



ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT

- On this day Moshe taught the entire Sefer Devarim “*Mishneh Torah*” to all of the Yidden, and as Rashi says, he translated it for them in all 70 languages. On Rosh Chodesh Shevat, each and every one of us receive a special *koach* to be able to disseminate the Torah to every Yid, in a deep way with a long term effect.¹

YUD SHEVAT – THE BEGINNING OF THE REBBE’S NESIUS

- Each year on the day that the Rebbe’s *nesius* started, the same energy that reigned on that original day shines again. It is therefore an auspicious time to strengthen our *hiskashrus*, and to contemplate the fact that our shepard has not forsaken his flock, and that the Rebbe is showering us with all the blessings that we need.²

YUD SHEVAT – THE HISTALKUS OF THE FRIERDIKER REBBE

- In preparation for Yud Shevat, the Rebbe instructed Chassidim to participate in farbrengens on Shabbos Mevarchim and Rosh Chodesh Shevat, since these days contain all the days of the upcoming month, especially Yud Shevat.³

- The Rebbe also requested that word should be spread to fully prepare for this day, including reminders about the proper *minhagim* for Yud Shevat.⁴
- Spiritual preparations should be made as well, by learning the Torah of the Frierdiker Rebbe, especially the yearly *perek* of the *maamar Basi Legani*. It should be studied in depth, and in public.
- We must also increase in our fulfillment of the Frierdiker Rebbe’s instructions—learning Chitas every day and spreading Chassidus to whomever we can. This is especially relevant to those who merited to receive clear *horaos* from the Frierdiker Rebbe, that while fulfilling them, they should picture his presence there with him.⁵
- In addition to the *minhagim* we do on a *yom histalkus*, Yud Shevat is a time for us to learn from the Frierdiker Rebbe’s *avodah*, not to be complacent, and to do everything with joy and appreciation of Torah and mitzvos.⁶
- Yud Shevat is also the passing of the Rebbetzin Rivka, the wife of the Rebbe Maharash, therefore it is also a day for Jewish women to increase in the *avodah* of Rebbetzin Rivka, causing all the Rebbetzins to live on - “*Ma zar’an bachaim af hein bachayim.*”⁷

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החייל בצבאות ה'
שניאור זלמן הכהן שיחי'
לרגל הולדתו י' מר חשון ה'תשפ"ב

לזכות הוריו הרה"ת ר' מנחם מענדל הכהן
וזוגתו מרת בת' שיחיו כהן

נדפס ע"י זקניו
הרה"ת ר' יוסף יצחק וזוגתו מרת ציפא
ומשפחתם שיחיו
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15 SHEVAT - NEW YEAR FOR THE TREES

- Today is the most special day of the month (as is every fifteenth of the month, when the moon is at its fullest), and it is also the new year for trees. Therefore, special gatherings should be arranged in every community for men, women and children, at which their resolve in Torah and mitzvos and in following the Rebbe's ways is strengthened.⁸

22 SHEVAT - THE HISTALKUS OF THE REBBETZIN

- The *yahrtzeit* of the Rebbetzin should be marked by increasing in davening, learning Torah, and giving tzedakah. One demonstrates that "*zarah bachayim*—her descendants are alive"—and thus "*hee bachayim*—she is alive" by learning from her conduct and emulating her ways.
- We should set up times to learn Torah, in every community, and to increase in the already progressing *shiurim*. These *shiurim* should inspire *yiras Shamayim*, davening and keeping the mitzvos, including tzedakah.
- Tzedakah giving should be increased,⁹ preferably in multiples of 470—the *gematria* of the Rebbetzin's name.¹⁰

- We can bring her to life by naming our children after her and educating them to follow in her ways, including the anticipation we all must have every day for the imminent coming of Moshiach.
- The Rebbe also requested that *mosdos* be established in the Rebbetzin's honor, especially ones connected with the mitzvos related to women and schools for girls (like the "Beis Rivka" school that the Frierdiker Rebbe established).¹¹
- In 5749*, just one day after Chof-Beis Shevat, the Rebbe already encouraged the Chassidim to begin the preparations for the *peulos* of Chof-Beis Shevat of the following year.¹² **T**

- Sefer Hasichos 5747 vol. 1 p. 287.
- Igros Kodesh vol. 3, p. 255.
- Hisvaaduyos 5752 vol. 2 p. 120.
- Hisvaaduyos 5751 vol. 2 p. 188.
- Hisvaaduyos 5749 vol. 2 p. 223.
- Hisvaaduyos 5748 vol. 2 p. 270.
- Hisvaaduyos 5752 vol. 2 p. 190.
- Hisvaaduyos 5748 vol. 2 p. 309.
- Hisvaaduyos 5749 vol. 2 p. 291-293; 296-297.
- Hisvaaduyos 5750 vol. 2 p. 284.
- Ibid.
- Hisvaaduyos 5749 vol. 2 p. 305.