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# Chassidus for All

MAR-CHESHVAN 5751



On Chof Cheshvan 5751, the Rebbe distributed *Kuntres Eitz Hachayim*, which was written by the Rebbe Rashab. At the Shabbos farbrengen two days later, the Rebbe expounded on the content of the *kuntres*, explaining that all of the concepts discussed in it, as well as the Rebbe Rashab's intention in the founding of Tomchei Temimim, are everlasting and relevant today just as they were then.

The Rebbe added that in order to emphasize this point, and being that *b'hashgacha pratis*, a new *maamar* of the Rebbe Rashab was recently

discovered, it will now be printed, and that he will also distribute a copy to everyone.

On Monday, 25 Cheshvan, the Rebbe distributed the *maamar* ח' תרע"ח - אנכי מגן לך - תרע"ח to thousands of men, women, and children. The date signed on the preface to the *kuntres* was "Chof Mar-Cheshvan 5751."

Presented here is an account of the goings-on in the Rebbe's presence in that time period, including the fourth annual Kinus Hashluchim Ha'olami, which took place later that week.

## SUNDAY, 23 CHESHVAN

Upon exiting the shul after *Shacharis*, the Rebbe glanced at the poster announcing the upcoming *seudas hoda'ah* in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev.

Sunday “dollars” took place as usual. Following are excerpts of some of the encounters with the Rebbe during the *chaluka*.

The Rebbe told an individual who requested a *brocha* for a *shidduch*: **“The Gemara states that before Moshiach’s arrival, all *shidduchim* must be taken care of. It should be with much success.”**

Upon receiving a dollar, one individual said: “Rebbe, I have an urgent request; my wife is critically ill after undergoing several unsuccessful surgeries.”

The Rebbe handed him an additional dollar, and said: **“This you should give to *tzedaka* for her, and this,”** the Rebbe continued, handing an additional dollar, **“is for you to see to it that the *mezuzos* in her room are checked.”**

The Rebbe then inquired as to whether the woman was in the hospital or at home. When the man answered that she is in the hospital, the Rebbe said: **“You should bring her a *mezusa*, and place it on her nightstand. The doctors allow this. [May we hear] good tidings, and much success.”**

One woman informed the Rebbe that after many years of not having children, she began assisting Chabad in spreading Yiddishkeit, and nine months later she gave birth to a child on the Rebbe’s birthday, Yud-Aleph Nissan. The Rebbe responded: **“Hashem should bless him to go from strength to strength, exceeding what I do...”**

Upon hearing this, the woman responded: “The Rebbe is doing plenty good...”

After another woman requested a *brocha* for her son’s *shidduch*, the Rebbe *bentched* her, and then told her husband: **“*Shidduchim* are connected more with the father—so is stated in Gemara.”**<sup>1</sup>

Dollars ended close to three o’clock, enabling *Mincha* to take place at its usual time, 3:15. As the Rebbe was leaving after *Mincha*, he smilingly motioned to someone leaning on a crutch to get rid of it.

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After *Mincha* it was learned that the distribution of the *maamar* (that the Rebbe mentioned at the Shabbos farbrengen) was postponed for another day.

## MONDAY, 24 CHESHVAN

The Rebbe left for the Ohel at 1:50, returning at 6:40. Following *Mincha* and *Maariv*, the Rebbe began distributing the *maamar* of the Rebbe Rashab, אנכי מגן לך - תרע"ח.

The *chaluka* concluded at 10:10 p.m. Before leaving, the Rebbe inserted one *kuntres* into his *siddur*. On his way out of the shul, the Rebbe handed *kuntreisim* to several additional individuals who had not received it earlier.



DOLLARS, 23 CHESHVAN 5751.



YOSSI MELAMED VIA JEM

THE REBBE DISTRIBUTES THE MAAMAR תרע"ח - מגן לך - אגני מגן לך, 24 CHESHVAN 5751.

## TUESDAY, 25 CHESHVAN

Upon the Rebbe's entry to today's *tefillos*, the crowd enthusiastically sang "*Didan Notzach*." (Four years earlier, this day marked the victory of the second appeal in the *seforim* case, leading to their return to 770 on Beis Kislev.)

