



## THE MONTH OF ADAR

- As the month of Adar begins, we must take in the joy of Adar immediately by accepting *hachlatos* upon ourselves to increase in things that bring joy, the motto of Adar.
- The *hachlatos* should be related to Torah, whose words are “*mesamchei leiv*” (bring joy to the heart), both in learning Torah and fulfilling its mitzvos, which will ultimately bring a person to have material joy as well.
- This joy should be shared with others, starting with the family, a husband with his wife, and parents with their children—to find ways to increase their happiness.<sup>1</sup>
- On 6 Adar I, in connection with the *yahrtzeit* of his-brother-in law Rashag, who was appointed by the Frieddiker Rebbe to administer Yeshivas Tomchei Temimim, the Rebbe said that this day should be marked by the yeshiva *bochurim* with *farbrengens*

at which *hachlatos* should be taken regarding the increase of learning *nigleh* and Chassidus, and spreading the teachings of Chassidus.

- The Rebbe also requested to print a *maamar* speaking of *geulah* and *techiyas hameisim* in Rashag’s memory.<sup>2</sup>

## 7 ADAR - THE BIRTH AND PASSING OF MOSHE RABBEINU

- Moshe Rabbeinu’s life’s work was “Torah.” On this day, we must add in learning Torah, including the commitment to teach Torah every Shabbos to a group of Yidden as Moshe Rabbeinu did, and also an increase in observance of mitzvos.
- Although in Chabad there are no *minhagim* specifically connected with this day, it does not negate the need to spend this special day in the right way, in addition to our regular observance of Torah and mitzvos.

לע"נ הו"ח אי"א נו"נ ר' חיים בן הו"ח  
ר' יעקב ע"ה  
ומרת דינה  
בת ר' משה ע"ה  
גרייזמאן

נדפס ע"י ולזכות  
הרה"ת ר' חיים וזוגתו מרת ביילא מינדל  
בניהם ובנותיהם  
מנחם מענדל, חי' מושקא, לוי יצחק, חנה  
דינה, משה אליהו, שיחיו  
גרייזמאן

- Once, while mentioning the *minhag* of Chassidim to make a *farbrenge* in honor of a *yahrzeit*, the Rebbe said that “even the seventh of Adar was changed from a day of fasting to a day of *farbrenge*s...”<sup>3</sup>

## PURIM-KATAN

- Since the day of Purim is when Yidden displayed great *mesiras nefesh*, the Rebbe strongly encouraged the increase of learning Chassidus, which brings a person to serve Hashem with a full heart, the equivalent of *mesiras nefesh*.
- On Purim Katan, the day when the Frierdiker Rebbe said the *maamar* “*Vekibbel Hayehudim*” with great *mesiras nefesh*, the Rebbe instructed Chassidim to learn that *maamar*.
- Together with the Torah being learned, giving *tzedakah* should also be increased, which is especially connected to Purim, and they should also increase in joy.<sup>4</sup>

## SHABBOS SHEKALIM

- Shabbos Shekalim is when we read about the yearly donation the Yidden gave in the times of the *Beis Hamikdash*. The lesson from this is for every one of us to increase in *tzedakah*. It should be done not only as a mere action, but the mindset should be a full devotion as if it is “*kofer nafsho*”—giving oneself over completely.<sup>5</sup> **T**

1. Hisvaaduyos 5752 vol. 2 p. 296-297.
2. Hisvaaduyos 5750 vol. 2 p. 338.
3. Hisvaaduyos 5748 vol. 2 p. 392
4. Hisvaaduyos 5749 vol. 2 p. 349-350
5. Hisvaaduyos 5752 vol. 2 p. 366