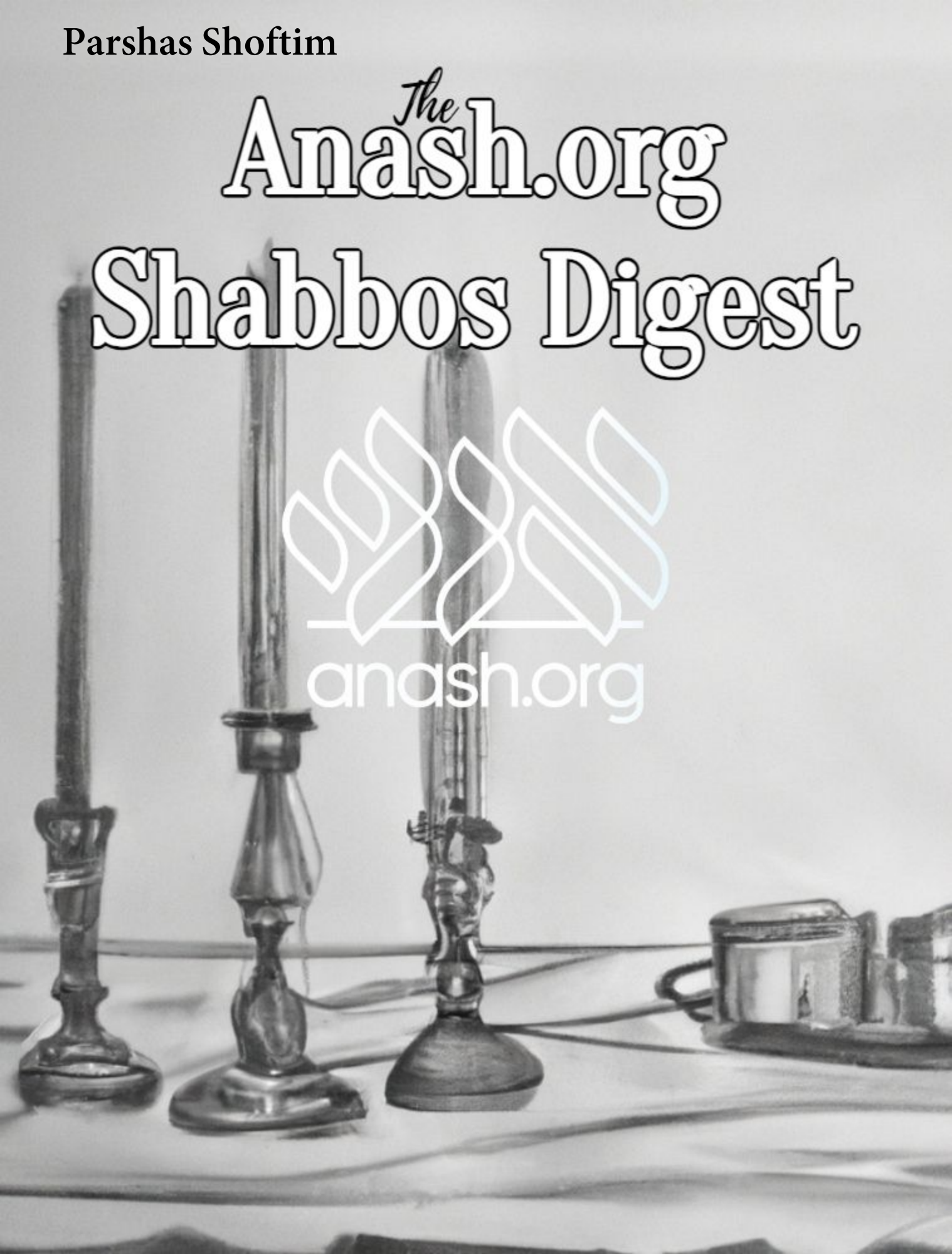


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WHEN LUBAVITCH PRODUCED CAMPAIGN BUTTONS

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For many years, campaign buttons were the go-to method to promote an idea or campaign, and Chabad was no different. Some recently discovered pins and advertisements give a window into fascinating chapters in Chabad history.

By Anash.org reporter

In the United States, pin-back buttons were used to promote campaigns or ideas as far back as George Washington. Chabad didn't miss out either, and produced many such pins during its decades on American soil.

