

## The Fake Kabbalist Tzion Menachem

This is an article from a Lakewood, New Jersey “Lakewood Shopper” (Issue 18) newspaper which is typical article about a fraudulent ‘kabbalist’. It has the hallmarks of all of these con-men:

- 1) His rabbis who taught him are now diseased (so nothing can be verified)
  - 2) There is at least one issue relating to illness (a scare tactic)
  - 3) There is at least one issue relating to finding a wife/husband (a hope tactic)
  - 4) There is at least one issue relating to business success (a wishful thinking tactic)
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**R**av Tzion Menachem is not just an ordinary Rosh Kollel from EL AD. He is a Choshuva Ben Torah who has taken upon himself a mission to lighten the suffering of others and offer guidance in life’s most challenging situations. After years of intense learning in the Bais Medrash, Rav Tzion sought ways and means to be able to reach out to the increasing number of individuals in Klal Yisroel being faced with problems both family or personal, those suffering from physical ailments, difficulty in the workplace, who seemingly have no recourse or place to turn for guidance. Based on years of personal counseling in his community, and commitment to find ways to help others, Rav Tzion finally turned to great mekubalim of the past generation, Rav Mordechai Sherabi zt”l and Rav Yosef Dayan zt”l for guidance. Their response was not just simply to give Rav Tzion a brocha for success in his endeavors. Rather they recognized a very unique quality of being able to help others with unparalleled dedication. They took him under their personal tutelage to share their vast knowledge to assist Rav Tzion in attaining a much deeper insight into what a person’s true strengths and weaknesses are.

Combined with vast knowledge in practical areas, Rav Tzion works with both young and old – fortunate and unfortunate in a practical, hands on approach to direct a person to attain his goals. Once a reporter from a modern Jewish Newspaper came into meet Rav Tzion in New York. Although he came in with a great deal of skepticism, he left with a completely different view. He was surprised to find a Rov well versed and understanding of matters of this world, one who speaks clearly and precisely. He was even more surprised when, after filling out a simple form asking for his name, his mother’s name and the names of his family members, the Rov began to tell him all about who he was. The Rov told the writer (before knowing of his profession) astounding details about his personality. The writer recounts “His amazing accuracy with events and an individual’s feelings and emotions, was simply astonishing”. And this is not just a single isolated case. The members of HaRav Tzion Menachem’s household tell of the flood of phone calls that came in every evening after the Rov returns from Kollel. The Rov makes one request of every person who comes to ask for advice. “Please gladden me with the good news.” And they phone up to share the good news, to recount the Yeshuas Hashem that they personally experienced thanks to the berochos and tikunim. There was a certain woman who had found out the worst: She had a **dangerous, growth** in her body, and doctors were still assessing the full extent of the problem. She came to the Rov tearfully and begged for his help and guidance. The Rov thought for a moment, and then promised her that he would do all that he could. He traveled to Kever Shmuel Hanavi, davening many hours until early morning, as well as arranging a tikun on her behalf. Shortly afterwards, things miraculously changed. The woman went in for a medical examination, performed for the type of illness she was diagnosed with. The doctor performing the examination could not believe his eyes. He repeated the examination again and the results were identical: the illness disappeared without a trace! The woman, a resident of New York, called a number of times since then in order to give updates about another examination, which the doctors insisted on performing. And Boruch Hashem, the results were identical to the examination performed after the Rov’s Tikun. An excited telephone call came in also from a Rov, a fine man who has been **looking for a zivug** for about twenty years. The Rov mentioned a number of segulos, encouraged him not to lose his bitachon and left him with a warm brocha. Three months after the brocha of the Rov, he called in order to invite the Rav to be his medsader kiddushin. He met his kallah after the exact amount of time that the Rov had indicated to him. And the phone calls continue to pour in. There were people who finally sold properties after many unsuccessful attempts, and **businessmen** who saw success in a certain investment they requested a brocha for, who phoned up to tell their good news with the same excitement...