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ָרַבֵּנוּ הַזָּקֵן הָלַךְ לְמעֶזרִיטשׁ, בְּיַחַד עִם אָחִיו מַהֲרִי"ל, בִּשְׁנַת תקכ"ד. מַהֲרִי"ל הָלַךְ בְּלִי רְשׁוּת בֵּיתוֹ וְלָכֵן חָזַר מִדַּרְכּוֹ, וְרֵבֵּנוּ בָּא לְמעֶזְרִיטשׁ – וְשָׁהָה שָׁם, בַּפַּעַם הָרְאשׁוֹנָה, עַד אַחֲרֵי חַג הַפֶּסַח תּקכ"ה. שְׁבוּעַיִם הָיָה מְסוּפָּק אִם לְהִשָּׁאֵר שָׁם, וְהַמַּאֲמָר הָרָאשׁוֹן שֶׁשָּׁמַע הָיָה נַחֲמוּ נַחֲמוּ. וְיֵשׁ בָּזֶה סָפֵק אִם הוּא הַמַּאֲמָר הָרְאשׁוֹן לְבוֹאוֹ, אוֹ הָרָאשׁוֹן לְצוֹאוֹ, אוֹ הְרָאשׁוֹן לְאַחַר הַשְּׁבוּעִיּם שֶׁהֶחְלִיט לְהִשָּׁאֵר וְנִתְקַשֵּׁר.

The Alter Rebbe journeyed to Mezritch together with his brother Maharil,1 in 5524 (1764). Maharil had set out without permission from his wife, and therefore returned in the midst of the journey. The Alter Rebbe arrived in Mezritch and remained there — on this first occasion — until after Pesach in 5525 (1765). For [the first] two weeks he had been undecided as to whether to stay or not.

The first maamar he heard [from the Maggid] was entitled Nachamu Nachamu.2 It is not known whether this was the first maamar he heard after his arrival, or the first he heard after two weeks that convinced him to stay and establish a connection [to the Maggid].3