



THE REBBE CIRCLES THE BIMA DURING 'HOSHAANOS' ON THE MORNING OF HOSHAANA RABBA 5738.

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Nuclear Developments

CHESHVAN 5738*



Presented below is an account of the events of Cheshvan 5738*.

Coming off the heels of the health incident the Rebbe had on Shemini Atzeres, the Rebbe remained in his room in 770 during the entire month of Cheshvan. Chassidim were anxious to see the Rebbe and to find out any positive developments about the Rebbe's health.

TUESDAY, EREV ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN:

Dr. Weiss informed the Rebbe that his wife wanted him to return home to Chicago, but he wanted to stay. The Rebbe told him to listen to his wife, as she is the “*akeres habayis*.” The Rebbe added: “Just like I listened to my wife when she told me not to go to the Ohel.”

Another doctor told the Rebbe to be careful with his health as there is a 25% chance that he may suffer another heart attack. When he asked the Rebbe if he understood, the Rebbe replied that he took it to mean that there is a 75% chance that everything will be okay.

WEDNESDAY, FIRST DAY OF ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN:

On both days of Rosh Chodesh, there was a small *minyán* for *kriah* in the Rebbe’s room, consisting of *mazkirus*, Reb Dovid Raskin, Reb Meir Harlig, and a few *orchim* who were departing after Tishrei. The Rebbe received an *aliyah*.

The Rebbe asked Dr. Weiss how he would be able to compensate the Chassidim for not *farbrenging* on Simchas Torah and Shabbos Bereishis. The Rebbe wanted to hold a special *farbrengen* to make up for them.¹

THURSDAY, SECOND DAY OF ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN:

The Rebbe requested that the police blockades that had been set up in front of 770

NEWS AT 770

- As time went on, the Rebbe requested that the doctors postpone the exams they wished to perform on Shabbos, to Motzei Shabbos.²
- The Rebbe has been davening Mincha and Maariv in his room at the same time that the *bochurim* daven in the *zal* (Mincha at 3:15 and Maariv at 6:45).
- For two months the Rebbe did not go to the Ohel. On letters where the Rebbe would normally write “*azkir al hatziyun*,” he wrote instead “*azkir b’eis ratzon*.”
- Chassidim took upon themselves to go out every Sunday on *mitzvoim*, and to increase their daily studies, in quantity and quality.
- They also instituted a daily *minyán* of Chassidim that would go to the Ohel of the Friediker Rebbe and to the *kever* of Rebbetzin Chana, to daven for the Rebbe’s health.
- Every effort was made to mitigate any unnecessary noise made by *bochurim* studying in the upstairs part of 770, so as not to disturb the Rebbe’s rest. A red carpet was also installed on the floor upstairs, to quiet the noise caused by footsteps.



(to keep people away from the area of the Rebbe's room) be removed and that the upstairs *zal* be reopened so the *bochurim* could learn there.

One of the doctors expressed concern that the extra noise would be harmful to the Rebbe's health. The Rebbe responded that a *kol Torah* cannot disturb him.

SHABBOS PARSHAS NOACH, GIMMEL CHESHVAN

In the morning we found out that the Rebbe planned to attend *kriah* in the *zal* upstairs for the first time since Shemini Atzeres, and that it would be open to the public. When the doctors expressed their reservations about this due to the inevitable lack of space and air circulation, the Rebbe said that he would prefer there to be as many people as possible.

Eventually, it was decided that only *orchim* who were set to depart in the coming week would be allowed to attend this *minyán*.

Many people were standing on benches in the sukkah and in other creative spots in order to catch their first glimpse of the Rebbe since Shemini Atzeres. The *zal* was packed and several people were appointed to ensure that everything went smoothly.

