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Hayom Yom: 27 Kislev, Day 3 of Chanukah

בַּמַּאֲסָר הַשֵּׁנִי שֶׁל רַבֵּנוּ הַזָּקֵן – בִּשְׁנַת תקס"א – לֹא יָשַׁב בִּתְפִיסָא וּמַאֲסָר כָּבֵד כְּבָרִאשׁוֹנָה. אֲבָל הַמַּלְשִׁינוּת הָיְתָה כְבֵדָה יוֹתֵר, כִּי עִקָּר הַהַלְשָׁנָה הָיָה עַל תּוֹרַת הַחֲסִידוּת, וְהַהִּתְנַגְדוּת הָיְתָה גְּדוֹלָה בִּמְאוֹד. הָיָה תָּפוּס בּ"טַיינעֶ סָאוועֶט". יוֹם שֶׁיָצָא לְחֵרוּת: נֵר ג' דְּחַנוּכָּה.

During the Alter Rebbe's second incarceration, in 5561 (1800), the conditions of his confinement were not as harsh as they had been the first time. The slanderous charge, however, was far more severe, for it focused [not on himself personally but] on the teachings of Chassidus, and the opposition was intense. He was imprisoned in the Tainy Soviet prison, and was released on [the day of] the third Chanukah light.1