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”אלע ענינים שאקעלן זיך!” EREV PESACH 5740

Upon returning from the Ohel on 13 Nissan 5740*, the Rebbe davened Mincha in the upstairs *zal*. Not long after, word spread that there would be a *sicha* following Maariv. All those who were present at the time of this special *sicha* recall the serious manner in which the Rebbe spoke, addressing the situation in Eretz Yisroel and the effect it was having on the world in general. This was an unusual scene in 770, and we are pleased to present this set of recently discovered and restored photos of this rare occasion from JEM's Living Archive.

This story is part of the Rebbe's campaign of "Vehayshiv Lev Avos Al Bonim" started on Rosh Chodesh Nissan 5740. For a deeper understanding of the story see, "Children at the Forefront," Derher Sivan 5774.



Following Maariv at 7:45, a microphone was quickly set up at the Rebbe's table. The Rebbe sat down, placed his hand on his forehead, and while looking downward began speaking about "*Vehayshiv lev avos al bonim*," the theme of the ongoing campaign for children.

Suddenly the Rebbe began speaking in a very serious tone, with closed eyes, about the security of Eretz Yisroel. "אלע ענינים שאקעלן" זיך—Things are shaking, especially in Eretz Yisroel!"—the Rebbe said, and if Eretz Yisroel is wavering in matters pertaining to security and livelihood, it is a direct consequence of a wavering and uncertain stance in matters of Torah and mitzvos. The Rebbe compared the situation to the *gezeira* of Purim and declared that the defeat of our enemies would come by assuming a firm and determined position in all matters of Torah and mitzvos, specifically through children.



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The room quickly filled up, an overflow crowd extended out into the corridor, and *bochurim* stood on tables and benches to be able to hear and see.



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After the *sicha*, the Rebbe waited for the crowd to form a path for him to get through. After a few minutes in his room the Rebbe headed home while starting the niggun “*Al Achas*.”

The Rebbe edited the *sicha* for publication¹ and instructed *mazkirus* to forward the key points to the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Menachem Begin. They were to inform him that the *sicha* was delivered at a time when there was an obligation upon the Rebbe, *al pi Shluchan Aruch*, to perform *bedikas chametz*, but the Rebbe nevertheless used the time to speak the *sicha*.

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Krias haTorah took place at 10:15 in the upstairs *zal*. At 10:45, the Rebbe headed down to the boiler room in the basement of 770 for *biur chametz*.

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