

THE ROYAL VISIT

ADAR- SIVAN 5707*

In the month of Adar 5707*, Rebbetzin Chana, the Rebbe's mother, arrived in Paris, France together with other refugees who left Russia only months before.

The Rebbe, who had not seen her for over 19 years, traveled to Paris to meet her and to accompany her back to New York.

The Rebbe spent three months in the city, spending much of his time farbrenging, speaking, and giving advice to the local Jews, as well as exerting tremendous effort into laying ground for the central Lubavitch infrastructure in France, establishing branches of Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, Machne Yisroel, Bais Rivkah and Kehos, on behalf of the Frierdiker Rebbe.





Upon his arrival, the Rebbe met his mother and remained alone with her for almost an hour. Then, the Rebbe sat down together with Rebbetzin Chana to farbreng with the Chassidim there.

With tears in his eyes, the Rebbe spoke emotionally of how he had not been able to fulfill the mitzvah of *kibud* av vaem for many years, comparing the situation to that of Yosef in the Torah, who had been separated from his father for 22 years.

The Rebbe farbrenged a total of eight times over the visit.

At those farbrengens, the Rebbe spoke about the Frierdiker Rebbe, encouraging Chassidim to grow in *hiskashrus* as well as the importance of *maamad*—giving money to support the Rebbe's household.

Although it was not possible for most of the local Chassidim to travel to the Frierdiker Rebbe at the time, the Rebbe spoke about it many times during the trip, encouraging and demanding that there must be a yearning and desire to be close to the Rebbe.





At one of the farbrengens, the Rebbe asked the crowd what they had recently been learning. When they responded, the Rebbe—completely unprepared—immediately proceeded to speak in great depth on those very Torah topics. At one farbrengen, the Rebbe went around the table explaining the deeper meaning behind the names of all who were present and what they mean in *avodah*.

These are photos of the farbrengen on Lag B'omer 5707.1

1. See "The Reunion," Derher Adar II 5782,



