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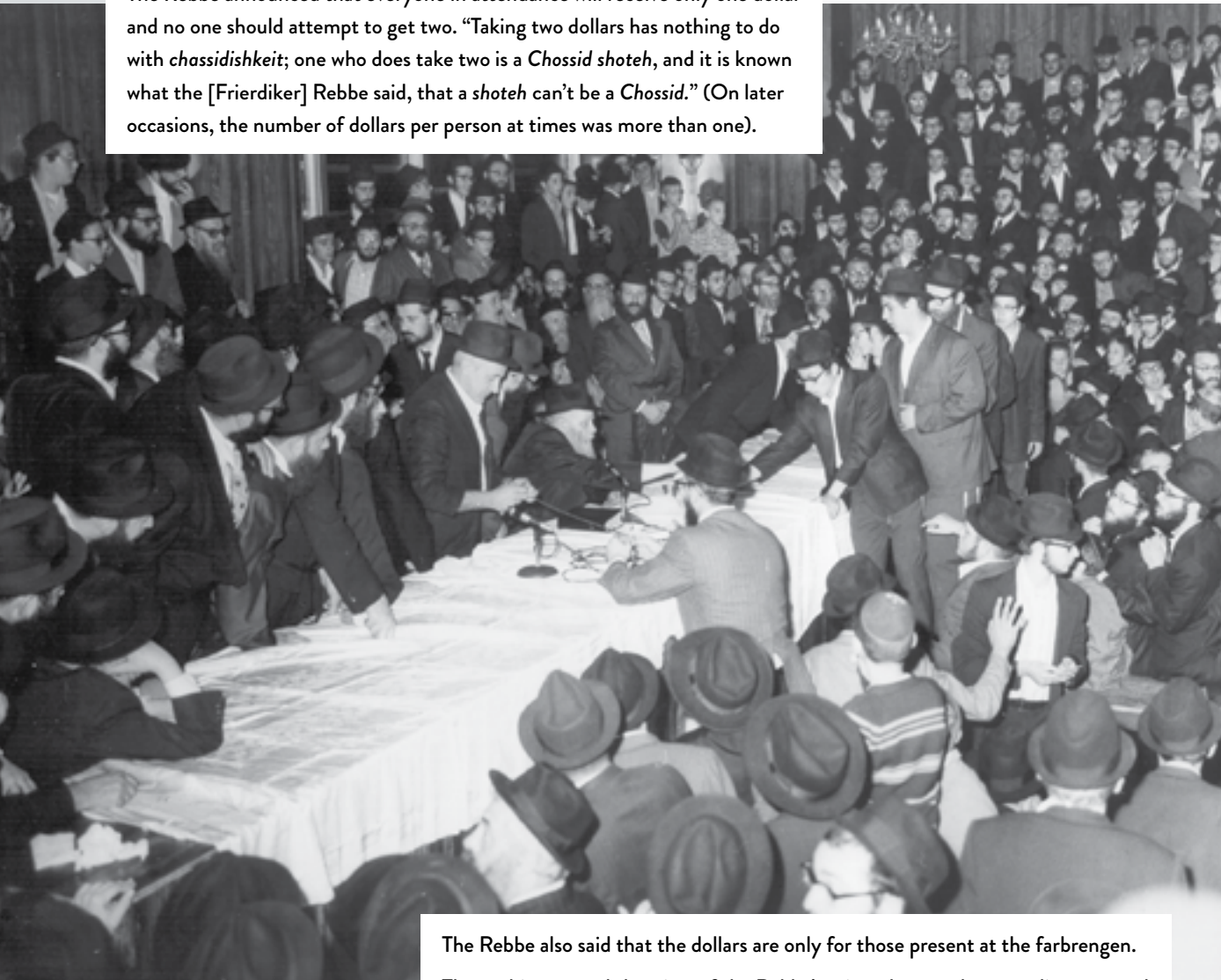
DOLLARS TO THE TANKISTIN

The first time the Rebbe gave out dollars to the *tankistin* was at the farbrengen of Chai Elul 5734*, pictured here.

The Rebbe announced that since the purpose of the farbrengen is to strengthen people's involvement in *mitzvot*, he would therefore give out dollars for tzedakah through the *tankistin*—"Those that travel and enable Yidden to do the five *mitzvot* recently launched"—to all the assembled.

The Rebbe asked that all the *tankistin* come up to receive a packet of dollars for distribution. As this was a first time occurrence, there was a great deal of confusion and pushing in the shul.

The Rebbe announced that everyone in attendance will receive only one dollar and no one should attempt to get two. "Taking two dollars has nothing to do with *chassidishkeit*; one who does take two is a *Chossid shoteh*, and it is known what the [Friediker] Rebbe said, that a *shoteh* can't be a *Chossid*." (On later occasions, the number of dollars per person at times was more than one).



The Rebbe also said that the dollars are only for those present at the farbrengen.

The pushing caused the wires of the Rebbe's microphone to become disconnected and Reb Chaim Baruch Halberstam can be seen in the picture repairing the wires.

From then on, the Rebbe periodically gave out dollars through the *tankistin*, and later on, it would be at the conclusion of every weekday farbrengen.



At the farbrengen of Yud Shevat 5735*, the Rebbe announced the system for the distribution. “It should be conducted in an organized manner. Those who have merited to be a *tankist* should all come up from one side, and pass by one by one . . . to receive for those assembled, who should all remain seated throughout.”¹

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From elder Chassidim to young children, all those who participated in *mitzvoim* were able to pass by. Many times the Rebbe would ask an individual “ביסט אויך א טנקיסט?”—Are you also a *tankist*? At times the Rebbe would inquire about someone by Reb Dovid Raskin, the administrator of Tzach.



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Women would also receive dollars, as they have an equal role in the *mitvzoim*. The first time the Rebbe gave to women as well was at the farbrengen of Zos Chanukah 5735* and in an exceptional occurrence, the Rebbe asked for a young girl to come down to receive the packet of dollars on behalf of the women.² Later on, the Rebbe would give the dollars to Reb Yosef Weinberg to pass on to the women. In fact, one time (30 Nissan 5735) the Rebbe gave dollars only for the women, and not the men! (This was in connection with *Mivtza Neshek*).

After receiving a packet from the Rebbe, the *tankistin* would step down from the Rebbe's platform at the front of the shul and distribute the dollars. If they ran out of dollars, they would go to the *mazkirus* office, and one of the *mazkirim* would get more from the Rebbe.



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At times, following a sicha that the Rebbe said during the weekdays from his shtender, the Rebbe also distributed dollars through the *tankistin*. The first time this occurred was on Taanis Esther 5741*.

1. Sichos Kodesh 5735 vol. 1 p. 366.
2. For the full story, see "Uforatzta," Derher Kislev 5778.