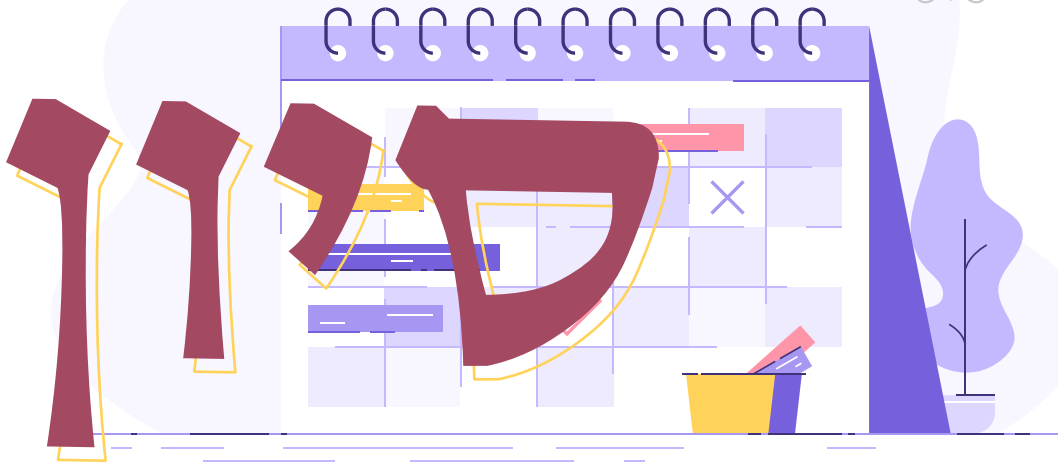




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## PREPARATION FOR SHAVUOS

Chazal tell us that *Matan Torah* is an experience that recurs every year anew. We must therefore prepare from the first day of Sivan to accept the Torah—"With fear, awe, shaking, and trembling"—the way Yidden stood at *Matan Torah*. The preparation is through increased involvement in Torah and mitzvos already from the beginning of Sivan.<sup>1</sup>

This preparation should be primarily focused on *ahavas Yisroel*, in the spirit of "כאיש אחד בלב אחד," as the Yidden were on the first of Sivan, and *kabbalas ol*, as the Yidden told Hashem before *Matan Torah*: "*Naaseh venishma*"—we will accept the Torah without question.<sup>2</sup>

The increase in Torah should be primarily in the study of Chassidus, since it has a unique connection with *Matan Torah*, when Yidden were able to both see a revelation of Hashem and have a complete understanding of the *merkavah*; the foundation of Chassidus.

If it's important for Yidden to gather for Torah learning on every Shabbos, how much more so on the Shabbos preceding *Matan Torah*.

In addition to the learning, one should encourage others to be properly prepared for *Matan Torah*, and to influence their acquaintances to do the same.<sup>3</sup>

Children are central to accepting the Torah, since they are our guarantors. To prepare them for *Matan Torah*, teachers should speak to the children before

Shavuos about the importance of the Torah and that they are the reason we receive the Torah every year.

The Rebbe asked that there should be a rally with the children, once or twice, during the week between Rosh Chodesh Sivan and Shavuos, where the children will accept upon themselves the desire to receive the Torah without question—*naaseh venishma*. In Eretz Yisroel, Chassidim should arrange a rally at the Kosel as well as Me'aras Hamachpelah, and there should also be a rally at Kever Rachel.<sup>4</sup>

When Hashem told Moshe how to prepare for *Matan Torah*, he said to relay the message to the women first. Because of their unique connection to the preparations of *Matan Torah*, women should also have gatherings to prepare in the appropriate way.<sup>5</sup>

On Shavuos, we wish each other to accept the Torah, "With joy and with a *pnimiyus*." To have joy on Shavuos naturally, we must begin well before Shavuos, to serve Hashem with more joy and in a more internal way. This preparation is easy for women, as their life is naturally more joyful and *pnimiyus'dik*.<sup>6</sup>

## SHAVUOS

Because today is when we accept the Torah anew—it is the appropriate time for every person to revamp their existing *shiurim* and add a new cycle of learning Torah. The increase in learning also applies to women,

regarding the *halachos* they are obligated to fulfill; and to children, that they should begin learning a new subject that they can understand.<sup>7</sup>

Chassidim should also intensify their commitment to learning Chitas, as it represents the three leaders who have a connection to Shavuos:

**Chumash** – Moshe,

**Tehillim** – Dovid Hamelech,

**Tanya** – which is based on the Baal Shem Tov's Torah.

It is also important to influence others who haven't yet committed to learning Chitas, that they should begin to do so now. Even though we are still in the middle of the cycle, *Matan Torah* gives new energy to everything in Torah, enough to make it the appropriate time to begin joining the public cycle.<sup>8</sup>

On Shavuos 5750\*, the Rebbe announced a *tzav hashaaah*—"call of the hour"—that every person should fulfill Chazal's directive, "*Ha'amidu talmidim harbeh*," to give *shiurim* in public, and to teach others.

This *tzav hashaaah* applies to women in the parts of Torah applicable to them. And children too, in addition to the classes they have in school, should arrange among themselves groups to learn Torah. We know how much children love being an influence on their friends, so this is a method to utilize this desire in the right direction.

Everyone should speak to their *mashpia* about how to move forward. Those who wish, should send a *duch* to the Rebbe in this regard.<sup>9</sup>

One of the initiatives the Rebbe strongly encouraged was that Chassidim should go to nearby shuls on Yom Tov, share with them the joy of Yom Tov, and deliver words of Chassidus. The farther one goes, the better because, in addition to the advantage of walking, it adds in the quality, as we know in *kedusha*, that more quantity increases the quality.<sup>10</sup>

The Rebbe strongly encouraged the *minhag* to arrange *kinusei Torah* every Yom Tov. Especially on Shavuos, when it is the time to accept the Torah. We should also bring this *minhag* to as many communities as possible.<sup>11</sup>

## 12 SIVAN – LAST DAY OF TASHLUMIN

Today is the last day to bring the *korbanos* for the Yom Tov of Shavuos, thus completing the Yom Tov. We must utilize this day to complete—not only finish but also increase—the *avodah* of Shavuos.<sup>12</sup>

Because children are an integral part of Shavuos, a children's rally should be arranged on this day to recite the 12 Pesukim and give tzedakah. Although children don't have the need for a *minyán*, the large number alone is what increases the quality of the gathering,

mainly because when they say "*Shema Yisroel*" and "*naaseh venishma*" in unison, it makes a big impression on them, as well as on their parents and educators.<sup>13</sup>

## 15 SIVAN – THE FRIERDIKER REBBE'S ARREST

Although the arrest of the Frierdiker Rebbe was painful, it was necessary in order to break the world's limits. This gives us the ability to affect change and spiritually breach the world's boundaries by toiling in Torah and mitzvos without physical pain.

The lesson for every Yid to take from today is that we must do all we can to fulfill the Frierdiker Rebbe's request—to disseminate Chassidus. Both to learn ourselves, and to also teach others.<sup>14</sup>

## 28 SIVAN – THE REBBE AND REBBETZIN ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES

Today is when a new level of the dissemination of Chassidus began. The western hemisphere of the world not only now has the wellsprings of Chassidus which it didn't previously have; even more so, it is now also the source of the dissemination of Chassidus across the globe.

We must place extra effort on this day to fulfill the shlichus given to us to spread Yiddishkeit and Chassidus throughout the world, with all of our might—our entire *koach*—נ"כ.<sup>15</sup>

Yidden have established the *minhag* to farbreng on this day, and we already see the good outcome of these farbrengens, for numerous years.<sup>16</sup>

Every one of us has extraordinary power—נ"כ—on this day, to fulfill the shlichus the Rebbe gave us, to be prepared for the *geulah*.<sup>17</sup>

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