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1. Why do the prayers get louder and louder until Shema and then fall silent at the Amida?



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2. While it is our duty to reaffirm our faith out loud the Amida is personal requests and should be whispered humbly.

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3. The Parsha: another example of "a time to be loud and a time to be quiet"

The high priest wore bells all year to announce his completing the holy service but on Yom Kippur the bells were forbidden.



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4. When must we be loud in our performance of mitzvos?



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5. In the 70's the Rebbe sent mitzvah tanks to Manhattan to get Jews to do mitzvos. Jews argued that being so rambunctious was unorthodox.



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6. The Rebbe responded quoting what the Besht answered when he was challenged about the prayer habits of Chassidim:
- a. He compared a praying Jew to a person drowning. Similarly our generation is drowning in secularism- the only way to reach them is by creating a commotion.
  - b. those who don't understand the excitement must be lacking vitality in their own Judaism  
 These Jew will only appreciate mitzvos if they're imbued with excitement for Judaism.

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7. We must give over Judaism to our children the way G-d gave it to our parents - with thunder and lightning.



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8. Mitzvos that were accepted with joy are done with joy till today.  
 Abraham accepted milah with joy - it is a big simcha now.



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9: Mitzvos that were accepted reluctantly are done reluctantly till today.

The Jews kvetched about the laws of Jewish family life- marriage always involves a fight now.



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10: Our attitude towards mitzvos will be the attitude our children will inherit.

-We must do Mitzvos joyously with a lot of excitement.

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