was broken. Chaim brought in builders to fix the roof, purchased a large new table, and shared his matzot, food and wine with the poor family in honour of Eliyahu Hanavi.

The families enjoyed a beautiful Seder together. Finally, the moment had arrived! Chaim ran to the door and waited outside with great anticipation. He stayed up all night in the freezing cold, but Eliyahu was nowhere to be seen.


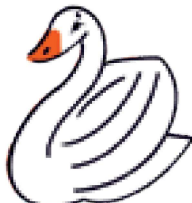
After Seder night, Chaim returned to Rabbi Levi Yitzchak. “I did everything possible to greet Eliyahu Hanavi, but he never arrived”. Rabbi Levi Yitzchak smiled and assured Chaim that Eliyahu Hanavi would appear if he returned to the poor family for the last days of Pesach.

Chaim travelled back to his village, prepared the best food and wine, and returned to the poor family. As he knocked on the door, he heard the children announcing with excitement: “Mame (Mummy)... Tatti (Daddy)... Eliyahu Hanavi has returned!”

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