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"Moshiach is Already on his Way!"

sunday dollars - 26 adar 1, 5752

As he would every Sunday, the Rebbe stood ready to give dollars to a growing line in 770. But on this Sunday, the 26th of Adar I 5752, for the first time ever, the Rebbe asked how long the remaining line was, providing a small clue that all was not well. The distribution continued until 7:30 that evening!

The next day, Monday, 27 Adar I, the Rebbe had a stroke while at the Ohel. Since then, Chassidim await the day that the Rebbe will return in his full strength and lead us out of galus, may it be bekarov Mamosh!

Following we present a short review of what took place on the final day of 'dollars.'

At 2:00 p.m. the Rebbe entered *Gan Eden Hatachton* to daven *mincha* with a small *minyán*,¹ then distributed coins for *tzedakah* to all those present and allowed two *chassanim* to use his *siddur*.

In the meantime, a large crowd had gathered to see the Rebbe that Sunday. In addition to the usual mix of individuals who regularly came to receive Sunday dollars, there were several large groups of guests that had come to the Rebbe for Shabbos and would pass by to receive his *bracha* before returning home.

There was also a sizeable group of Vizhnitzer Chassidim who had come for dollars that day. The Vizhnitzer Rebbe from Israel was making a family *simcha* in the United States at that time and many of his Chassidim who came to New York used the opportunity to visit the Rebbe and receive his holy blessing.

Some excerpts of conversations with the Rebbe during this final distribution dollars:



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“Participate in the *Haoros!*”

Rabbi Avrohom Hecht introduced his grandson to the Rebbe, informing the Rebbe that his grandson’s birthday had been the week before.

The Rebbe (handing two dollars): He should be a *yorei shomayim*, *chossid* and *lamdan*. Which grandson is he?

Rabbi Hecht: He is from California.

The Rebbe: He learns in California?

Rabbi Hecht: No, he learns now in Morristown.

The Rebbe (handing an additional dollar): *Hatzlocha rabba* in Morristown. You should participate in writing in the “*Haoros Hatmimim*” that they produce in Morristown.

Bring Besuros Tovos

A supporter of Chabad in Edgware, England approached the Rebbe and said:

“Three years ago you gave a blessing for my son to be born and he was born. Thank you very much.”

The Rebbe: “May G-d Almighty bless you and thank you for returning to me *besuros tovos*; not everyone is doing so.”

He’s on his Way!

Rabbi Krinsky approached the Rebbe with an editor of the New York Post.

The Rebbe: “Circulate the letter that the Moshiach is coming very soon. He’s not only coming, but he’s on his way.”

Asking from Angels?

A Chossid (not a Lubavitcher) approached the Rebbe and asked a question: The Tzemach Tzedek writes in *Shoresh Mitzvas Hatfilah* (117a) that one should not recite the parts of davening that request of the angels to petition from Hashem on our behalf. Why then do we find that the custom is to recite them?

The Rebbe: “It is surprising that you would ask such a question when the Tzemach Tzedek himself already offers the explanation, and it has already been printed (*Hagahos to Torah Or, Ner Chanukah*). We are not davening to the

angels, rather we are asking of them to serve as messengers, bringing our requests up to Hashem.”²

“Thank you for the Gift!”

To a famous Russian artist who told the Rebbe that he is working on drawing a picture of the Rebbe in honor of his ninetieth birthday, the Rebbe responded (in Russian): “Blessing and success. Thank you for the gift. This [the extra dollar] is for your entire family.”

I Love You!

A young toddler who was passing by shouted excitedly: “Rebbe of Lubavitch, I love you!”

The Rebbe: “Thank you very much.” The Rebbe then gave the young girl another dollar and said: “This is for the love.”

A Chossid As Well

A father who passed by with his young son, asked the Rebbe for a *bracha* that his

son grow to become a *talmid chochom*. The Rebbe replied: “He should become a chossid as well! Don’t forget...”

This Generation Davka!

Towards the end of the distribution, a news reporter approached the Rebbe and asked: “Rebbe, why does this generation deserve to see the *geula*; this generation *davka*?”

The Rebbe: “Because the number of this year is *ה'תשנ"ה* *תהא שנת נפלאות בתוכה בכל*.” **D**

1. See A Chassidisher Derher Shevat 5775, pg. 54.

2. See the Rebbe’s footnote to the section “*Machnisei Rachamim*” in *Slichos*, printed in the back of Chabad *Slichos*. It should be noted that this same explanation is offered as to why we write a *Pan* to the Rebbe, and some Chassidim would actually write this in the header of the *Pan*. See *Reshimos, choveres* 156; *Toras Menachem* vol. 1 p. 39.



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