At the appointed time, Rabbi Groner went into the Rebbe's room and informed him that the *minyán* was up to *kriah*. The Rebbe entered the *zal* holding a siddur and a chumash and went to his Shabbos place on the opposite side of the room. The Rebbe remained standing until the *baal koreh* started reading³. The Rebbe received *maftir* and read the Haftorah. After the *chatzi kaddish* before Musaf, the Rebbe returned to his room.

Today, Mincha and Maariv took place in the entry hall next to *gan eden hatachton*. The Rebbe's door was open and he davened along with the *minyán*.

On Motzei Shabbos at 8:00 p.m., the Rebbe spoke for about an hour from his room with a live hookup to the *zal*. This included the *maamar k'èin sicha* titled "Mayim Rabim."

SUNDAY, DALED CHESHVAN

Today Dr. Weiss took a flight back home to Chicago.

Since arriving here on Shemini Atzeres, he worked tirelessly, caring deeply for the Rebbe's

health. As he normally worked for a hospital in Chicago, he had a lot of work piling up for him back at home. But he assured us that he would not leave until he was certain that the Rebbe would recover and that his services would not be required anymore.

He also remarked that he was aware of how many sick people were helped through the Rebbe's *brachos*.

Before he left he relayed his impressions of his experience in an emotionally charged speech: "I have gained much more from this experience than I was able to provide. I consulted with the Rebbe daily about things that have bothered me about medicine for a long time, and the Rebbe gave me his advice on many subjects, illuminating numerous issues."

As he left, he danced emotionally with *mazkirus* and the *bochurim* that were there. He left amidst the warm embrace of everyone assembled.

Later, another doctor arrived to replace him, and he would periodically update Dr. Weiss over the phone with new developments.

MONDAY, HEI CHESHVAN

The Rebbe fasted *Bahab* today⁴. Initially the doctors protested, but the Rebbe held firm and fasted anyway. After the fact, the doctors agreed



ON THE NIGHT BEFORE RETURNING TO CHICAGO, DR. IRA WEISS CONVERSES WITH DR. LOUIS TEICHHOLZ IN THE MAZKIRUS OFFICE.

that it had been an easy and smooth fast for the Rebbe.

WEDNESDAY, ZAYIN CHESHVAN

After receiving many requests for updates on the Rebbe's health, Rabbi Groner came downstairs to speak to the public. He read from a prepared statement written by the doctors.

Baruch Hashem, things were improving, but the Rebbe still required rest. Therefore, there would not be any farbrengens in the near future, nor would the regular davening schedule commence.

However, in due time things would be able to return to the way they were before Shemini Atzeres.

We found out that the Rebbe received a letter from the president of the United States, Jimmy Carter, containing his wishes for a complete recovery.

The Rebbe responded⁵ in a letter that the Healer of all flesh who does wondrous things sent him a recovery and that he was beginning to resume his regular routine.

Tonight, the *bochurim* gathered and Reb Dovid Raskin and Reb Yoel Kahan addressed them, urging those assembled to increase in fulfilling the Rebbe's wishes.

THURSDAY, CHES CHESHVAN

Today the Rebbe again fasted *Bahab*. By now the doctors fully approved of it.

The Rebbe ate something in the morning before dawn, and rested in the afternoon.

Today the Rebbe edited the *maamar* from Motzei Shabbos Parshas Noach.

SHABBOS PARSHAS LECH LECHA, YUD CHESHVAN

Today the Rebbe again joined *krias haTorah* in the small *zal* upstairs. A few people were appointed to maintain order in the room. They made sure that this time only a handful of people were allowed in, including some elderly members of *anash*.

The majority of the guests from Tishrei had already departed. The sukkah was also cleared of people so as not to block the windows.

When the Rebbe entered the *zal*, his face had a noticeably healthier glow than last week.

Yesterday (Friday) it was announced that the Rebbe would once again say a *sicha* from his room

this Motzei Shabbos.

At 8:00 p.m. Motzei Shabbos, the Rebbe spoke for an hour and eight minutes from his room, including a *maamar kein sicha*. In the *sicha* the Rebbe focused a lot on the absolute necessity to settle all of the territories of Eretz Yisroel.

