



### ELUL – THE KING SMILES Children's Rally – 1 Elul, 5747-1987

The entire month of Elul, from the first day on, is a time which the Alter Rebbe describes metaphorically similar to a human king, who leaves his capital, and goes out to the field and the people in the field gather to greet him outside of the city. He looks upon each of them, and upon all of them together, with a smiling, happy countenance.

His smile expresses his love for them, and He waits for them that when they greet him and turn to him with their requests, – as one would turn to a king for whatever they need – he stands ready to fulfill those requests happily, and with a smile to the one making the request, and to all those who are present.

In addition, those who are in the field are able, when the time comes for the King to return to the city and to his palace, to escort him through the field and into the capital.

This metaphor was taught by a leader of the Jewish people, who was a guide, teaching future generations how to conduct their daily lives.

Surely, since he knew that this lesson would reach each and every Jew, he chose the metaphor carefully, and we can learn from every detail, and apply it to our lives.

From the parable it is clear that this access is not only for ministers of the king – to the contrary, the parable is specifically of ordinary people, who are gathered “in the field.” So surely this metaphor applies to children even more so than to others.

As we see from the parable, that if one comes to children to tell them that the King of their country will be in the field, where anyone can approach him, receive a smile, and have the opportunity to make a request – which he will fulfill, since he is waiting for the request – surely, every child will not only take advantage of the opportunity, but he will do so with the greatest joy! He will set aside all other matters, in order to meet the King face-to-face.

And he can be assured, since we are told so by the Torah of Truth, – that the King will receive him joyfully and with a shining countenance; He waits for the child to request his needs, and He will fulfill them.

We can see from the parable, and it needs no explanation, how each of you feel: You are being approached and told to set aside everything else because you have a special opportunity, just this one month a year, to meet the King face- to-face, to see him, speak with him, and receive all that you need.

One can understand how each of you feel, and how this is brought into action in your behavior.



## פרשת שופטים

The Torah of Truth tells each of you, all of us, and the entire Jewish people – that you should know, that this is literally the way it is!

Even though we do not see this with our physical eyes, it does not detract from the truth, from the power of it. To the contrary, it is even stronger, and accomplishes much more than something physical.

Since we know how lofty G-d is – physical eyes cannot even see Him; and nevertheless He relates to each and every one of you, and to all of us together, and with a smiling countenance.

This evokes our love for the King, our desire, and our sound commitment to act today as the King wishes; and the commitment should be so strong that we will continue throughout the year, to do G-d's will. And this immediately results in G-d's blessings resulting in, "Jews will rejoice in their Maker," each of you, and every single Jew.

Especially after you tell them of the Alter Rebbe's teaching, as an absolute truth, that you met, and are currently standing, together with the King, and the King looks upon you with a cheerful countenance.

When you undertake all these good resolutions, He assists you with that as well; enabling you to fulfill these resolutions with joy and happiness. As we said: "The Jewish people will rejoice in their Maker."

