

להביא לימות המשיח

THE ROUTE TO REDEMPTION

Learning and Living

Bookshelves in Lubavitcher homes are lined with many seforim of both *nigleh* and Chassidus. Included in the vast collection are inevitably books on *inyonei geulah u'Moshiach*, with dozens of books on this topic—in many different languages—making this basic and fundamental idea accessible for all.

Prominent among these titles is the two volume set that you may have perused when looking for a *vort* about Moshiach: “M’golah U’geulah,” or as it later became popularly known, “From Exile to Redemption.”

What makes it so unique is that it is possibly the very first book about Moshiach that was printed by Chabad. Following its initial publication, the floodgates have burst with many books about *geulah* being published each year.

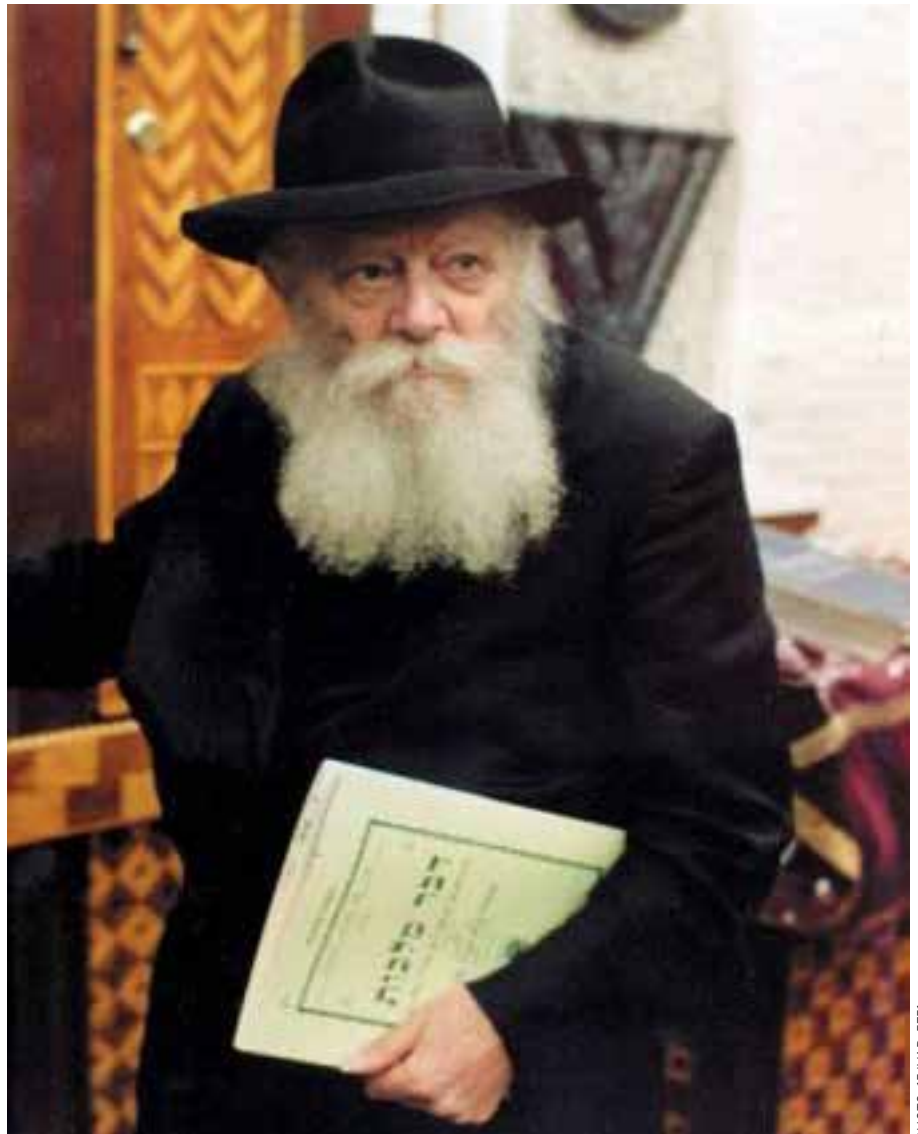
What set this remarkable revolution in motion? What made Chassidei Chabad around the world take a new approach to *limud inyonei geulah u'Moshiach*?

The answer: Thursday night, 28 Nissan 5751.

THE SICHA

That night the Rebbe returned from an extended amount of time at the Ohel and davened *mincha* and *maariv*. Following the *tefilos* the Rebbe said a *sicha* that shook every Chossid to his core.

“In light of what we have explained regarding the *geulah*, specifically in this time period, there begs a great question,” the Rebbe began. “How can it be that despite everything, we have still not accomplished bringing Moshiach?! This



THE REBBE LEAVES THE SHUL HOLDING A DVAR MALCHUS AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS DISTRIBUTION.

is completely not understood. What else can I do to arouse every single Yid to cry out and beg for him to come? To my disappointment, everything done until now has not helped, and the proof is that he has not yet come.”

The Rebbe then turned to the Chassidim and charged them with a mission that changed Lubavitch forever:

“The only thing I can still do is hand it over to you; do everything you can to bring Moshiach now!”

