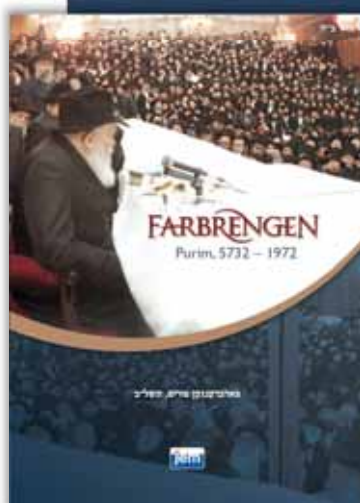


With the approach of each Yom Tov or Yoma D'pagra, Chassidim look towards the Rebbe's *sichos* to best understand and appreciate the meaning of the day and the practical lessons it imparts.



The Yom Tov of Purim is brimming with such deep, rich meaning, especially when illuminated by the teachings of Chassidus. Hours upon hours of the Rebbe's spirited Purim farbrengens are a flow of endless insight into the story and mitzvos of Purim, and the message they carry for us today.

In time for Purim this year, JEM has released a new video recording of the Rebbe's Purim

farbrengen – 5732.

The wide variety of subjects discussed by the Rebbe during the *sichos* as well as all the joyous *nigunim* throughout the farbrengen all create a very *geshmake* experience and we hope all our readers will take advantage of this new treasure. Here are a few highlights from the farbrengen:

WAKE UP!

The Rebbe begins with a beautiful explanation of the story of the Megillah, the focal point being the “*Balayla hahu*” – the night which Achashveirosh's sleep was disturbed. The true miracle entailed in this part of the story was that on that night, the sleep of the King of the universe was also interrupted, and Hashem took to the plight of His people and orchestrated their salvation. What brought about this miracle was the Jewish people awakening to Torah and Mitzvos, instead of sleeping; oblivious to their obligations.

The Rebbe concludes with a timeless lesson that we too must ourselves wake up and wake up those who may be slumbering in our surroundings, arousing all our fellow Yidden to get involved in Yiddishkeit with true enthusiasm.

TOO HARD TO PART

Another very interesting issue addressed by the Rebbe at this farbrengen was especially pertinent to the Yeshivah

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MERKOS SHLICHUS

Addressing the Yeshivah bochurim again, the Rebbe announced that in preparation for the upcoming summer's Merkos Shlichus trips, the bochurim must increase in their learning diligently; both in *Nigleh* and *Chassidus*. As a matter of fact, each bochur who wished to participate in the shlichus would need to bring a signed note from the *hanholah* that he

bochurim:

Just around that time, the *hanholah* in 770 decided that due to a lack of space in the Beis Midrash, some of the bochurim would have to relocate and learn in a separate *Zal* outside of 770. Needless to say, the bochurim were very disappointed, as no one was willing to forgo the *z'chus* of learning in the Rebbe's *daled amos*. In fact, the bochurim saw this notion as a heavenly decree against them; perhaps due to the fact that they did not appreciate and utilize the privilege of learning in 770 properly (see the "*Kol Koreh*" they distributed).

During the fourth *sicha*, the Rebbe addressed their worries, quoting the words said by the lower waters on the second day of creation "אנן בעינן למהוי קמי" - we too wish to be closer to Hashem. Nevertheless, the Rebbe assured them that it was important for one group to relocate in order to ensure the spiritu-

growth of all the bochurim collectively.

