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1. What makes a person a chossid? His beard? Non Chassidim, non Jews and even goats have beards. His black hat? Yiddish?



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2. We know that our forefathers kept all the mitzvos. Then what was the novelty of receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai?

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3. Perhaps the answer is that by the great show that G-d put on at Sinai he gave the Jews vigor and enthusiasm more than just a set of rules.



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4. You cannot compare the enthusiasm one would have when keeping traditions passed down from one man to a tradition that stems from Sinai where everyone heard G-d's voice.



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5. This is why Oral Law was not allowed to be written because enthusiasm is not inspired by words on paper



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6. The Baal Shem Tov's Yartzeit is Shavuot.

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7. The Besht instituted Chassidus which brought new life into Torah and Mitzvos and reignited the nation's love for G-d and Judaism.



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8. So, what is a Chassid?
 A Chassid serves G-d with enthusiasm and joy -the vigor we inherited from our parents at Sinai.