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Yud-Daled Kislev

In honor of Yud-Daled Kislev, the 87th anniversary of the Rebbe and Rebbetzin's chassunah, we present an excerpt of the farbrengen the Rebbe held on this day in 5739, marking fifty years since the chassunah in 5689.

The Rebbe posed a series of questions as to the nature of the farbrengen:

Indeed it is great for Yidden to gather together, and more-so in a shul, but why particularly on this night?

At this point the Rebbe gave mention to the nature of the day:

"We must find a source in Torah for the idea that on the anniversary of one's wedding, friends and relatives gather and hold joyous farbrengens.

"It is difficult to know how the Rebbeim behaved in regard to a jubilee celebration, because not all of them reached 50 years of marriage, and of those that did, we don't know what their personal behavior was. As we know, there are many personal customs of the Rabbeim that were never publicized...

"The minhag of Yidden in this country (and in other countries) is that when the day of one's anniversary arrives, and especially when one reaches a 'milestone' anniversary, it is

celebrated with increased enthusiasm. One gathers with his friends, family, and loved ones (אוהבים וידידים ובני משפחה) and all rejoice together. As Yidden, every activity must be utilized for the sake of avodas Hashem...

Later on at the farbrengen, the Rebbe continued:

"One of the Rebbeim who marked 50 years of marriage was the [Friediker] Rebbe, from 5657 to 5707.

"At the time of his fiftieth anniversary, many sefarim, which had been newly printed in Shanghai, China¹, were arriving in New York.

"A new sefer had been brought to the Rebbe each day of the "sheva brachos" following his anniversary. The fact something was being done to mark his fiftieth anniversary brought tremendous nachas and koach to the Rebbe."



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During the Farbrengen the Rebbe spoke at length on matters relating to *chassuna* in Torah, and instituted a new initiative—that each *chossan* should be given, in addition to a *Shas*, also a *tzedaka pushka*. Two *sheva brachos* ceremonies were also held at the farbrengen for two respective *chassanim* and *kallos*! **T**

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1. Yeshivas Tomchei Temimim was forced to flee Europe through China during WWII. For a number of years the yeshiva operated out of Shanghai and many *sifrei Chassidus* were printed there.

