



## SELECTED TEACHINGS OF THE BAAL SHEM TOV

God loves every Jew as if he were an only child, born to his parents in their old age – and even more. (*Likutey Sichos* III, p. 982)

A man whose son had gone astray once came to the Baal Shem Tov. “Love him even more,” the Baal Shem Tov advised, “and this will help him return to God.” (*Midrash Pinchas* 38b)


One could not see a deficiency in someone else if he did not bear a trace of it within himself. (*Kesser Shem Tov* 116)

For oneself, one must always maintain a critical eye; for others, never. (*Sippurey Tzaddikim* 24,1)

It is not necessary to “place” oneself in Godliness, but only to realize that everything is subsumed in the Divine Light. (*Ohr HaGanuz L'Tzaddikim, Vayeira*)



Quotes used with permission from *The Path of the Baal Shem Tov* by David Sears (Jason Aronson Press, 1997).



SUKKOT 5763 / 2002

A Project of Nachal Novea Mekor Chochma – Tsfat, Israel