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It was revealed Min HaShomayim (from Heaven) to the Heilige Ba'al Shem Tov ZY"A, that there was a Gezeiroh (decree) R"L on Klall Yisroel in the forthcoming year. The Ba'al Shem Tov strived himself and his Talmidim to do all within their power of Tefilloh (prayer) to be Mivatel (annul) the Gezeiroh. Yom Kippur had arrived and the Gezeiroh was not yet withdrawn. On Yom Kippur, a child who did not know how to read Loshon HaKodesh came to Shul and in his great simplicity started to sing the letters of Aleph Beis. After Yom Kippur the Ba'al Shem Tov revealed, that it was in the Zechus (merit) of this child that the decree was cancelled. The sincereness of this boy's Tefillos accomplished the annulling of the Gezeiroh.

In a relative note, in the Sefer Divrei Emunoh, it is mentioned a story which took place in Teveria in the times of the Talmidei Ba'al Shem Tov ZY"A, who settled in Eretz Yisroel. In Teveria there was a Shul from the time of Yehoshua Ben Nun, which was rebuilt at that time. The rededication was to take place the night of Yom Kippur and to the greatness of the event it would be attended only by great Tzadikim, Talmidei Chachomim and leaders of the community. On the night of Yom Kippur as the Chanukas Habayis was taking place, a simple Yid from Kazakhstan approached the Beis Keneses, as he too wanted to partake in the Mamad (ceremony). The watchmen at the door did not let him in, but that did not stop him from doing his. He started running back and forth in the courtyard reciting the Aleph Beis to his tune as was his ability. Rav Avrohom of Kalisk ZY"A, who was in the Shul, suddenly realized a great "Ohr – Spiritual light", which was coming from the courtyard, from the actions of the simple Yid through his sincere actions. As this week is Shabbos Shuvoh, we must see to it, to do Teshuvoh, that our Shabbos is kept to its entirety. As the Mishnoh Beruroh quotes in the Hakdomoh (introduction) to Chelek Gimmel (Vol. 3), "One who does not learn the laws of Shabbos cannot observe it properly". This Shabbos is a true beginning!

וַיֵּלֶךְ מֹשֶׁה וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֶל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל: ספר דברים פרק ל"א פ"א

Moshe went and spoke these words to all of Yisroel. (31:1)

In Rashi it is quoted the words "Vayeilech Moshe" without a commentary. And this is surprising, as it is not the manner of Rashi to write words when there is not an explanation following it. It seems that this is the actual description. Each and every Yid felt that Moshe is going from them and there will not be one like him, even though he is steadily advocating for Klall Yisroel, but he is not present with Klall Yisroel. In contrast to Yehoshua, who was as the Levonoh (moon) to Moshe who was the Chamoh (sun), even when he was Nifter, Pinchos and the Zikeinim (Elders) remained, and it was not as sorely felt the loss. Even though as long as Yehoshua lived, Klall Yisroel kept the Torah with adherence as so when Moshe was living, as Rashi explains (31:29, As long as Yehoshua was alive it was as if Moshe was alive, and they did not sin). This they should have felt but did not and were punished accordingly. So too it must be felt with the Petiroh (passing) of every great person, and if it is not felt, it is a great deficiency.

- Sefer Kol Rom - Rav Moshe Feinstein ZY"A

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