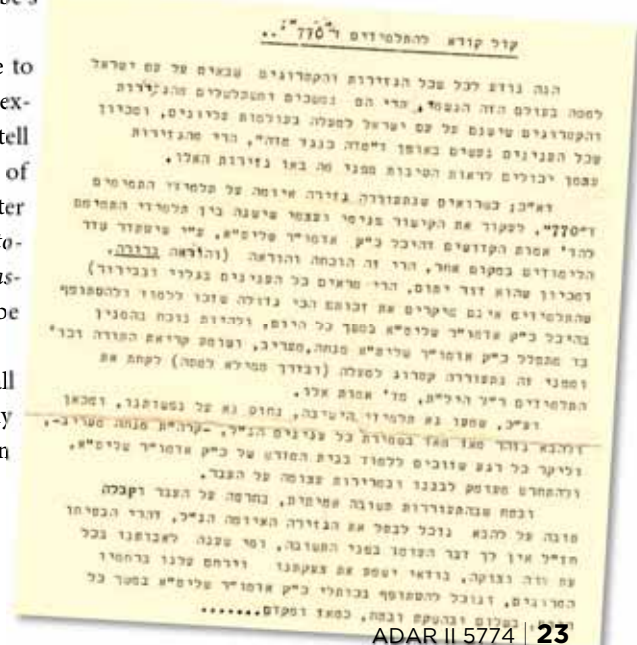
NACHAS RUACH

A sure most unexpected topic discussed by the Rebbe at this farbrengen was about the *hachonos* for the upcoming Yud Aleph Nissan – the Rebbe's 70th birthday.

Although it is unusual for one to ask for presents, the Rebbe explained, he will nevertheless tell everyone explicitly what sort of *matona* he would appreciate. "After all, the reason for giving the *matona* is in order to bring *nachas-ruach* to the receiver," the Rebbe reasoned.

The Rebbe then specified that all intended *matonos* primarily should consist of an increase in

A KOL KORE DISTRIBUTED BY THE BOCHURIM IN 770 BEFORE PURIM 5732, AROUSING THEIR FELLOW BOCHURIM TO UTILIZE THEIR TIME NEAR THE REBBE.





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INTERVIEW WITH THE REBBE

In between the sichos, Rabbi Krinsky approached the Rebbe with New York Times correspondent, Mr. Israel Shenker.

The reporter told the Rebbe that he wished to publish an article about him in honor of Yud Aleph Nissan,

Mr. Shenker: I would like to come and do an article on your 70th birthday; I will like to see you, if possible.

Rebbe: What is the necessity? It is better if you'll describe the people here... [pointing to the crowd of Chassidim present].

Mr. Shenker: Yes. I agree, I agree. But I would also like to talk to you, not just an interview, just to talk to you. Is that possible?

Rebbe: Yes. You'll check with my secretary about it; but it is not connected; describe the people here.

Mr. Shenker: That too, that also.

Rebbe: Not also, that will be the main thing – the *ikker*. *Lechaim Ve'livrocha!*

The article and interview did indeed appear in the Times. The following is the concluding few lines of the article, quoting the Rebbe about the imminent coming of Moshiach:

"My intention is to live many years more, and the Messiah can come tomorrow or the day after tomorrow," he said. "There's a very great deal to achieve, enough not only for my life but even for more than 120 years."

He added: "The Messiah will be a real human being. Don't translate him as

something abstract. He is tangible. He has two eyes, two ears, two legs, two hands and one heart. The heart has four compartments. One compartment is for impure blood, which the heart makes into pure blood. And that is the function of the Messiah."

indeed excels in his studies, and only then would he be considered for the position.

CONTROL YOURSELF!

During the course of the farbrengen, the Rebbe retrieved a few bottles of Mashke from under the table and looked for volunteers who would bring them to various locations in Eretz Yisroel. Finally, the Rebbe wanted to send the last bottle to Nachalas Har Chabad, but no one from that city approached. Instead, the Rebbe gave it to a Chossid who was traveling to Eretz Yisroel and would make the trip to Nachalah especially to deliver the Mashke. While handing him the bottle, the Rebbe said with a smile: "וועסט זיך - 'קענען איינזאלטן מסתמא! - I'm sure you'll be able to control yourself [and not drink it up before you get there]!"

There are many, many more special moments throughout this farbrengen, including a reminder from the Rebbe to sing "Hup Kazzak" as is the custom on Purim, and many other *geshmake sichos* and joyous *nigunim*.

Let us all make the most of this precious treasure, in the hope that this Purim, we will be *zoche* to stand by a real farbrengen with the Rebbe – with the *Geulah Shleima*. ■

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