At 4:00 a.m. the Rebbe requested Rabbi Groner to urgently inform Reb Berke Wolf, who dealt with the distribution of the *sichos* in Israel, to delay the publication of the *sicha*. There were elements of the *sicha* that the Rebbe did not want to be published in the *sicha* itself, but to be included as footnotes. Accordingly the Rebbe instructed that the *manichim* should work on getting the *sicha* ready to be edited as soon as possible.

SUNDAY, YUD-ALEPH CHESHVAN

After Shachris, the Rebbe came out with two notes in relation to the *sicha* said last night.⁶

The first emphasized that it would only require a few people to legally effectuate settling the territories of Eretz Yisroel. Any opposition to this would eventually disappear with the support of the vast majority of the nation.

The second note brought out a comparison from Israel's nuclear weapons program. In the beginning there was a lot of opposition, but once the Israeli government showed a backbone, all of the foreign pressure dissipated.

At this point the *manichim* had already concluded transcribing the *sicha* and they submitted it to the Rebbe to be edited.

Once the Rebbe edited it, Reb Berke was contacted again and sent the *sicha* to be translated in its entirety for publication in Israel.

Rabbi Groner asked the Rebbe if the additions were intended to be included in the general publication of the *sicha*. The Rebbe replied that this was intended only for publication in Israel and the contents of the final published *sicha* would be determined at a later date.

Rabbi Groner reported that Reb Berke felt that it would be best to send the *sicha* directly to the papers and not to relay it through the regular radio channels where they would potentially encounter government censorship of the mention of nuclear weapons. The Rebbe agreed and recommended that he send the *sicha* to the newspaper "*She'arim*" (which was run by Po'alei Agudas Yisroel), as they would surely publish it without any edits.



CHASSIDIM LISTEN VIA LIVE HOOKUP TO THE REBBE'S FARBRENGEN ON MOTZEI SHABBOS PARSHAS NOACH.

the censorship office himself.

A while later Rabbi Wolf informed the Rebbe that the *sicha* was printed in the three newspapers that the Rebbe specified. The Rebbe was very happy with this and said that, “now it will be easier to get it published everywhere as it is already printed.”

Indeed that is what transpired. The words “nuclear weapons” were substituted with “nuclear development.”

THURSDAY, TES-VOV CHESHVAN

Today, for the first time since Shemini Atzeres, the Rebbe attended a weekday *krias haTorah* in the small *zal*. This was only announced immediately before. Right away the doors were closed, and the Rebbe’s table was set up.

Later that day Rabbi Nissan Mindel entered the Rebbe’s room and the Rebbe wished him *mazal tov* for the birth of his grandson. The Rebbe asked what the baby was named and he replied Schneur Zalman. The Rebbe asked after whom he was named, to which Rabbi Mindel replied, Reb Zalman Vilenkin. The Rebbe recalled: “He studied Chumash, Rashi and Gemara with me and my brothers. He set me on my feet. He was a special Jew.”

The Rebbe then gave him a *bracha* that the child should emulate his namesake.

SHABBOS PARSHAS VAYEIRA, YUD-ZAYIN CHESHVAN

Now that the Rebbe is attending *kriah* in the *zal* on Shabbos and during the week, a system has been put in place to determine who would be allowed to enter, since there isn’t enough space in *zal* for all of the *bochurim* and *yungerleit* that want to be there. A raffle is held each time, and the letters drawn up at the raffle determine which people can join, based on their last names.

SUNDAY, YUD-CHES CHESHVAN

Dr. Weiss arrived today on a flight from Chicago.

He met with the Rebbe for several hours and upon leaving the Rebbe’s room he relayed that he was satisfied with the progress of the Rebbe’s health.