Many of those pins were produced, utilized, and lost to history. But a small number of those pins were recently discovered in the archives of Rabbi **Meir Harlig a"h**, and serve as a window into a number of fascinating chapters in Chabad history.

While existing in some form or another since the late 1700s, the use of pin-back buttons became truly widespread in the late 1800s, with the invention of a pin that could be mass-produced more effectively. Over the next years, it became the go-to for political campaigns, advertisements, and even prizes in cereal boxes.

In the 1940s, Chabad created their first buttons, to promote the Mesibas Shabbos program. According to some, the Rebbe, who was then known as the Ramash, wore one such buttons under his jacket. A famous photograph from those years displays R' **Berel Baumgarten** showing one of the first Mesibas Shabbos buttons to the Rebbe.

Over the coming decades, Chabad created many buttons, to promote campaigns, publicize slogans, and spread the word about programs and mitzvot. While some of those pins were saved in various collections, and others can be found in the Rebbe's library, the vast majority of them were never saved and are lost to history.

Recently, while going through the archives of Rabbi Meir Harlig a"h, his son, Rabbi **Shea Harlig**, shliach to Las Vegas, found a number of such buttons, and publicized photos of them. He also discovered a number of other advertisements and campaign materials that were used over the years.

The items include:

Campaign button for the MiHu Yehudi campaign.

From the 1970s until the late 1980s, the Rebbe led the battle to fix the 'Law of Return' in Israel, to only recognize conversions that were performed *al pi halacha*. A campaign pin produced by Chabad declares in English 'Israel must live! Insist on Giyur Kehalacha.'

What is especially interesting is that this was a button in English criticizing a policy of the Israeli government. Seemingly, it was produced for American chassidim to join the struggle to correct the law.

Matchbox with a MiHu Yehudi message

Another popular form of advertising in the 70s and 80s was printing messages on matchboxes, which were then distributed for free. As smoking was rising in popularity, matchboxes were a necessity for many people, and were an effective mode of advertising.

This matchbox was seemingly produced in Eretz Yisroel, as one of the many forms of advertisement and campaigning to correct the law.

Lag B'omer Parade Pin - 5736

A button produced for a 'marshal' at the Lag B'omer parade of 5736. The button has the slogan "Saluting Torah Education", which would indicate that it was a central theme of that year's parade.

Crown Heights Unity

A button promoting peace and harmony in Crown Heights. Showing a white hand and a black hand shaking hands, the pin was most probably produced in the late 1980s or early 1990s, when tensions among the Jewish and Black communities in Crown Heights were rising.

Matza Ball Contest Key Ring

A key ring created as a prize for the Matza Ball contest, which was launched in 5740 at the Rebbe's initiative. The contest heralded a new era of children's programs, including the launch of Tzivos Hashem just a few months later. For more about the contest, [see here](#).

When There Were Only Five Mivtzoim

Perhaps the most interesting is an advertisement promoting mivtzoim, the Rebbe's mitzvah campaigns. Almost any chossid could tell you that the Rebbe launched 10 mivtzoim, but there was a time when there were less. The mivtzoim were announced over a series of years, and in the interim, there were years with varying numbers of mivtzoim.

The advertisement discovered shows five mitzvah campaigns – Torah Study, Tefillin, Mezuzah, Tzedaka, Jewish Books (Bayis Molei Seforim) and Shabbos and Yom Tov Candles

(Neshek).

The first mitvzah the Rebbe launched was Mivtzah Tefillin in 1967, followed by another four in 1971. The next two, Kashrus and Taharas Hamishpacha, were launched in 1975, so this advertisement was printed sometime between 1971 and 1975.

Know any more details? Let us know in the comments!

'AHHHS' AND 'OYS' MAY NOT STAY THE SAME

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There has never been a more confusing time than ours. We are exposed to endless information on how to live our lives; choose priorities; educate our children; and be married. But we need to be open to the possibility that these ahhhs may one day prove to be oys.

By Rabbi Mordechai Lipskier

Reb Yisroel Gordon, *a"h*, used to tell this story:

One winter morning in Russia, a man took his son to the *mikveh* with him. They broke a hole in the icy layer on top of the lake and the father helped his son safely into the water. "Oy!" the boy screamed as he hit the freezing water. When he came out,

and his father wrapped him in a warm blanket and he gave a deep contented sigh of relief, "Ahh."