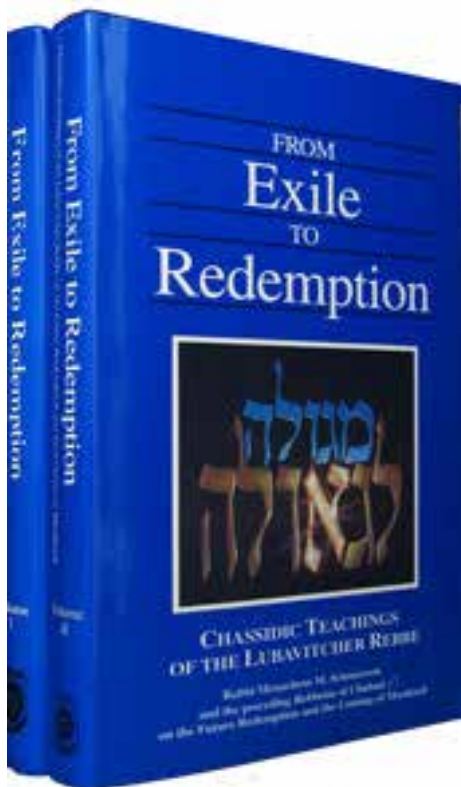
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News of this *sicha* spread like wildfire and Chassidim learnt it over and over. Yet it was unclear what specific methods the Rebbe wanted implemented in order to turn this into a reality.

They did not have to wait long with their questions.

A few short days later, the Rebbe answered this question in the form of another *sicha*, and laid it out for one and all; men, women and children alike. Throughout that period of time there were many *sichos* detailing different methods and ways to carry this out.



STEP BY STEP

At first the Rebbe explained that the way to do this is by adding in Torah study and being scrupulous in the fulfillment of the mitzvos. Shortly after this the Rebbe added, “Specifically learning the subject of Moshiach and *geulah* will hasten his arrival.”

Among other things that the Rebbe suggested was to learn these subjects in

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public groups of at least ten people. The Rebbe also attributed great significance to learning the Torah, *sichos* and *maamarim*, of the *nossi hador*.

In another *sicha*, several weeks later, the Rebbe shed light on the great benefit for a person the learning of these topics has. Instead of Moshiach being a far-off abstract concept, the Rebbe explained, one can actually live with Moshiach by having a strong ‘*koch*’ and properly learning about the *geulah*.

MAKING IT GLOBAL

The Rebbe’s call was heeded immediately and groups sprung up all over to figure out ways to make this a reality.

Following is a brief overview of some of the *peulos* that were arranged following this *sicha*.

The book ‘From Exile to Redemption’ is published for the first time in Hebrew with the title *M’golah L’geulah*.

Although Rabbi Yonah Avtzon of Sichos In English had prepared this book many years earlier, the Rebbe did not give endorsement for it to be printed until now, making it a first of its kind followed by many others.

Kovtzim and literature on this topic quickly flooded the print houses, such as volumes of Likutei Sichos with *sichos* about Moshiach. Newspapers began dedicating a column to this and much more.

The crown jewel amongst all these was the compilation of the Dvar Malchus which the Rebbe himself distributed by hand.

The Dvar Malchus is a booklet of *sichos* the Rebbe said, explaining concepts about Moshiach based on the Rambam.

The actual Dvar Malchus publication had been around for a while beforehand. However, at that point the director, Rabbi Tuvia Peles, decided to publish one just with *sichos* about Moshiach.

He chose several *sichos*, had them translated into Hebrew, and sent them to the Rebbe. Upon receiving them, the Rebbe mentioned that they should print many of them, indicating that he would be giving them out.

It was truly a special moment to see that Rebbe hand out this special *kuntres*, and it was an open reminder to everyone how important this mission is.



BOCHURIM ANSWER THE CALL

On the Motzaei Shabbos following the Rebbe's clear directive to increase in the learning of *inyonei geulah u'Moshiach*, a group of *bochurim* came up with a novel idea. They planned and arranged a continuous cycle of learning about Moshiach that would be ongoing for 24 hours a day.

Reaching out to yeshivos around the world and in many different time zones, they split up each day into portions and every yeshiva undertook to learn during their allotted time. This ensured that at any given time somewhere in the world there were *bochurim* dedicating themselves to fulfilling the Rebbe's instructions and hastening the arrival of Moshiach.

The organizers of this special *peulah* received much positive encouragement and *brachos* from the Rebbe.

IT'S EASY, DIRECT, AND EFFECTIVE

When the Rebbe began talking about this *koch* in the learning about Moshiach, it was clear that this wasn't just another *segula* for his coming; it was the method by which we can actually make this happen.

The Rebbe quoted the first *mishna* of the second *perek* of Pirkei Avos:

"Rebbi says, "Which is the right path that a man should choose for himself? That which is honorable to himself..."

The Rebbe explained it as follows:

The word the Mishna uses for man is Adam, referring to a person who is spiritually complete. The only work that remains for him to do is to remove the little bit of dirt that is left behind. This refers to our generation, when we have finished all the necessary *avodah*. The question then is, what is the right path by which we can bring about the complete redemption?

The Mishna answers with the word "*tiferes*," which symbolizes the learning of Torah. Hence, the way to bring Moshiach is through increasing in the learning of Torah.

The Rebbe then added:

Tonight (the night the *sicha* was said) is *Tiferes She'bmalchus*. *Malchus* refers to Moshiach, therefore the Mishna is telling us that the easiest and smoothest path to bring about his coming is by increasing in the learning of Moshiach.

It was this explanation that charged the *koch* which ensued right after.

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With the material available today, it is so easy for every single one of us to learn and have a *koch* in this important subject. The Rebbe made it very clear that this is

the most direct and easiest path to bring Moshiach [see sidebar]. We talk, await and beg for his arrival; but we have in our hands the recipe to make him come now. The Rebbe charged us all with this sacred task; we can and we will do it! To get a proper feel for the *Sichos* mentioned in the article, we recommend that you learn them in the original form. The *sichos* are printed in *Sefer HaSichos* 5751 Pages 474 and 692. **D**