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To See and Be Seen

Kislev—Chodesh Hageulah—in
the Rebbe's presence, in the
year 5751: the year of wonders!

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Kinus Hashluchim

This month began in the midst of the International Kinus Hashluchim (the first part of which we read about last month).

On Sunday morning, Rosh Chodesh Kislev, as the Rebbe was leaving the shul after Mussaf, the *gabbai* announced that a special event would take place later in the day: Beginning a *sefer Torah* in honor of the Rebbe and in memory of the Rebbetzin, sponsored by the Jewish community of Morocco.

The shluchim's banquet took place later that evening at Oholei Torah hall, emceed by Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky. A special moment was when they welcomed the large delegation of shluchim from the dissolving USSR who were proudly bringing Yiddishkeit out into the open in the formerly hostile environment. The crowd spontaneously began singing “*Nyet, Nyet, Nikavo*” and broke out in a joyous dance.

On Monday, 2 Kislev, after Maariv, the Rebbe announced: “*Yiten v'yachzor v'yiten* [based on a *possuk* in this week's Parsha, meaning that the *brachos* will come in doubled measure], we will now distribute two dollars to each person, as a continuation of the Kinus Hashluchim.”

When Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky passed the Rebbe during



THE REBBE DISTRIBUTES DOLLARS ON 2 KISLEV 5751, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL KINUS HASHLUCHIM.

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the distribution, the Rebbe notified him that he would be sending a check of \$1090 to each of the shluchim, to be used for their personal expenses.

With that, the International Kinus Hashluchim of 5751 came to a close. One of the important takeaways was that the shluchim would work together to establish 90 new Chabad institutions before the upcoming Yud-Aleph Nissan, when the Rebbe would begin his 90th year.

The Kinus Continues

The next Shabbos, the Rebbe continued the theme of the Kinus Hashluchim. At the farbrengen, the Rebbe mentioned that the large sign reading “Kinus Hashluchim Ha’Olami” was still hanging on the wall [attached to the building of 788 Eastern Parkway, next door to 770]. “May the organizers be blessed for doing this,” the Rebbe said. The sign reminds the shluchim, and everyone else, that the *shlichus* still continues, and that it is “*olami*” [lit. International] which means it is everlasting. It will also remind the shluchim of the inspiration they gathered at the *kinus*, giving them a boost to fulfill all the *hachlatos* they undertook while there.

The Seforim in Russia

On Monday of the following week, 9 Kislev, four shluchim left for Russia to work on redeeming the *seforim* belonging to our Rabbeim, being held captive in Moscow: Rabbis Yosef Yitzchok Aharonov, Shlomo Cunin, Yitzchok Kogan, and Sholom Ber Levine. The four of them waited near the Rebbe's car as he left for the Ohel in the afternoon, and the Rebbe blessed them with a safe trip and much success.

The next Shabbos, Parshas Vayishlach—Yud-Daled Kislev, the Rebbe spoke about the *seforim*, expressing the hope that they would be returned already on this Shabbos!

With Yud-Tes Kislev only a few days away, the Rebbe also spoke about ensuring that all the proper preparations are in place for the upcoming Yom Tov. “Being a year of wonders,” the Rebbe added, “the farbrengen this year will certainly be a ‘*niflaos’dike farbrengen!*’”

After the first *sicha*, Reb Zalman Gurary approached the Rebbe to offer blessings on behalf of all Chassidim in honor of Yud-Daled Kislev—the Rebbe and Rebbetzin's wedding anniversary. Towards the end of the farbrengen the Rebbe acknowledged the day, saying, “Today is a day connected with a wedding,” and instructed that this time should be utilized for strengthening *hafatzas hamaayanos* in one's own home and in the world at large.

Tanya Distribution

On Thursday, Yud-Tes Kislev, the Rebbe went to the Ohel with the recently published *maamar*—“*Kuntres Yud-Tes Kislev*”—in hand.

Meanwhile, a pleasant surprise was announced: The Rebbe would be distributing a special edition of Tanya to everyone that evening.

The shul at 770 quickly filled to capacity with people who had heard the good news. At 5:45 p.m., the Rebbe returned from the Ohel and entered the shul for Mincha and Maariv, after which he immediately began distributing the Tanyas.

This edition was a large-print Tanya with a blue paperback cover. At the bottom of the cover, it read: “Chag Hageulah—Yud-Tes Kislev 192 (קצ”ב) years. 5559—5751. Forty Years of the Rebbe Shlita’s leadership.”

