

The RYS Daily 11/13/06 More on Reb Yisroel's Son

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R. Israel also discerned the danger in students making science their major field of interest. Beside the harm that would ensue through the increase of ignorance and a declining familiarity with the sources, this would also entail alienation from religion and encourage assimilation. In a specific instance, he unequivocally expressed his views. He gave vent to his extreme grief at one of his sons, Yom Tov Lipman Lipkin, becoming a scientist.

Gifted with intelligence of the genius class, influenced, and aided and abetted by the Maskilim, Lipman left the parental home at the age of fifteen and studied philosophy at the universities of Koenigsberg and Vienna. After receiving the degree of doctor of philosophy, summa cum laude, he went to St. Petersburg for advanced research and in order to take up the post of professor. He invented a mechanical device to convert linear into circular motion thereby solving a problem which had baffled scientists until then. The machine was known as the "Lipman Parallelogram" or the "Lipman Mechanism" in the scientific world.

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