



Moments

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ר' יוסף מנחם מענדל
ב"ר יצחק ע"ה
ולע"נ אמנו מרת זיסל דבורה
בת ר' אלי' הכהן ע"ה
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VISITING DIGNITARIES

Over the years, many notable figures came through the doors of 770. They would come to receive the Rebbe's guidance and blessings, as well as to discuss opinions on current social, economic, and political issues pertaining to the Jewish community and the world at large.

While there were many of these *yechidusen* held over the years, we will attempt to present a pictorial collection highlighting a few of these fascinating meetings.

ROBERT F. WAGNER
23 ELUL 5720*

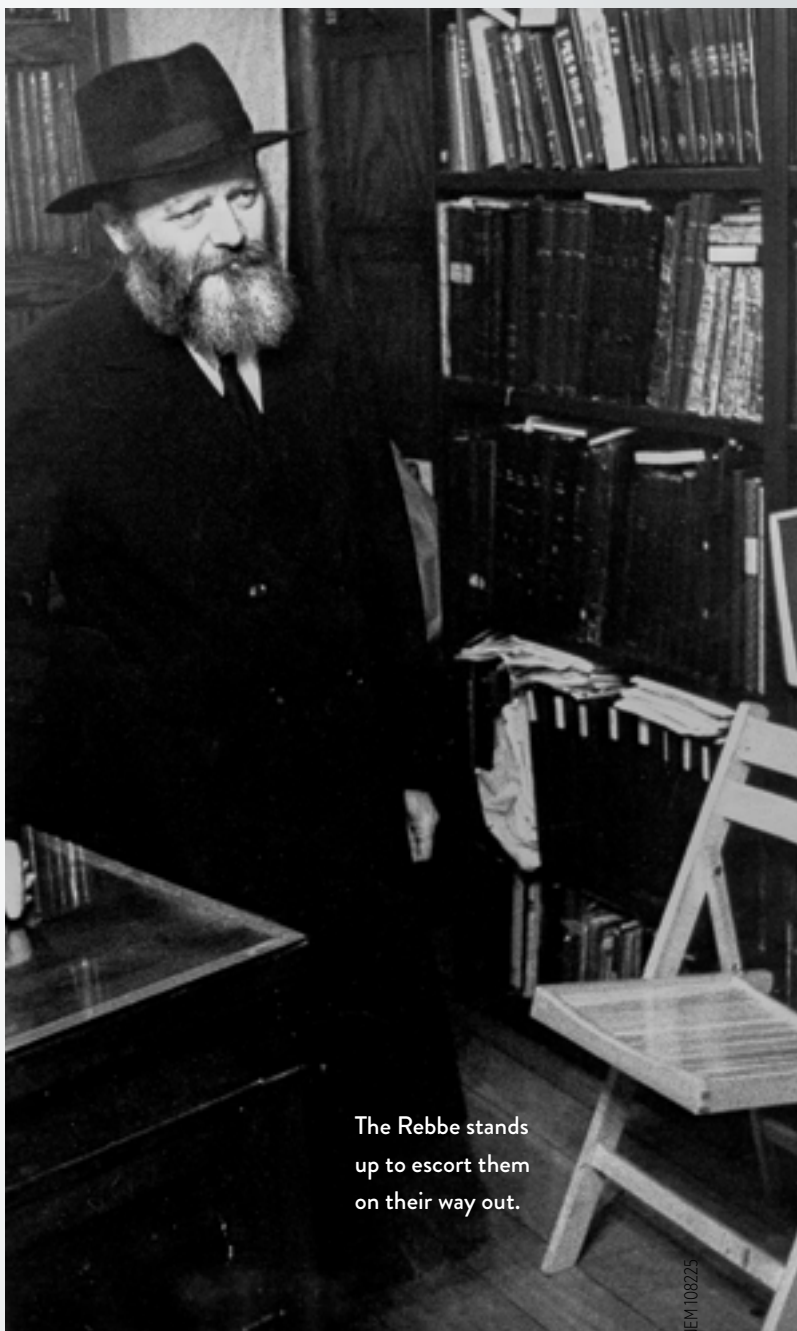
The Mayor of New York City,
Robert F. Wagner, accompanied
by the New York City investigation
commissioner.





