

## The RYS Daily 6/19/07 Musar Enthusiasm II

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In his many letters to the members of his circle, R. Israel presented a penetrating insight into the prevailing situation, the moral indifference of his generation. Here is what he wrote in one of his letters: "My dear, beloved friends, I shall begin speaking. I have always set my desired objective before you, which you are to set your hearts on and contemplate with understanding. If I am to speak the truth (lit. "if my palate utters truth"), my words penetrate your ears for an instant and in a short while they are gone. They go in one ear and out through the other... This can only be the result of the habit of not paying attention to matters pertaining to the fear of G-d and to Musar, but instead of conducting oneself in such matters by going after one's unbridled (lit. "free") desire, in accordance with the inclination of one's desire, as animals behave."

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