As they rode home, the father said: "Son, life is full of oys and ahhhs; the question is only the order in which they come. Usually, doing the right thing is difficult, it's an 'Oy.' But as time passes and we see the benefit, we can finally say, 'Ahhh.' Conversely, doing the wrong thing is usually easy and enjoyable at first; we give an immediate gratifying 'Ahhh.' But as time passes, that 'Ahhh' turns into a regretful 'Oy.'"

Our *sedrah* opens with, "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse. The blessing, if you will heed the commandments of Hashem, your G-d, which I command you today; and the curse, if you will not heed the commandments of Hashem your G-d."

The *medrash* explains these *pesukim* with a *mashal*. An old man sat at a crossroad announcing: There are two paths, one is smooth in the beginning but thorny at the end, and the other is thorny at the beginning but smooth later on.

This is what Hashem is telling the Yidden: Finding the right path in life is tricky. Many paths seem good and smooth, but ultimately they'll lead us in the wrong direction. The Torah's path is not always the easiest nor the smoothest, but it's guaranteed to lead us to ultimate goodness. I am the One telling you what's a blessing and what's a curse. Judge only by what I command you, not by what appears to be true.

Someone once wrote a letter to the Rebbe saying that he plans to move his young child from a *cheder* that has a high standard of *Yiras Shamayim* (but the physical air in the room isn't good) to a school that has lower *Yiras Shamayim* (but it has better, cleaner air). Once the child gets healthier, he assured the Rebbe, he'll bring him back to the first *cheder*. The Rebbe responded that he doesn't approve of this, and quoted the *passuk*, "*Yiras Hashem l'chaim*," *Yiras Hashem* is ultimately what brings life, also in the very physical sense.[1]

There has never been a more confusing time than ours. We are exposed to endless information on how to live our lives; choose priorities; educate our children; and be married. A lot of the information seems sound, practical, and is even proven to work. But we need to be open to the possibility that these are the ahhs that may one day prove to be oys.

We're lucky to have Torah as our guide to the ultimate ahhs.

[1] *Igros Kodesh* vol. 10 pg. 252

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MY EMOTIONAL MOMENT AT THE KOSEL THIS PAST WEEK

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Article by Rabbi Mendel Greisman: I was standing at the Kosel, surrounded by many thousands of fellow chassidim, dressed in Shabbos clothes. Here's why it was incredibly inspiring, and what it meant to me.

By Rabbi Mendel Greisman

I have just gotten back to Arkansas from a quick visit to Eretz Yisroel, where I had the incredible zchus to participate in the Siyum of the 8th Children's Sefer Torah.

If you don't know me, my father, R' **Shmuel Greisman**, was appointed in 5741, just a few days after the launch of Mivtza Oís BiSefer Torah to run the Va'ad of the Children's Sefer Torah with all that it

entails: Manage the office, send out the certificates, arrange the actual writing and of course organize the actual Siyum.

As my father's son, this Mivtza has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. There were always forms, certificates, publications and conversations about the Sefer Torah campaign in our home; and until this day, I will routinely help out with something that needs to be done. Yet, for whatever reason, I was not able to attend any Siyum since 5746 and this was my first time at a Siyum in 37 years.

A lot has been said and written about this Mivtza since the [renewed hisorerus to finish it in Shnas Hakhel](#), and I'm sure you saw the pictures and read the [coverage of the incredible Siyum](#) celebration at the Kosel. I would like to share with you a thought that has been on my mind over the last few days, one I couldn't stop thinking about.

I was standing at the Kosel, surrounded by many thousands of fellow Chasidim. The majority of them were dressed in Bigdei Shabbos and it was obvious that everyone felt a part of the Simcha, it was 'their' Simcha.

I can't think past the amazing "Hu Bachayim" moment that took place over here. Think about it: Forty-two years after the campaign was started, close to thirty years since Gimmel Tammuz, and thousands upon thousands of chassidim – most of whom were born long after this Mivtza has started – feel that the Siyum of this Sefer Torah is **their** Simcha – only because this was something that is dear to the Rebbe. No one forced them to come and

stand for hours in the summer heat. They felt that this was something they **wanted** to do and somewhere they wanted to be, because as Chassidim, what is dear to their Rebbe is dear to them.

But what is so special about **this** particular Mivtzah that has brought out such a powerful show of Hiskashrus in such a beautiful way? We're always involved in the Rebbe's activities, yet such a show of Hiskashrus and achdus is rarely seen. What is the uniqueness of this Mivtzah?

