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# Presidential Preparations



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The second time Mr. Zalman Shazar visited the Rebbe as President of Israel was on Purim 5731. Presented here is a schedule of events proposed by the vaad hamesader of 770 and submitted to the Rebbe for approval. The Rebbe made a number of interesting changes in his holy handwriting, which we will now explore.



We hereby present a proposed schedule (along with a few questions for the Rebbe) for the upcoming Erev Purim and Purim night:

1. Do we need to send a delegation to greet him at his lodgings (like we did last time<sup>1</sup>). If yes, the Rebbe's mazkirus will certainly notify who should be included in this delegation.

The Rebbe crossed a line through "certainly" and half-circled around "mazkirus will notify..."

2. A choir will be arranged to greet him when he reaches 770 (similar to the way it was last time).

The Rebbe added a question mark after the parentheses and asked:

**האומנם הי'?**

Was there indeed [a choir]?

3. On the path leading up to the entrance of 770, arrangements should be made for two rows

consisting of representatives of various mosdos.

The Rebbe added:

**או של בעלי כח שיהי' סדר (ולא ע"ד שהי' אז)**

**Or [the rows should consist of] stronger people who can maintain order (not like it was last time).**

4. Electric lights will be added to illuminate the entrance of 770 and the surrounding area.

5. The (upstairs) shul will be empty (in accordance with the request of his security detail).

6. Will anyone enter that shul before going into the Rebbe's room (like what happened last time)<sup>2</sup>?

The Rebbe responded:

**קרוב שלא**

**Most likely not.**

7. Going downstairs [to the big shul] will be done with the elevator (as per the request of his security detail).







The Rebbe responded:

ה"ז יום תענית

**It's a fast day [and we shouldn't keep people waiting in shul longer than necessary].**

15. After this, return upstairs with the elevator, and enter the Rebbe's room with the [President's] entourage and some members of anash.

The Rebbe responded:

צ"ע

**Debatable.**

16. When the Rebbe and the guest are left alone in the room, tea and mezonos will be brought in.

17. Food and drink will be prepared for members of the entourage, the journalists, etc., in the shul upstairs.

To the word "food," the Rebbe added:

ע"י קייטערער (יפה-גם בחיצונית וכפשוטו)  
**[Provided] by a caterer (fancy—also externally in the most literal sense).**

18. There was an idea to suggest to Chabad representatives out of town (especially those in the New York area), and some of them have actually asked us about this, that they should come to Maariv and Megillah reading with one or two of their biggest supporters, and after the guest leaves the Rebbe's room, before he departs on his way, they should be introduced to him and allowed to be photographed with him, etc. Is this appropriate?

The Rebbe responded:

בטח תהי' קנאה ורעש וכו'

**This will certainly cause jealousy and [unnecessary] uproar, etc.**

19. After he [the President] leaves the Rebbe's room, there will be a press conference in the

Merkos office (like there was last time).

The Rebbe underlined the words "like there was last time" and added:

באם אפשר נכון ביותר

**If this is possible, it is very appropriate.**

20. Some members of anash will accompany him [the President] back to his hotel.

The Rebbe responded:

כנ"ל א

**As was mentioned in section 1.** [I.e. the mazkirus will notify who should go.]

21. All of the above was suggested by the advice of the members of the committee during a meeting that was held last night, on Motzei Shabbos Kodesh. If there are no comments or changes [from the Rebbe] on this, we will try to implement all of these ideas.

We request the Rebbe's holy brachos for success in all of the above.

The Rebbe responded:

אזכיר עה"צ

**I will mention it at the Ohel.**

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1. See Presidential Visit, Derher Av 5781.

2. When President Shazar visited in 5726, the Rebbe took him on a "tour" of the first floor of 770 before bringing him into the Rebbe's room.

3. The Rebbe gifted the President with a new Megillah in a silver case.