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“SIMICHLA!”

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A description of events at the end of Cheshvan 5746, as recorded in the diary of Meir Yechiel Hershkowitz, a bochur in 770 at the time.

Set in the background of the Kinus Hashluchim, the ongoing Sefarim case was on everyone's mind. As Rosh Chodesh Kislev approached, the Rebbe repeatedly emphasized the importance of Simcha in this special time.

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Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah, Chof-Hei Cheshvan

On Friday night, shluchim from all over the United States, here for the third annual Kinus Hashluchim, farbrenge until the wee hours of the morning in Oholei Torah.

In the first *sicha* at today's Shabbos Mevarchim farbrengen, the Rebbe discussed the upcoming month of Kislev, the only month that ends with a Yom Tov (Chanukah). Kislev is also a month of *Chassidische Yomim Tovim* and Chassidus places an emphasis on joy. We must increase in *simcha*. Everything happening in the world is due to the darkness of *galus*, a sign that our *simcha* until now isn't enough!

We will definitely succeed in making increased *simcha* a reality. Faced with the "glinting sword" of our joy, the "menaged" (opponent) will be unable to disrupt. The Rebbe also mentioned special dates in Kislev that are associated with increased joy, "especially Rosh Chodesh Kislev."

After the *sicha*, the Rosh Chodesh Kislev niggun was sung and the room was filled with a special atmosphere of joy.

During the second *sicha*, the Rebbe spoke at length about current events in Eretz Yisroel, the importance of *Shleimus Ha'aretz*, and not to be intimidated by other nations. (A representative of the Israeli government was present at the farbrengen.)

The Rebbe then said a *maamar k'ein sicha*, titled *V'Avraham Zakein*.

The Rebbe explained the passage in Zohar "שעתא חדא ויומא חדא ריגעא חדא" ("One hour, one day, one moment...") according to Kabbalah. The Rebbe then connected this with the third annual Kinus Hashluchim taking place this weekend, "being that I'm also a shliach of the (Friediker) Rebbe."

In the context of this Zohar, the Rebbe explained that the word shliach stands for "שעתא לימוד יומא חדא". The Rebbe expounded on each word and connected it with the above mentioned Zohar. This ties into what was spoken about (in the previous farbrengen), that "shliach" plus ten (*kochos hanefesh*) has the numerical value of Moshiach.

The letter *mem* (of Moshiach) represents the unification within Torah itself; the revealed parts of Torah (open *mem*), and the hidden parts of Torah (closed *mem*).

As the farbrengen went late, the Rebbe spoke more



concisely and quicker than usual, mentioning that we will have to daven "at least a delayed Mincha" due to the late hour. Nevertheless, with many happy occasions coming up this week, the Rebbe said that those who gave bottles of mashke to *Mazkirus* (to be distributed by the Rebbe at the farbrengen as is customary), should come up quickly and in an orderly fashion. When Moshiach sees how everything is done with *zrizus*, he will come immediately as well.

The first one to receive *l'chaim* from the Rebbe was Reb Moshe Pinchas Katz who announced a gathering for the collection of *maamad* which would take place on Motzei Shabbos at 9:00 p.m.

Afterwards, Reb Yudel Krinsky announced that "the Kinus Hashluchim will take place on Motzei Shabbos, into Sunday and Monday, with a continuation throughout the entire year."

The Rebbe asked: "When does (the Kinus) begin?"

Reb Yudel responded that it began today with the Rebbe's farbrengen.

The Rebbe responded: "That already happened. When is the continuation going to start?"

Reb Yudel announced that it would begin tonight at 8:00 p.m.

The Rebbe remarked that 8:00 comes before 9:00 (as



KINUS HASHLUCHIM 5746. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR THAT THE GROUP PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN FRONT OF 770.

if to say that the announcement of the Kinus should have been first).

Subsequently, Reb Meir Harlig announced the *Seudas Hodaah* (for Rosh Chodesh Kislev).

The Rebbe asked him: “Who’s invited?”

He announced with excitement that all *Anash* and *Temimim* are invited to participate.

The Rebbe then finished his cup and began his father’s *Hakafos niggun*, strongly encouraging the singing.

The farbrengen concluded a few minutes after *shkiah* at 4:50 p.m., and was followed by Mincha.

