

Climbing

By Yehoshua November

This morning,
in the small basement *shul*,
amidst several Chasidic students lost in prayer,
I looked up from my *siddur*
to see a man in worker's clothes climb a ladder
and enter through an open ceiling panel.
And I thought, Oh yes,
he is just another one
like all of us
trying desperately to ascend,
but knowing full well he must come back down
to perform the work of this earth.

From the book G-d's Optimism