



**בית רבקה**  
**Beth Rivkah**

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12 Adar II 5782  
March 15, 2022

### REMINDER

The Gemara (Megilla 13b) teaches us that the miraculous salvation of the Jewish people in the time of Purim was in the merit of the mitzvah of Machtzis Hashekel. Nowadays, as a remembrance for this mitzvah and the salvation, there is a custom to give "Machtzis Hashekel" before Purim. As mentioned below, the "Machtzis Hashekel" will be given in the shul in school. Please send \$1.50 with your daughter on Wednesday. In this merit, may there be a salvation in Ukraine and everyone should be safe and sound, with health and happiness. Yidden, the world over, should celebrate Purim in a manner that **ליהודים היתה אורה ושמחה וששן ויקר** they have "light and joy, gladness and honor".

Dear Parents,

Please be advised of the following schedule:

**WEDNESDAY, 13 ADAR II, Taanis Esther (March 16) – Kindergarten, Elementary and High School:** Please send **money for Machtzis Hashekel**, which will be given in school (see below\*).

**Please note:**

The Rebbe has requested many times, to remind children of all ages, to send their **own** Mishloach Monos and give their **own** Matonos Loevyonim on **Purim day**, in addition to the parents doing these mitzvos. Mishloach Monos is fulfilled by sending 2 edible items to at least 1 person, and Matonos Loevyonim, by giving a coin to at least 2 poor people (or 2 tzedeko boxes).

\* In the last weekday *sicha*, the Rebbe made a special request concerning the giving of *Machtzis Hashekel* - three half-dollar coins given to tzedakah on Taanis Esther.

The Rebbe said [free translation]:

"How good and pleasant it would be that also children should be educated to personally give *Machtzis Hashekel* from their own money. The parents should provide the children with enough money to enable them to give the *Machtzis Hashekel* abundantly - and they should still have enough money for their usual personal needs. They should lack nothing by giving the *Machtzis Hashekel*."

In light of the above, every parent is kindly requested to provide their children with money for *Machtzis Hashekel* to be given in the Beis Hakneses in school on Wednesday, Taanis Esther (March 16). It is preferable that the students bring \$1.50, otherwise they can fulfill the Mitzvah by giving any three coins.

**A GREAT WAY TO BRING THE JOY OF PURIM TO THOSE IN NEED IN CHEVRON.**

The money collected in Beth Rivkah for *Machtzis Hashekel* will א"י be distributed by the Chabad House of Chevron. They will help families, children and soldiers. Purim underscores the connection that links all Jews together. By reaching across the oceans and joining together, we will do a remarkable Mitzvah and give support to Jews who live in a very challenging situation.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy Purim, peace in Ukraine and the entire world, and Moshiach NOW !

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