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The Tolna Rebbe of Jerusalem has emerged as one of the bright lights in the *chinuch* world. In addition to filling the conventional role of a *rebbe*, he is also a master pedagogue, orator, and thinker. The Rebbe's international appeal and sphere of influence is even more remarkable considering that he rarely ventures out of Eretz Yisrael.

This week, the Rebbe paid a rare visit to America for a wedding in New York. In an English-language address at the Lawrence home of Dr. Ezriel Diamond, the Rebbe, known for his great personal *simchah* and for bringing the message of the need for constant *simchah* to the world, wondered how a Yid can be *b'simchah* at this sad time of year.

The Rebbe explained that when a person visits a shivah home and sees a child of the *niftar* laughing, he immediately understands that the child is emotionally disturbed, and thus incapable of perceiving the sadness of his father's passing.

"The fact that we still feel the pain of not having a Beis HaMikdash," concluded the Rebbe, "and we continue to mourn so many years after the Churban, should be a source of great *simchah* and encouragement to us in these weeks. We should rejoice because we feel broken."

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