MONDAY, YUD-TES CHESHVAN

Today, the Rebbe stood for the entire *kriah* for the first time since Shemini Atzeres. The Rebbe’s *shtender* was not even set up as no one expected this.

WEDNESDAY, CHOF-ALEPH CHESHVAN

At 6:00 p.m., numerous *sefarim* that were held captive for years in Warsaw, Poland were finally returned to the Rebbe’s library after tremendous efforts.

THURSDAY, CHOF-BEIS CHESHVAN

After *krias haTorah* this morning, Rabbis Avrohom Shemtov and Aharon Chitrik—who were very involved in the rescue of the *sefarim* from Poland—entered *gan eden hatachton*. They presented the Rebbe with two volumes written in the handwriting of the Rebbeim.

The Rebbe's face visibly lit up as he took the *sefarim* and leafed through them.

The Rebbe then *bentched* them with a special *bracha*.

As they departed, the Rebbe said that they must be joyous, and to Rabbi Shemtov the Rebbe added with a smile and a wave of his hand: "There is nothing to be anxious about."⁷

SHABBOS PARSHAS CHAYEI SARAH, CHOF-DALED CHESHVAN

On Motzei Shabbos, at 7:00 p.m., the Rebbe said a *sicha* from his room, and a *maamar kein sicha* titled "V'Avraham Zakein," concluding at 8:25 p.m.

In 770 there are still parts of the building with restricted access to the public. Most of the *bochurim* study downstairs and only a select few are allowed in the *zal* upstairs.

A door was installed between the entryway upstairs and the hallway where the small *zal* is, to help mitigate the noise level. (Previously there were towels placed along any cracks in the doorways in order to muffle the sound but they had since been removed.)

WEDNESDAY, CHOF -TES CHESHVAN

In the morning, news was leaked that the Rebbe would be going to the library to view the manuscripts that recently arrived from Poland. In the beginning it was kept fairly secret, and *bochurim* in the know hurried to get a spot outside in order to be able to catch a glimpse of the Rebbe.

As the afternoon came around the circle of people who were informed slightly increased, and people began to notice something was afoot due to all of the whispering. At 2:40 p.m. the door to 770 opened and the Rebbe walked out towards the library building, accompanied by Dr. Resnick.

The Rebbe walked slowly and conversed with the doctor the entire way. By the time the Rebbe




RABBI AVROHOM SHEMTOV DISPLAYS SOME OF THE SEFARIM THAT ARRIVED FROM POLAND.

entered the library, the news had already spread like wildfire, and many people flocked towards 770 to be able to see the Rebbe upon his return to 770.

We heard that this is the second time that the Rebbe ever visited the library. The first time was Yud-Aleph Nissan 5732.

The Rebbe sat in the library and browsed through various *kesavim* and letters that were sent to the Friediker Rebbe, including one from Harav Elchonon Wasserman. Upon seeing pages from an old manuscript of Eitz Chaim, the Rebbe exclaimed: "This is a valuable item, we need to keep this in a secure place."

At 3:55 p.m. the Rebbe exited the library and returned to his room accompanied by Dr. Resnick and members of *mazkirus*. On the way the Rebbe saluted the senior police officer that was there.

As is well known, the very next evening, Rosh Chodesh Kislev, the Rebbe returned home for the first time since Shemini Atzeres. See Derher Magazine 51 - "The Complete Story of Rosh Chodesh Kislev." 

1. See Derher "Seudas Hoda'a," Derher Teves 5775.
2. See the last two *sichos* of Shavuos 5738.
3. Until Shemini Atzeres 5738 the Rebbe would stand throughout the entire *kriah*.
4. *Bahab* is an acronym for "Monday, Thursday, Monday," referring to the series of fasts some have a custom to mark in Cheshvan and Iyar following the Yomim Tovim of Sukkos and Pesach.
5. www.chabad.org/1151665
6. Igros, chelek 33, page 37-38,
7. See Derher Adar 2 5774, "Rescue of the Library," for the full story.