Prior to *Mincha*, which took place at 3:15, two *chassanim* waited in *Gan Eden Hatachton* to receive the Rebbe's *siddur*. Upon exiting his room, the Rebbe asked, "**Whose wedding will be taking place first?**" One of them answered that both are set to take place on the same day. To that the Rebbe asked: "**At the same time?**" The two didn't have an



exact answer for the Rebbe, so he asked further: “Are either of you a Kohen or a Levi?” to which they responded in the negative. The Rebbe then asked the one standing closer to him for his name. After he responded with his surname, the Rebbe asked what his first name is. To that he answered “Shmuel.” The Rebbe then turned to the other

*chosson*, who immediately articulated his name: “Chaim Shaul.” The Rebbe nodded while repeating the name “Chaim Shaul,” and handed him the *siddur* (due to his being earlier in the Aleph-Beis). The Rebbe *bentched* him “אויסבעטן אלע גוטע זאכן, זאלן זיין בשעה טובה ומוצלחת request all good things; may it be in a good and auspicious hour”), and handed him a nickel for *tzedaka*. The Rebbe then turned to the second *chosson*, *bentched* him in the same fashion, and handed him a nickel for *tzedaka*.<sup>2</sup>

#### THURSDAY, 27 CHESHVAN

Hundreds of shluchim arrived this morning from scores of locales worldwide. American shluchim came from the West Coast, the East Coast, and everywhere in between. They came from England, France, Russia, Ukraine, Eastern Europe, South Africa, Northern Africa, and even faraway Australia, to name several. Last, but not least, shluchim arrived from all over Eretz Yisroel—from Metula in the north, to Eilat in the south.

Excitement is in the air, as shluchim lovingly embrace for the first time in months. More and more shluchim arrived throughout the day, streaming in on Friday as well.

The Rebbe traveled to the Ohel at 1:40, returning at 6:15. A *siyum haRambam* on *Sefer Hamada* then commenced. Many of the shluchim, returning from the opening session of the Kinus Hashluchim, which took place today, joined the *chassidisher farbrengen* that followed the *siyum*.

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#### EREV SHABBOS, 28 CHESHVAN

Before going to *Mincha*, the Rebbe gave *tzedaka* to one particular child (although many more were gathered). Upon returning from *Mincha*, the Rebbe handed *tzedaka* to the same youngster. Several *chasanim* received the Rebbe’s *siddur* to daven with before *Mincha*.



HUNDREDS OF SHLUCHIM AND BAALEI BATIM ARRIVE FOR THE KINUS HASHLUCHIM, 5751.

As Shabbos set in, the large *zal* was packed to capacity with people, many of them shluchim who had arrived for the Kinus. Upon entering the shul for *Kabbalas Shabbos*, the Rebbe energetically encouraged the singing with a firm wave of his hand. A distinct pleasure is noticeable on the Rebbe's face upon observing the *shluchim*.

During *Lecha Dodi*, sung to the tune of Napoleon's March, the Rebbe further encouraged the singing with great enthusiasm, to which the large crowd responded in kind. When returning to his room following *Kabbalas Shabbos*, the Rebbe slowed his pace and encouraged the singing of the many children assembled in 770's foyer.

#### SHABBOS PARSHAS TOLDOS, SHABBOS MEVORCHIM KISLEV

The Rebbe entered the shul for Tehillim at 8:30, and remained standing the entire time. The Rebbe was up to *kapitel* 140 when the *chazzan* finished

Tehillim. The Rebbe then went to his room and returned for *Shacharis* at 10:35.

At *Musaf*, *Sim Shalom* was sung, as usual, to the tune of *Uveyom Simchaschem*. The Rebbe vigorously encouraged the singing, and the crowd repeated the tune three times.

If the pushing was felt during davening, it reached its peak at the *farbrengen*. In addition to the usual locals and *bochurim*, over a thousand shluchim were intermingled with the crowd, thirsting to hear the Rebbe's every word.

As the Chassidim sang the Rosh Chodesh Kislev Niggun, the Rebbe entered the *farbrengen*. After the Rebbe made *kiddush*, they resumed singing the same *niggun*. The hall was filled wall-to-wall, and the assembled were in high spirits. The Rebbe smilingly motioned to a *yungerman* to stop pushing, and observed, with a serious expression on his face, those who were forced out of their spots due to the heavy pushing.