The Rebbe distributed thousands of copies for more than four hours, finally leaving the shul at 10:10 p.m.

The next Shabbos, Parshas Vayeshev—21 Kislev, the Rebbe spoke about the distribution.

The Rebbe entered the farbrengen on Shabbos



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SCENES FROM THE TANYA DISTRIBUTION ON 19 KISLEV 5751.





THE REBBE WATCHES AS CHILDREN RECITE THE PESSUKIM AROUND THE WORLD.

afternoon with the new Tanya in hand, and he kept it on the table in front of him throughout the whole farbrengen.

“Yud-Tes Kislev is the day we begin a new cycle of learning Tanya again,” the Rebbe explained. “For this reason, we chose to give out a new large edition of the Tanya on Yud-Tes Kislev to everyone; men, women, and children. Copies of this edition are still available, and whoever did not yet receive one on Yud-Tes Kislev will be able to receive one tonight, on Motzei Shabbos [from the *Mazkirus*].”

Addressing the special year that was inscribed on the cover of the Tanya, the Rebbe said: “This year marks 192 (קצ"ב) years since the Alter Rebbe’s release, which is the *gematria* of ‘קבץ’—meaning: gathering in, because the ingathering of all the Jewish people towards the time of redemption has already begun!”

Mikeitz: Aha!

On the next Shabbos, Parshas Mikeitz—Chanukah, the Rebbe held an unusually joyous farbrengen. As the Rebbe was sitting down at his place, the crowd stopped singing (“*Al Nisecha*”), but the Rebbe waved his hand as if to indicate that they should continue. The Rebbe’s encouragement of the singing this week was way out of

the ordinary, bringing the joy to great heights.

Near the Rebbe was the attorney general of New York, Mr. Robert Abrams, who sat on a box together with his young daughter and received much attention from the Rebbe.

Speaking about the obligation we have to await the coming of Moshiach every day, the Rebbe said: “When a Yid hears the name of this week’s Parsha, **Mikeitz**, the first thing that comes to mind is, ‘Aha! This reminds me of the **Keitz**—the end of *galus* and the coming of Moshiach speedily!”

When discussing the story of Yosef Hatzaddik, who left prison only to become the ruler over the whole Mitzrayim, the Rebbe explained that a Yid is never subject to the limitations of the place where he finds himself. For example, if the Attorney General [a hint at the presence of Mr. Abrams] comes to him and says, “You are not following the local laws,” the Yid can explain that as long as he is following the ways of Torah, he is certainly following the local laws as well. We need only to figure out how the two of them align and reveal where there may have been some mistake or misjudgment.

Towards the end of the farbrengen, the Rebbe encouraged everyone to get involved in Mivtza Chanukah, spreading the miracle and message of Chanukah all



over the world. “Especially considering the incredible success of previous years,” the Rebbe said, “it shouldn’t be too difficult to replicate that success this year, and even surpass it!”

Chanukah with the Rebbe

On Tuesday, 24 Kislev, the first Chanukah candle was lit in the Rebbe’s presence in the big shul after Mincha.

Chazzan Moshe Teleshevsky was honored to light the Menorah, followed by the singing of Haneiros Halalu. Throughout the entire ceremony, the Rebbe faced the Menorah, and at times the crowd, with a very serious face. When the crowd reached the final stanza of “*Al Nisecha*” the Rebbe could be seen counting the number of times it was repeated with his fingers (five times), and then turned around to face east in preparation for Maariv while waving his hands in encouragement.

On Wednesday afternoon, the first day of Chanukah, a large gathering was held at 770 for the members of Kolel Tiferes Zekeinim Levi Yitzchok—senior men and women who participate in regular Torah classes. The Rebbe joined the gathering for Mincha and then addressed the crowd with a *sicha*, after which he distributed small plastic packets of dollar coins. An imprint on the packet read, “Chanukah 5751.”

1. THE REBBE ENTERS THE SHUL FOR MINCHA AND THE CHANUKAH LIVE PROGRAM.

2. ENCOURAGING THE SINGING OF HANEIROS HALALU.

3. THE SCENE AT 770 DURING THE EVENT.

4. CHAZZAN TELESHEVSKY KINDLES THE MENORAH ON THE SECOND NIGHT OF CHANUKAH AT A GATHERING FOR THE MEMBERS OF KOLEL TIFERES ZEKEINIM LEVI YITZCHOK.

It was later announced that the Rebbe would distribute the same packet to everyone who wanted it on the following evening.

