

The Daily RYS 8/8/06 RYS and the 4th Lubavitcher Rebbe II

Note: **Shmuel Schneersohn** (or **Rabbi Shmuel** or **Maharash**) (1834 –1882) was the fourth [Chabad Lubavitch Rebbe](#) based in the town of [Lubavitch](#) in present-day [Russia](#). He was the son of Rabbi [Menachem Mendel Schneersohn](#) who was the third *Rebbe* of Lubavitch. He was also known as the *Maharash*.  
( [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shmuel\\_Schneersohn](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shmuel_Schneersohn))

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There was another encounter between R. Israel and the Rebbe (the *Maharash*). This took place at one of the spas in Germany. Here, again, their divergent paths became evident. All the tourists would come to the resort to drink the health-giving waters. Because of the distinguished personages who patronized the spa each day, everyone was obliged to remove his hat upon entering the enclosure. The Rebbe asked R. Israel how he had overcome this difficulty, namely the obligation to go bare-headed. R. Israel acknowledged that there was a problem. Here, however, he was acting under coercion, and the Torah exempts one who acts under compulsion. The Rebbe, however, showed R. Israel the wig he was wearing - ostensibly bare-headed, he did have a head covering. Indeed, he informed R. Israel, he had ordered the wig expressly for this purpose. He would don it whenever he went to the spa. R. Israel was incapable of affording such a luxury. Were he to have spent the money on the wig, he told the Rebbe, he would not have had the money to pay the hotel bill and would have had to accept favors from the community.