The Rebbe began speaking about the inner meaning of a *kiנוס עולמי*—a worldwide gathering—and discussed the *avodas hashlichus* of every Yid in general, and the *shluchim* in particular, continuing in this vein in the subsequent *sichos*. The Rebbe continued that throughout this long *galus*, *Bnei Yisroel* already completed their general *shlichus*, and the only thing remaining is to demand “עד?מתי?” To illustrate the fact that the world was completely transformed for the better and is ready for the *geulah*, the Rebbe cited the fact that the very government that once imprisoned the Frieddiker Rebbe is now actively helping to relocate children from Chernobyl to Kfar Chabad.<sup>3</sup>

There were also *biurim* on the weekly *parsha*, and on the significance of this year’s *kvius*. An exceptional cheerfulness was evident on the Rebbe’s face throughout the *farbrengen*, and the *sichos* were said in an especially loud tone, with intricately detailed explanation.

Following the first *sicha*, the Chassidim began singing Napoleon’s March, with the Rebbe’s spirited encouragement. During the singing, the Rebbe motioned to Rabbi Dovid Nachshon and his friend, Avi Taub, to say *l’chaim*. The Rebbe also motioned for Rabbi Yosef Gutnick to say *l’chaim* on a large cup, encouraging him with both hands.

In the next *sichos*, the Rebbe pointed out the importance of the *Kinus* in that it unites *shluchim* of all types and stripes, and all kinds of locations worldwide. The Rebbe continued that the *Kinus* should be eternalized with a special book containing photos of the *shluchim* and their families, adding that after a proper proposal was presented, the printing costs would be covered.<sup>4</sup>

Following the second *sicha*, the crowd sang a *niggun* to the words “יחי אדונו מורינו ורבינו,” and after the third, they sang the *Simchas Torah niggun*. The Rebbe encouraged the singing in an extraordinary fashion, first with one hand, then the other, and then both together. The crowd rose to their feet in song, jumping and clapping enthusiastically.

During the fourth *sicha*, the Rebbe said that those who handed in *mashke* before Shabbos should come up to announce their events, as usual. Over fifty(!) bottles were given out. The Rebbe poured a bit from each bottle into his *becher* until it was full, after which he requested the glass cup, into which he poured the *becher’s* contents. This was done with all the bottles. The *chaluka* then began; at first the Rebbe poured from the cup into one of

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the bottles, and then into the person’s cup. Once the cup emptied, the Rebbe poured from his *becher* into the bottles. When that too was close to empty, he poured from the bottles into people’s cups. The Rebbe then handed an entire bottle to each person.

When Rabbi Dovid Nachshon approached, the Rebbe asked him to call his friend Avi Taub, and waited to pour for him as well. The Rebbe *bentched* each person with “הצלחה רבה.” One of the final people to receive was Reb Meir Harlig, the organizer of the Rosh Chodesh Kislev *farbrengen*, who invited the assembled to the 13th annual *farbrengen* and *seudas hoda’ah* in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev.

At the *chaluka’s* end, and following the announcements, the Rebbe began singing his father’s *niggun*, shaking his head to the (start) of the tune. The Rebbe then reminded the crowd about saying a *brocha acharona*, after which *Mincha* took place. The *farbrengen* concluded at 4:05. Scores of people stayed for *chazara*.

During *Mincha*, the Rebbe vigorously encouraged the singing of *Sim Shalom*. *Maariv* took place at 5:20 in the big *zal*, which was unusual for such occasions, as the Rebbe would usually daven *Maariv* on Motzaei Shabbos in the small *zal*, even during *Tishrei*.

Following *havdala*, one of the *shluchim* present proclaimed “יחי אדונו מורינו ורבינו” three times, which was repeated by the crowd. The assembled then broke out in joyous song as the Rebbe left the *zal* while energetically encouraging the singing.

And it didn’t stop there; the dancing only intensified with time, and a few hours later, Chassidim gathered in 770 for the large Rosh Chodesh Kislev *farbrengen*. **T**

1. *Kiddushin* 29a.

2. For more on this, see *Moments Before: the Rebbe’s Siddur to Chassanim*, Derher, Adar I 5776.

3. For more on this saga, and the Rebbe’s involvement, see [chabad.org/3377542](http://chabad.org/3377542).

4. For more on this, see *Sefer Hashluchim: A Family Album*, Derher, Tammuz 5774. See also Derher, Kislev 5775, p. 45.