

להביא לימות המשיח

I EXPECT HIM TODAY!

The Rebbe's assurance that Moshiach is at our doorstep is an evident theme throughout all the Rebbe's *sichos*, *maamorim*, and letters. All that is needed, the Rebbe said, is for us to stand ready to greet Moshiach and bring the *geulah* to the whole world.

Presented below is a collection of conversations with the Rebbe during “dollars,” where the Rebbe highlights this point over and over again.

MOSHIACH'S COMING— UNCONDITIONAL!

Rabbi Mordechai Chashin

15 Kislev, 5751

MC: I run a program providing religious assistance for *baalei teshuvah*. I've been involved with this for the past thirty years, in *Eretz Yisrael*. Twenty-five years

ago, the Rebbe gave me a *bracha*, an incredible *bracha*; the Rebbe told me on the “stage,” on Yud-Tes Kislev, that “just as every new undertaking begins with enthusiasm and excitement, may Hashem help that the program should grow and grow until Moshiach's arrival.” That was the Rebbe's *bracha*. It has been running for 30 years now, and it is still growing and growing.

Rebbe: But where is Moshiach?

MC: He will surely come. He is so close...

Rebbe: That is stated in every *siddur*. It says in our *siddurim* that he will surely come. My question is *when* will he come?

MC: “Today, if we listen to Hashem” (היום אם בקולו תשמעו)

Rebbe: May Hashem help... But why add a condition? If Hashem makes a condition, that is His business. A Jew need not add conditions; it should be today literally!

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED²

Mr. Manfred Lehman

26 Elul, 5750

After presenting the Rebbe with a manuscript from Rabbi Avraham Amigo who lived during the times of Shabsai Tzvi, Mr. Lehman showed the Rebbe that it is written in the *sefer*: “A people rises



RABBI MORDECHAI CHASHIN WITH THE REBBE DURING “DOLLARS”.



MR. MANFRED LEHMAN PRESENTS THE REBBE WITH A MANUSCRIPT BY RABBI AVRAHAM AMIGO.

up as a lioness” refers to the return to Israel; “as a lion lifts himself up” refers to moshiach. This was written 350 years ago.

Rebbe: You should speak about Moshiach with those around you. The *Gemara* says: “Moshiach will come unexpectedly” (אין בן דוד בא אלא בהיסח הדעת). My father in-law, the Rebbe, explains [this statement to mean that] Moshiach’s arrival will be higher than understanding. Nevertheless one must think and speak about Moshiach until he will come and thank you in person.

ML: As the Rambam writes in his *Hilchos Melochim*...

Rebbe: We must “await his coming everyday.”

NO TIME TO WASTE!³

Mr. and Mrs. Zev Rudolph
20 Adar II, 5749

After being presented by Rabbi Yisroel Rosenfeld as supporters of the yeshiva, the Rebbe gave the Rudolphs a *bracha* to be more than just supporters, but also partners, and to have *nachas* from their efforts.

Then the conversation continued in English:

Mrs. R: If you would bring Moshiach, all of our prayers would be answered.

Rebbe: I am ready, but I need the cooperation of all the Jews around me.

Mrs. R: [So then we need] a *bracha* that we should work harder to bring him as soon as we can.

Rebbe: Yes, and as soon as possible.

Mrs. R: Thank you for everything.

Rebbe: May G-d Almighty bless you.

Mr. R: We’re ready to build a new building for the yeshiva in Pittsburgh, as well as buy a new house for the Chabad House, and we would like a *bracha* that it should all go well, and that we should have much success.

Rebbe: May G-d Almighty bless you to be in a successful way, and as soon as possible. You must do it especially now, because Moshiach is coming tomorrow, or maybe the day after tomorrow.

“AUTHORIZE” MOSHIACH’S COMING!⁴

Rabbi Moshe Stern (Debretziner Rav)
17 Teves, 5750

Rebbe: *Bracha v’hatzlacha. Yaarich Yomim al mamlachto.* The *Gemara* states that study for the sake of clarifying halacha is one of the noblest pursuits. According to the *Gemara* “*dvar Havaya*” refers to two things: “*zeh hakaitz*”—the coming of moshiach, and also “*dvar halacha*”—Torah. So you should connect the two interpretations, and bring Moshiach!

MS: Amen.

Rebbe: *Besuros tovos.*

MS: Has the Rebbe received my *seforim*?

Rebbe: Yes. But my having the *seforim* is not enough, what we need is for the

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Aibershter to send Moshiach. Publish a halachic ruling that the *geulah* must already come.

MS: [Shrugging]

Rebbe: Why the shrug? The *Gemara* rules that “*kolu kol hakitzin*.”

MS: For the hand to write, the mind must know how to say it...

Rebbe: *Besuros tovos, hatzlacha rabba*.

IN YOUR MERIT⁵

Mr. Don Bernstein, President of Congregation Adas Yeshurun, Flatbush

DB: Rebbe, should we invest and expand the *shul*, or should we wait for Moshiach to come?

Rebbe: No [you should not wait]. Then it will not be to your merit, it will be Moshiach's merit. You must be interested in your merit, and to have your merit, do all that is possible to expand the *shul*, and that will hasten the arrival of Moshiach. May it be in a good way and with good livelihood.

SEIZE THE MOMENT!⁶

Mr. Benyamin Netanyahu

1 Kislev, 5751

Rebbe: *Hatzlacha rabba*. I haven't seen you in a long time. *Bracha v'hatzlacha*. A double portion of benediction.

BN: I came to ask your blessing and help...

Rebbe: [A bracha] for everything.

BN: In all areas, both personal and political.

Rebbe: Since we last met, many things have progressed.

BN: [Indeed] many things have progressed.

Rebbe: What hasn't changed, however, is that Moshiach has still yet to come; so do something to hasten his coming.

BN: We're doing, we're doing...

Rebbe: Apparently it is not enough, since many hours have already passed today and he is still not here... But there are

still a few more hours left in the day, so [we must] still try for today.

BN: Indeed.

Rebbe: *Besuros tovos, metoch simcha uvetuv laivav* [=with joy and happiness]. You know that *chassidim* deliberately do everything with joy...?

BN: Yes.

Rebbe: *Besuros tovos. Hatzlacha rabba*.

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Mr. Moti Eden (Israeli Television)

23 Nissan, 5751

After the Rebbe had advised Mr. Eden on the message to be disseminated through television regarding Yidden and *Eretz Yisrael*, Mr. Eden asked:

ME: What does the Rebbe say about Moshiach; how close is it really?

Rebbe: When I know, I will call you (with a smile). Until then we will just have to await his coming.

ME: A short time? A long time?

Rebbe: Every day, Jews affirm: “I believe in the coming of Moshiach, and I expect his arrival today.”

ME: If the Rebbe says so, then I believe too—completely!

Rebbe: *Bracha v'hatzlacha*.

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THE REBBE SPEAKS WITH MR. BENYAMIN NETANYAHU.