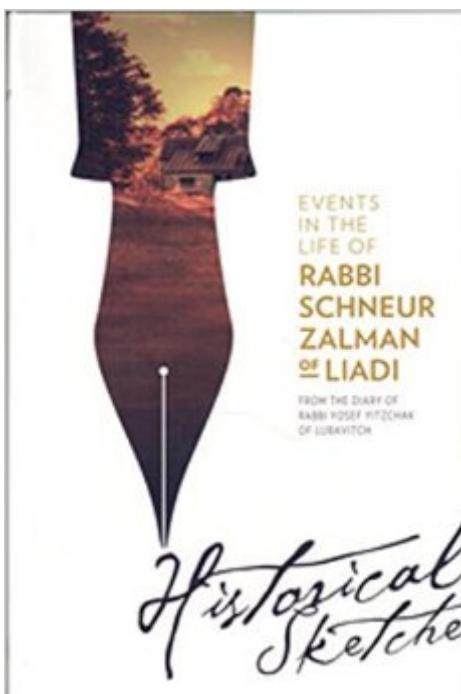


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Synopsis

From the Diary of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch. This first installment of Historical Sketches focuses on the organizational skills of the Chabad-Lubavitch leaders, describing their far-reaching efforts on behalf of the social and communal well-being of their brethren, beginning with the founder of the movement, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, known as the Alter Rebbe. Penned by Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, this monograph describes the process with which Rabbi Schneur Zalman imparted to his earliest followers the basic tenets of his newly developed Chabad philosophy, and tells of the challenges faced by Rabbi Schneur Zalman from the two main camps that opposed the growing Chasidic movement: the Mitnagdim and the rising Haskalah (Enlightenment) movement. From the jacket flap: '...Now listen to my voice, and may G-d help you: Your teacher R. Moshe Binyamin has already taught you to write so well, so beginning today, you should record on paper all that you see of your father's conduct. In addition, if they'll tell you any story about the Rebbes or Chasidim, write them down' Hearing these words from his tutor, R. Nissan, at eleven years old, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak wrote prolifically, chronicling for posterity the rich tradition of his forebears. In his later years and beyond, some of these memoirs were published, in Hebrew and Yiddish, in his books of talks, discourses and letters, and partially collected in his Lubavitcher Rabbi's Memoirs. Events in the Life of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi focuses on a number of crucial events that took place during the lifetime of the founder of Chabad, as well as describing his approach to the communal and social affairs of his day. Like many of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak's discursive writings, it has the formality of reminiscence and attention to detail, portraying a masterfully written account of the era in which Rabbi Schneur Zalman was laying down the foundation of the Chabad-Lubavitch Movement.

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