



לזכות
הילד חיים לוי יצחק
בן אסתר חנה מושקא שיחי'
לרגל יום הולדתו ט"ז אדר
יה"ר שיגדל לתורה לחופה
ולמעשים טובים מתוך בריאות
נכונה ושפע בגו"ר
לנח"ר כ"ק אדמו"ר והוריו הי"ו



FARBRENGEN VENUES

For the first few years of the Rebbe's *nesius*, the small upstairs shul in 770 (barely) sufficed for the farbrengen. As Lubavitch grew and the Rebbe's farbrengens became increasingly more attended by people from circles far beyond the Chassidic world, it became impossible to fit everyone into the room. From 5714* and on, the major farbrengens that were held during the winter—such as Yud-Tes Kislev, Yud Shevat, and Purim—were held in various rented halls in the Crown Heights area, while in the summer they took place in the courtyard adjacent to 770, known as the *shalash*.

CIRCA 5714, PINNY LEW



19 KISLEV 5719, JEM 103331

Before every farbrengen, there would be a notice published in the Jewish newspapers announcing where it will be held.

The Rebbe was driven to the farbrengen in a private car or taxi, and the Chassidim would come with buses from 770.

At the entrance there was a table with the latest *sefarim* printed by Kehos, for the large crowds of people from different communities that came to attend the farbrengen to be able to purchase. As the Rebbe entered the building, Rabbi Eliyahu Simpson would make an announcement in the main hall. Below the Rebbe can be seen arriving at the farbrengen of Yud-Tes Kislev 5719.

There were a number of halls in and around Crown Heights that were used for farbrengens.

The first farbrengen held in a hall was Yud-Tes Kislev 5714* in the Franklin Manor, located on Franklin Avenue between Union and President streets. This hall was used for two farbrengens.



19 KISLEV 5714, JEM 105076

19 KISLEV 5714, JEM 103322



PURIM 5719, JUNK FAMILY

The Biltmore Hall was the furthest from 770, located on Church Avenue near Flatbush and Bedford Avenues, and was used for five farbrengens. When announcing the location of the farbrengens held in this hall in newspapers, care was taken not to write the street name, rather reference was made to a nearby high school building that was around the corner. Below are photos from the farbrengen of Purim 5719* that was held there.



PURIM 5719, PINNY LEW

The Gayheart Hall was the closest to 770, located at the corner of Nostrand Avenue and Eastern Parkway. The owner of this hall was a Yid, and he was present at the lively farbrengen of Purim 5716*. During the farbrengen, the Rebbe asked one of the farbrengen's organizers, Rabbi Shmuel Zalmanov, to give the owner *l'chaim* in a large cup, and then added with a smile, "Tell him it's a cocktail, and he will accept it lovingly!" Despite the damages often caused by the lively dancing, this hall was used the most, for a total of eight farbrengens. Below are photos from the farbrengen of Yud Shevat 5716*, which was held there on the second floor.



19 KISLEV 5715-16, JEM 3054

The last farbrengen held in a hall was on Purim 5720* in the Albany Manor, located on the corner of Albany Avenue near Rutland Road. This hall was used for five farbrengens. Below are photos from the farbrengen of Yud-Tes Kislev 5719* which was held there.



19 KISLEV 5719, JEM 103347

The Rebbe would sit on an elevated platform on the hall's stage, while tables and benches were brought from 770's *shalash* and set up on the sides of the room for *bochurim* and *anash* to stand on.



CIRCA 5714, PINNY LEW



CIRCA 5714

PURIM 5717

Many special farbrengens throughout the years took place in these halls, including the famous farbrengen of Purim 5718*. Chassidim recall that it was sometimes difficult to book the same hall twice in a row, because the management wasn't accustomed to this type of singing and dancing in the spirit of a Chassidisher farbrengen.



19 KISLEV 5714, JEM 2807



PURIM 5717, JEM 103065

These farbrengens would go on well into the early hours of the morning, sometimes past the time the hall had been rented.



PURIM 5720, JEM 103424



PURIM 5720, JEM 103423



Following a farbrengen, the Rebbe exits through the hall's lobby.



JEM103199

The Rebbe heads home from the Gayheart Hall.