After Mincha, Chassidim danced joyously until after Maariv, when the Rebbe left 770 to go home. As the Rebbe left, he encouraged the singing with his hands.

Kinus Hashluchim

On Motzei Shabbos, the Kinus began with Reb Moshe Kotlarsky as emcee introducing the Chairman of the Kinus, Reb Yudel Krinsky. Reb Yudel related that on Friday the Rebbe had asked him “how many shluchim came in.” When he answered about a hundred, the Rebbe replied: “It should be with a טראסק (a splash), after all it’s Shabbos Mevarchim Kislev.”

After Shabbos, the Rebbe told him that he wanted to give every shliach who came to the Kinus 100 dollars. The Rebbe also inquired as to how the Kinus was being paid for, to which he responded that every shliach chipped in 100 dollars. Hearing this, the Rebbe said, “If so, we have

to give them each 200 dollars.” Additionally, the Rebbe said that since shluchim will not want to spend the money that they received from the Rebbe, they should each be given an extra dollar to hold onto instead.

The Rebbe also instructed him to update the shluchim on all the details of the *sefarim* case because it is relevant to them for both physical and spiritual reasons, and that should be discussed during the Kinus.

Sunday, Chof-Vov Cheshvan

In the morning, as the Rebbe entered 770, he distributed nickels for tzedakah.

When Reb Shlomo Cunin passed, the Rebbe smiled at him and asked: “Do you still have כלים רקים - empty vessels?” When he replied that he did, the Rebbe told him, “If so, you should fill them up.”

As the Rebbe distributed the nickels, the Rosh Chodesh Kislev niggun was sung, and right before the Rebbe entered his room, he strongly encouraged the singing.

Continuation of the Kinus

A time was set aside at the Kinus to discuss the *sefarim* case, as the Rebbe instructed. Reb Yudel Krinsky went over the ongoing case in great detail. While talking, he burst into tears.

After his remarks, all the shluchim took upon themselves to increase in the recitation of Tehillim and giving tzedakah.

At 2:00 pm, the shluchim posed in front of 770 for a group photo. Afterwards they broke out in a dance to “Napoleon’s March.” Amidst the singing, Reb Sholom Posner was lifted up and he announced three times in a loud voice: “*Didan Natzach!*” After each proclamation, everyone responded “Amen!”

As *bochurim* standing nearby, seeing the shluchim, our only wish was to be part of this picture in the future.

After the photo, Reb Shlomo Cunin announced that Mincha would take place downstairs at 3:15 (although it’s usually upstairs) in a spirit of joy and victory.

Both before and after Mincha, we sang “Napoleon’s March” and the Rebbe encouraged the singing. As the Rebbe was leaving, he stopped to speak to Rabbi Berel Levy near the elevator.

Maariv also took place downstairs, and before and after the davening we sang and danced joyously, with the Rebbe encouraging the singing.

Monday, Chof-Zayin Cheshvan

In the morning, *Krias HaTorah* was held downstairs in the main shul, unlike the norm.

Before and after Mincha, the Rebbe vigorously encouraged the singing.

In the evening, when Reb Yudel Krinsky drove the Rebbe home, he told the Rebbe that on Sunday a picture was taken of all the shluchim in front of 770. A copy of the picture was also sent to Eretz Yisroel, to be printed in the Kfar Chabad magazine.

The Rebbe noted that when the picture goes to print, it should be specified that it was taken in front of 770 in Brooklyn, because there is another 770 in Kfar Chabad (then under construction).

Tuesday, Chof-Ches Cheshvan

In the morning, when the Rebbe arrived at 770, he strongly waved his arms to encourage the singing.

Waiting in *Gan Eden Hatachton* for the Rebbe were members of Aguch: Rabbis Binyamin Gorodetzky, Moshe Pinchas Katz, Mordechai Mentlik, Dovid Raskin, Yudel

Krinsky, Avrohom Shemtov and Zalman Gourarie.

The Rebbe spoke to them for about 10 minutes about the *sefarim* case. The Rebbe then came out into the lobby of 770 to distribute coins to children for tzedakah, looking very serious.

The Rebbe then returned to his room, and on the way, spoke again briefly with the members of Aguch who were still in *Gan Eden Hatachton*.