The next evening after Maariv, the Rebbe held *yechidus klalis* for the guests who had arrived from out of town. First, the Rebbe addressed the groups of guests, bar and bas mitzvahs, and *chassanim* and *kallos*, and received their *panim* while giving each of them the same dollar coin. Then, at 9:30 p.m., the *yechidus* had concluded, and everyone else was invited into the shul to receive this packet of Chanukah gelt as well.

The Rebbe distributed thousands of packets to men, women, and children, until well past 1:00 in the morning.



CHE NISHIO

THE REBBE HANDS A PACKET OF DIMES TO A NON-JEWISH JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHER, STANDING IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION, AS SHE SNAPPED THIS REMARKABLE PHOTO.



THE REBBE DISTRIBUTES CHANUKAH GELT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE YECHIDUS KLOLIS, 26 KISLEV.



THE ('EISENHOWER') DOLLAR COIN GIVEN AS CHANUKAH GELT BY THE REBBE.

Chanukah Live

For the second year in a row, a grand international Chanukah children's rally was arranged, simultaneously linking up Menorah lightings across the globe with the Rebbe at 770.

The event took place on Tuesday, 1 Teves, the final light of Chanukah.

At 2:35 p.m., the Rebbe entered the shul for Mincha. Several screens placed throughout the shul displayed scenes from around the world. After Mincha, children from around the world were honored with reciting one of the Twelve Pesukim, including: Hong Kong, Yerushalayim, and Moscow. Then the screen showed live Menorah lightings in: Hong Kong, Melbourne, Moscow, Buenos Aires, London, Sydney, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Paris, and Montreal.

Finally, the Menorah was lit in the Rebbe's presence at 770. The Rebbe encouraged the singing of Haneiros Halalu very strongly throughout the entire *niggun* (not waiting until the end, as he usually does). In general throughout the program, the Rebbe's face was shining with a special radiance, and he was visibly in high spirits.

The Rebbe then addressed the children around the world with three *sichos*, telling them that they have a unique responsibility to light up the world with the light of Torah and *mitzvos*, increasing each and every day—as the Chanukah candles teach us.

At the conclusion of the event, the Rebbe gave out packets of dimes to the chaperones to be given to all of the children. Then the Rebbe gave packets to all the photographers who were present as well. Noticing a woman photographer standing in the window of the women's section, the Rebbe turned to her and lifted his hand all the way up, handing her a packet of dimes as well.

Dollars

Each Sunday, the Rebbe was visited by thousands of people from all walks of life who came to receive a dollar and a *bracha*.

On Sunday, 1 Kislev, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister, came to see the Rebbe.

"It's been a long time since I've last seen you," the Rebbe said.

"I've come to ask for your blessing," Mr. Netanyahu said.

"In all matters," the Rebbe answered, and then continued: "Many things have happened since we last met. But the one thing that stayed the same is that Moshiach has not yet come. You must do something to hasten his coming!"

"We are doing," Mr. Netanyahu said.

"But obviously not enough," the Rebbe replied, "because we are already several hours into the day and he's still not here. There are still a few hours remaining. Try to do something in this direction. May we hear good news, and with joy. Chassidim are careful to do everything with joy!"

An individual came to the Rebbe and said that he'd gotten involved in witchcraft, and it was disturbing his peace of mind. The Rebbe told him that the Rambam already ruled that nowadays, witchcraft is meaningless. There's no need to take it seriously. The Rebbe added that he should check his tefillin and *mezuzos*.

A *chosson* and *kallah* who would soon be married came to the Rebbe, and the Rebbe wished them many long, healthy years together, then asked, "Will you send me an invitation? You don't have to worry about preparing a plate for me because I won't be able to come. But you should certainly send an invitation!"

Sit On Their Heads!

As this Sunday was during the Kinus Hashluchim, many of the shluchim came to the Rebbe to receive a dollar, and then Mr. David Chase came by as well. The Rebbe told him, "The shluchim have already come by."

Mr. Chase answered (in Yiddish): "I have the honor

of coming together with the shluchim."

The Rebbe said, "Amen. But you should be at their head. 'Sit on their heads' and make sure everything is done properly." The Rebbe then asked him about his various business ventures in Poland and in other places, and wished him much success in everything.

As many of the shluchim passed by, the Rebbe gave them an extra dollar in honor of their respective locations.

