

## The RYS Daily 9/13/06 Concealing His Greatness II

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R. Joshua Isaac Shapiro, famous as "R. Eisel Charif," came to the city. He was engaged in distributing one of his newly published Torah works.

R. Israel came to his lodgings to see him. R. Eisel handed him a copy for his perusal. R. Israel begged R. Eisel's pardon, using the excuse that his mind was slow to grasp, and it was too difficult for him to examine the work there and then. This answer made a rather strange impression upon the guest. After staying for several weeks in the area and coming to know R. Israel, he commented on R. Israel's remarkable self-control, in the presence of the city dignitaries: "Mark this person, a creature of the Holy One, blessed be He, in His world! Everyone else strives to proclaim his nature and greatness to the world. He is concerned lest the world lack any information about the nature of his worth. Yet the gaon, the Light of Israel, strives with the most remarkable might to hide his greatness and marvelous capabilities from the sight of men.

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