



”שמעתי מכבוד
מורי החזון איש
זצ”ל דכשבא לפניו
יהודי בלי זקן –
כמעט שמקיא”¹

**“The Chazon Ish zt’l said that
when a Jew without a beard comes
to see him, (he feels so sick that)
he almost vomits¹.”**

1. Rav Moshe Sternbuch shlita (disciple of the Chazon Ish zt’l and author of Moadim U’Zemanim, Teshuvos v’Hanhagos and other seforim), in his letter printed in sefer Hadras Ponim Zokon, p. 304. The same quote is attributed to the Chazon Ish zt’l by his nephew, Rav Chayim Kanievsky shlita (son of the Steipler Gaon zt’l) in his sefer Orchos Yosher (p. 20): “He [the Chazon Ish] said that when someone who removes his beard .. comes to see him, he feels so sick that he almost vomits.”

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See also Rav Chayim Kanievsky shlita in his sefer Orchos Yosher (ibid.), where he wrote: “The Chazon Ish was very strict about shaving machines of all kinds, and did not permit selling one even to a Jew who shaves with a razor in order to save him from the prohibition of using a razor, but instructed [the inquirer] to sell it to a non-Jew.”

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“Regarding [removal of the beard with] depilatory cream...[or] close-cutting scissors.. I find this matter very painful...I am accustomed to this being prohibited since the earlier generations, and [the prohibition] was very severe...[Jews] have learned it from the non-jews during their exile...Although this sickness has spread even among the bnei Torah, the issue has not changed as a result of this, and therefore my soul boils [with rage] at this practice” (Chazon Ish zt’l in Kovetz Igros, Vol. 1:197-198).

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