Later Rabbi Gorodetzky entered the Rebbe’s room for about five minutes.

When the members of Aguch emerged from *Gan Eden Hatachton*, Reb Avremel Shemtov said that it was “fire.” When we asked what the Rebbe said, we were told to go to the zal and instruct everyone to say Tehillim and give tzedakah. Hearing this, we realized that something serious and deeply important to the Rebbe was taking place.

Mincha was held in the small *zal* as usual, and we sang and danced with much joy. The Rebbe encouraged the singing.

Maariv was held at 5:30 pm in *Gan Eden Hatachton*, and afterward, the Rebbe immediately went home.

In the evening, the *maamar* which the Rebbe said last Shabbos, “*V’Avraham Zakein*,” edited by the Rebbe, was distributed.

This was the first *maamar* in about five years that the Rebbe looked over and edited for print, and Chassidim in 770 danced with joy for over an hour at this great new revelation of light.

Already today, the big shul downstairs was prepared for the grand *Seudas Hodaah* in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev that will take place tomorrow.

At some point during the day, the lawyers from each side came to the Rebbe’s house to interview the Rebbetzin for the upcoming court case. *B’hashgacha protis*, the case has been scheduled by the non-Jewish judge for Yud-Tes Kislev, may it be a *didan natzach*.

Wednesday, Chof-Tes Cheshvan, Erev Rosh Chodesh Kislev

In the morning, when the Rebbe arrived at 770, he encouraged the singing.

The Rebbe went to the Ohel today, and came back about an hour after *shkiah*.

The chazzan for Maariv was Reb Sholom Dovber



CHASSIDIM FARBRENG ON ROSH CHODESH KISLEV, CIRCA 5740s

Friedman (from Italy) who led the davening with the Yom Tov tune in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev.

As the Rebbe left the shul after Maariv, he waved his hands to encourage the singing. Then everyone went outside and we danced for over an hour. When the Rebbe walked by on his way out of 770, he strongly encouraged the singing.

Today we found out that the Rebbe was going to edit the *sicha* from this Shabbos (Chayei Sarah) about shlichus. The Rebbe instructed that the *sicha* be printed together with the *sicha* from Simchas Torah this year (also about shlichus), which had been printed last week.

Seudas Hoda'ah

At 9:00 p.m., a large crowd started filling up the main shul of 770 for the grand *Seudas Hoda'ah* in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev. Reb Meir Harlig, as emcee and organizer of the *Seudas Hoda'ah*, began by wishing everyone a Gut Yom Tov.

Among the other speakers, Reb Moshe Pinchas Katz and Reb Zalman Gourarie shared what the Rebbe had said to them and the other members of Aguch on Tuesday morning. The Rebbe spoke with a lot of emotion and in the strongest possible tone, asked the members of the *vaad*: "Are you saying Tehillim and giving tzedakah?" Then the Rebbe banged on the table with his fist and said: "*Taparu Da Plachul!* 'From your cries come salvation!'"

Hearing this, Chassidim at the *seudah* decided to say Tehillim right away after *chatzos*. People also took upon

themselves to say *kapitelach* 100, 20, 22 and 69 every day, and give tzedakah daily.

Later on, Reb Berel Levin spoke about the history of the library, specifying that the manuscripts passed exclusively from Rebbe to Rebbe. At the end of the official event, the entire crowd stood up and recited the above-mentioned *kapitelach* of Tehillim, led by Reb Moshe Pinchas Katz.

Then Chassidim broke into joyous dance, *l'chaim* was said, and we danced for over two hours. After the dancing, we broke into smaller groups with different *mashpi'im* and farbrenged until the morning.

Thursday, Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Today, when the Rebbe arrived at 770, he encouraged the singing. Also before Mincha, and before and after Maariv, the Rebbe encouraged the singing.

Since today is a Chassidishe Yom Tov, all of the *bochurim* went on *mitvtzaim*. We rented eight Mitzvah Tanks corresponding to the eight years since the miracle in 5738.

Before *shkia*, as per the Rebbe's instruction, a printer was taken down from Vaad L'hafatzas Sichos to the Friediker Rebbe's Library (near the elevator), and three hundred copies of the Tanya were printed. The printing lasted well into the night. **1**