Among the many matters discussed, the Rebbe spoke of former school buildings that are no longer used by the public school system due to relocation, requesting that first priority in obtaining possession of them should be given to private and religious schools rather than being used for other real estate purposes.

The Rebbe spoke of the rate of juvenile crime, stressing that those who have had some religious background make up only five percent of the total amount of juvenile crime in the city, to which the Mayor agreed. The Rebbe also requested from the Mayor that in matters of Jewish concerns, all qualified rabbonim should receive recognition.



ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU 5 TEVES 5723*

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Robert M. Morgenthau, accompanied by New York City Mayor Robert Wagner and Milton Mollen, Chairman of New York City Housing and Redevelopment Board.

Amongst the matters discussed were government aid to religious schools, the (then) pending Shabbos bill [the Fair Sabbath bill allowing businesspeople who observe Shabbos to be open on Sunday] and *shechita* bill [the Conklin Humane Slaughter bill, which would pose a threat to the legality of *shechita* in New York] and New York's affordable housing problem.

The topic of vouchers for Jewish children who could not afford to pay full tuition was also discussed. The Mayor sought the Rebbe's advice on how to best go about addressing the problem in the most practical way.

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“You are the leader of the Lubavitch movement, which is spread worldwide, with centers all the way from Melbourne, Australia, to Nigeria. And you have established the center of the movement right here in New York—it is a real honor; we are very fortunate that the Rebbe has based himself in our state,” said the Mayor.





ROBERT F. KENNEDY

26 ELUL 5724*

While running for a U.S. Senate seat, Robert Kennedy, together with other notable Democratic Party leaders, including former U.S. Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. and former Governor of New York Averell Harriman, met with the Rebbe for *yechidus*.

Amongst the matters discussed, the Rebbe spoke of the educational needs of the country's youth, highlighting a recent rise in crime amongst American youth as well as drug abuse, and explained the need for a deeper education based on morals and values.

The Rebbe also spoke of the financial burden placed upon Jews and others who choose to send their children to religious schools. The Rebbe requested of Kennedy to do what he can in regards to the government providing financial aid to families sending their children to private and religious schools. Kennedy began his attempt to explain his objection to the idea with a caveat about his own family. "You know I'm a Catholic," he told the Rebbe. "I have eight children..."

"Yes," the Rebbe interjected, "but I have 200,000..."



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KENNETH KEATING **23 CHESHVAN 5725***

Senator Kenneth Keating, who lost reelection to Kennedy, told reporters following the election that he planned on meeting with the Rebbe as well. The meeting took place on 23 Cheshvan at 8:45 p.m.

The Rebbe spoke about the need to strengthen education for children in the US and gave specific advice on how to care for troubled children who use drugs. The Rebbe also requested that they look into government funding for private school education.

Among those in the entourage was Senator Jacob Javits, a fifth generation descendent of Reb Yaakov Emden, known as the Yaavetz (Yaakov ben Tzvi, from where the senator's family name stems). The Rebbe apologized to him for not speaking about his grandfather.



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18 CHESHVAN 5735*

Following Maariv at 6:45
Senators Jacob Javitz, Hugh
Carey, Henry M. Jackson,
Marlow Cook and Ramsey
Clark, came to have a
yechidus with the Rebbe.



Jacob Javitz, who was running
for reelection as the senator
from New York was the first
to go in for approximately 20
minutes.

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Then went Ramsey Clark, who was running against Javits for the senate seat, followed by Senator Marlow Cook. The Rebbe stood up to greet them warmly.

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Finally, the United States Representative Hugh Carey, running for governor of New York, entered together with Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson and the Rebbe spoke with them very warmly.



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At one point Jackson began praising the Rebbe, to which the Rebbe replied with a smile, "I am not running for Senate!"

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