A woman came to the Rebbe saying that she had been very sick, and the Rebbe told her to check her *mezuzos*. When she told the Rebbe that she had already checked them and they were all kosher, the Rebbe said, "If so, then they weren't checked properly. There were some *mezuzos* that were not kosher. Either way, may all go well, and may you have good news."

Health and Happiness

On Sunday, 8 Kislev, a woman asked the Rebbe if she should buy a lottery ticket. "Should you buy a lottery ticket?" the Rebbe asked. "Yes, it's a good idea. May Hashem grant you success."

Another woman came to the Rebbe asking for a *bracha* for her daughter, who had been born sick. The Rebbe told her to leave a note with the girl's name and her mother's name, and wished her a complete recovery. When the woman asked what she could do to help her daughter's situation, the Rebbe said, "You should strengthen the Yiddishkeit in your home. You are the mainstay of the home (*"akeres habayis"*), so many things are dependent on you. Do it with good health and a good spirit, and Hashem will bless you with good news..."

Another woman came with a girl who had cancer and asked for the Rebbe's *bracha*. "Should we change her name?" she asked the Rebbe.

"Yes," the Rebbe answered. "Add the name Gila or Simcha."

The woman then asked the Rebbe for a *bracha* to have more children, and the Rebbe gave her another dollar for her husband, and then an additional dollar to give to tzedakah when she gets pregnant.

"Will this girl be ok?" she asked once more. "Yes," the Rebbe answered.

Don't Short It

On Sunday, 15 Kislev, the Rebbe was asked by an individual for an answer to a letter he had written.

"The answer is," said the Rebbe, "that I will mention everything that you ask for at the *Tziyun*."

The person then told the Rebbe that he wants to learn

Chumash with Rashi.

“What’s the question?” the Rebbe asked.

“I don’t have a Chumash,” he explained.

The Rebbe told him to leave his address with Rabbi Groner, and he would send him a Chumash in time.

A woman came to the Rebbe, presenting her baby daughter named Chaya Mushka, saying that the child was born with the Rebbe’s *bracha*. The Rebbe blessed her to raise the child to Torah, *chuppah*, and *maasim tovim*, and gave her an additional dollar to be given to tzedakah when she becomes a *kallah*.

The Rosh Yeshiva of Tshachnov, Rabbi Berkerman,

told the Rebbe that he has 400 students in his yeshiva, but they are experiencing great financial difficulties, and he’s therefore thinking about cutting back on that number.

“No, *chas v’shalom!*” the Rebbe said. “Now is not a time to cut back.” The Rebbe then gave him an additional dollar to place in the yeshiva’s tzedakah pushka.

Reb Berel Weiss from Los Angeles came to the Rebbe with a few of his acquaintances. One of them asked the Rebbe for a bracha to have “a bit of *nachas* from my children.”

The Rebbe replied: “Not a bit. A lot of *nachas!*”

When they began to leave, the Rebbe told them that California has a reputation for having a warm climate, so they say. Make sure it becomes a place that is warm with Yiddishkeit.

An Illuminated Chanukah

On Sunday, 22 Kislev, the Rebbe wished many of the passersby “*Ah lichtenkin Chanukah!*”

Reb Zalman Gurary passed by, and the Rebbe asked him if everything went well last night [at the Melaveh Malka for Mivtza Neshek].

He answered: Boruch Hashem.

The Rebbe said, “I usually get reports. It’s been 12 hours already, and I haven’t yet received a report.”

Reb Zalman said he would write one, and the Rebbe smiled broadly, saying, “I’m sorry for the trouble.”

An individual approached the Rebbe and asked: There’s a *shidduch* proposal for his son, but the girl is here in the United States, and his son is in Eretz Yisroel. Should he bring his son here?

The Rebbe replied that this is something he must ask his son. “The Midrash says,” continued the Rebbe, “that there are some people who go to find their match, while others have their match come to them. Your son must decide which category he belongs to.”

Dr. Marvin and Mrs. Susan Shuster approached the Rebbe.

Mrs. Shuster thanked the Rebbe for praying for her father. “He had his surgery, it went easily, and he’s home now. We know your prayers meant a lot to us.”

When she wished the Rebbe a happy Chanukah, the Rebbe said:

“Not only happy, but it must be a lighted Chanukah. It must shine on the outside also. That is the message of Chanukah: to light at the front door in such a manner that it brings light to the street around your home!”

“Thank you, Rebbe,” she replied. “I need it in my neighborhood!” **T**



MR. BENJAMIN NETANYAHU VISITS THE REBBE, 1 KISLEV.

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