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The king agreed that it would be a good idea to send Joseph to the church where he could study some religion. In return for the favor, the priest had but one request: He exacted from Joseph a promise that he, the priest, would not be disturbed for any reason during a given part of the morning. The priest was to spend that time in a special locked room which no one was allowed to enter. The king and Joseph agreed to this condition, and Joseph went with the priest to the church.

Within a year, the priest had taught Joseph all there was to know about Christianity. Joseph began to get restless. One day, while wandering around the church Joseph accidentally opened the door to the priest's private room. He saw something which was unbelievable.

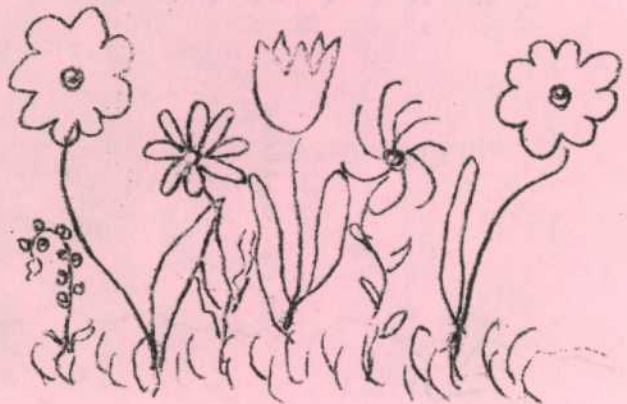
The priest was putting on tefillin and praying from a siddur. The priest motioned to Joseph to come to him. Joseph came, as if hypnotized, and the priest explained that he was really a Jew who pretended he was a priest so that he could continue practicing his Jewish faith.

Joseph was so impressed by what he had just seen, that he asked to be given instruction in Judaism. The priest referred him to a great rebbe who lived in Warsaw. Joseph, who hungered for knowledge, hurried to Warsaw to be taught by the famous rebbe. He was an outstanding student.

Joseph lived to be 123 years old. When he died the gates of heaven were open to him. But as he was about to enter the prosecuting angel called out, "Wait! Even though Joseph is a great saint and a great scholar, his mother was not Jewish. Joseph cannot enter heaven." In order to save Joseph the other angels decided to send him back to earth and have him born to a Jewish mother and live for two years.

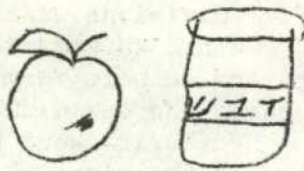
The Ba'al Shem Tov concluded his tale by telling the mother that her son who had died was really Joseph, who had been sent back to earth. The mother was granted another son who grew up to be the great Rav Shalom of Belz.

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אמנת האתנה
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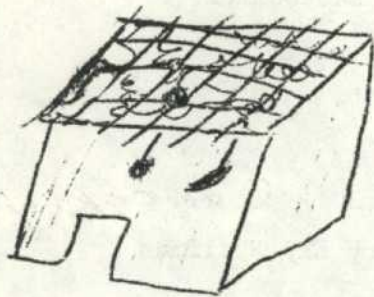
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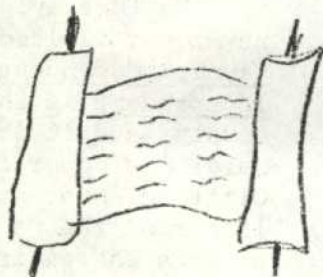
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וכולם מקבלים אותי לטובה.
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תקיעה, טבריים, ותרועה.



אני הקדוט מכל הימים
ובי אין אוכל ומים,
ה' מכפר את עווננינו,
ולקראת טנה טובה עינינו.



חג נעים אנוכי,
מראה שלי תיצוני
אבותינו יטבו בי במדבר
עד שכולם הגיעו ארצה.



הטמיני בין האחים אנוכי,
אבל כבוד גדול לי.
עם ישראל מתפלל לגטם,
לטתיו, לחורף, ולכל הזמנים.

הסימנים של חודט אלול הם:

- 1) אני לדודי ודודי לי—תפילה
- 2) ומל ה' אלוקיך את לבבך ואת לבבך—טטובה
- 3) ואסר לא צדה ואלוקים אנה לידו וטמתי לך—צדקה

מן חודט אלול עד אחרי יום כפור, כטכותכים מכתב, כותכים למעלה:
לטנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו