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# The First Mivtza



*In addition to the famous 10 mitvzoim,  
every Yom Tov is known for its special  
mitvza initiated by the Rebbe to assist fellow  
Yidden with the mitzvot of the day.*

*The first of all of these mitvzoim was  
Mivtza Daled Minim, launched by the  
Rebbe in advance of Tishrei 5714\*.<sup>1</sup>*

*Presented here is a copy of the duch  
submitted to the Rebbe upon the  
conclusion of this first historic mitvza.*

During the first two days of Sukkos, almost all the *talmidim* and a few *balei-batim* went out with *daled minim* to the streets and parks of Crown Heights, Brownsville, East New York, and the Bronx, to enable members of the public to participate in this mitzvah. At a few locations, groups of children gathered together [spontaneously], which made a very nice impression. There were some people who went back into their houses to obtain a head covering and wash their hands before performing the mitzvah.

In total, they were able to help some 150 of our Jewish brethren fulfill this mitzvah.

Rabbi Elya Gross arranged a *mesibas Shabbos* in

the Rebbe's sukkah, as well as in the Rebbe's shul during the first two days of Yom Tov. Each time there were approximately 25 children in attendance.

Some of the responses from the non-*frum* people about this:

With tears in their eyes: "It's been so many years since we've fulfilled (or we've never had the chance to fulfill) this mitzvah."

"Please come back on the remaining days of Yom Tov." Or: "For the next few days we will come to you."

"Thank you so much for doing this."

All of the above responders were very

surprised that we wouldn't take the money that they wanted to give on the spot.

Some negative responses:

“Why are you engaged in such frivolous activities?!”;

“Whoever wants to, already did the mitzvah earlier...”;

“Mind your own business...”; and similar responses.

Some of the responses from the frum people:

“How precious and special are these activities of Lubavitch!”

“If only all the Rebbe's would follow suit,” etc.

“This is *bitul Torah!*”; “A chillul Hashem!”; “Why have you specifically chosen this mitzvah?”; “These Yidden [that you attempt to bring back] are in the category of those who deserve to be pushed down and not brought up!”; and similar responses.

These are the names of all those who participated in the above:

### **First Day**

Sholom Dovber Vishedsky  
Sholom Dovber Raskin  
Sholom Dovber Futerfas  
Levertov Moshe  
Pinchos Korf  
Yosef Blizinsky  
Yoel Kahn  
Peretz Faigenson  
Chaim Dovid Wichnin  
Binyomin Mintz  
Sholom Dovber Alperovich  
Gedalya Korf  
Yisroel Duchman  
Yitzchok Gansburg  
Sholom Dovber Raskin  
Sholom Dovber Gansburg  
Sholom Dovber Vishedsky  
Sholom Dovber Gurary  
Shmuel Fogelman  
Yisroel Shmuel Engel  
Alexander Piekarsky  
Bentzion Yosef Raices  
Yitzchok Springer  
Avrohom Yitzchok Shemtov  
Dovber Mochkin  
Yaakov Holtzman  
Sholom Dovber Gurkov  
Tzvi Lann  
Boruch Brikman  
Dovid Schochet  
Yitzchok Nimshansky  
Shmaryahu Pruss

Chaim Yehuda Krinsky

Aharon Chitrik

Moshe Gurkov

### **Second Day**

Sholom Dovber Raskin  
Yitzchok Pevsner  
Chaim Dovid Nota Wichnin  
Pinchos Zev Marozov  
Gedalya Korf  
Yitzchok Gansburg  
Sholom Dovber Gurary  
Yosef Raices  
Yisroel Shmuel Engel  
Alexander Piekarsky  
Sholom Dovber Shemtov  
Shmuel Dovid Raichik  
Yitzchok Springer  
Reuven Deitch  
Sholom Dovber Gorodetsky  
Avrohom Yitzchok Shemtov  
Boruch Brikman  
Yitzchok Nimshansky  
Sholom Yisroel Hodakov  
Dovid Schochet  
Binyomin Katz  
Aharon Chitrik  
Kalman Brikman  
Yehuda Kordish  
Gershon Dovber Jacobson  
Yaakov Begun  
Moshe Goldman  
Avrohom Korf  
Mordechai Gorodetsky  
Moshe Gurkov  
Yosef Schochet  
Shafran  
Sholom Dovber Tarshish  
Shmuel Katz

1. Reb Elya Gross, a *bochur* studying in 770 at the time, recorded in his diary from Elul 5713\*:

“Rabbi Hodakov summoned Berel Shemtov and me and told us to arrange that on Sukkos, everyone should go out to the streets with their lulav and esrog. We should also bring together Jewish children in the sukkah, *bentch* lulav and esrog with them, and also offer them refreshments and recite *‘Leishev Basukkah.’*”

“He is telling us this now [before Rosh Hashanah] so we should prepare for it in advance, and have enough time to tell those going out of town about this idea as well.

“Later, Berel Shemtov told me that it seems like this instruction came from the Rebbe. (Perhaps he was told so explicitly?)”