What follows are my feelings only, and I share them with you with the hopes that you will be inspired as well.

I believe that there is something unique about this Mivtzah that we don't find, at least overtly, in most other mivtzoim.

This Mivtzah is unique because it is '*Kuloi Rebbe*'. The Rebbe didn't just pick something we should learn or a Mitzvah we should focus on; in this Mivtzah – the idea, the initiative, the execution, the design and the process were all done entirely by the Rebbe. The Rebbe's involvement in this Sefer Torah campaign during its formative months – and the years that followed – was down to the detail in every part of the campaign. He told us how it should be done, where it should be written, how to buy the letters, what pictures should be on the certificate and he even drew out the design of the Mantle in his holy handwriting. And this is just a short sample of the many instructions of the Rebbe, some of which are detailed in the beautiful album that was published about this campaign a few years ago.

I don't claim to know everything, but I cannot recall another Mivtzah where the Rebbe was involved with such a level of detail.

Did you know that the Rebbe wanted a report **every single Friday** from Pesach 5741 onwards, how many children were registered in the Sefer Torah, down to the individual child?

The Rebbe has invested so much of himself into this Mivtzah and perhaps this is why this Mivtzah was able to bring out such a unity amongst Anash and such a strong show of Hiskashrus, the likes of which we don't see too often these days.

As my father's son, I see firsthand how meticulously and how carefully every detail of the Rebbe's instructions and horo'os are carried out to this day. It is no surprise that a Mivtzah that is *Kuloi Rebbe* has brought out such a thirst and yearning amongst the Chassidim. I can only imagine how much *Nachas* the Rebbe will have when these eight Sifrei Torah will be there, right outside the Har Habayis, when Moshiach comes speedily in our days.

On a practical note: One of the horo'os the Rebbe gave – that is carried out until this very day – is that each child should pay just one dollar for their letter. Even back then, the Rebbe said that the cost of the writing, correspondence, certificates and postage is at least two or

three times that amount and you can only imagine what the costs are – per letter – 42 years later. Let me just say that the postage alone for mailing the certificate is often more than one dollar. Nevertheless, the Rebbe's words are kept and the price remains one dollar to this day, necessitating the need for the va'ad to fundraise the remaining expenses to be able to carry out this campaign as the Rebbe wanted.

In the days leading up to the 2nd Siyum, the Rebbe requested that every chossid should participate in the Siyum physically, and if they cannot attend, they should support it financially. A campaign is underway to help raise the needed funds to cover the expenses of the Siyum and the mailing of the tens of thousands of certificates for the children that registered in the last few months. Please, open your heart for a campaign that is Kuloi Rebbe, and donate generously so you can fulfill the Rebbe's request to participate גם במחווה, with your financial support.

Thank you very much.

[Click here to donate now!](#)

THE REBBE'S GRANDSON WHO WAS CHALLENGED WITH FASHION

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Ahead of his wedding, a young R. Nochum, was called in by his grandfather, the Alter Rebbe, who tried to discourage him from getting fitted with a collar of the latest fashion, and promised him Gan Eden – but only if he really meant it.

Reb Menachem Nochum, the oldest son of the Mittlerer Rebbe, was born around the year 5547 (1787) and resided in Lubavitch. Later on, he moved to Niezhin, making frequent extended visits to the kever of his grandfather the Alter Rebbe in Haditch. He passed away around eighty years old and is buried in Niezhin.

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During the time of the Alter Rebbe, a new fashion in Russia dictated that jackets should henceforth have collars. When his grandson Reb Nochum, son of the Mittlerer Rebbe, was preparing for his *chassuna*, the Alter Rebbe called for him and asked him about his silk *kapota*: would it be made in the traditional way, or would it conform to the new fashion? "It'll have a collar, of course," Reb Nochum replied.

The Alter Rebbe requested that he have it made without one, but Reb Nochum, then still a young *bochur*, argued, "Everyone else will have one, and I'll be embarrassed." The Alter Rebbe then promised him that if he wore a *kapota* without a collar, he would be together with his grandfather in Gan Eden. He then asked Reb Nochum that when his *kapota* was ready, he should come to him dressed in it. Reb Nochum asked if he must do it wholeheartedly or *kabolas ol* would be sufficient. The Alter Rebbe replied, "Of course, it must be truthfully, and with the truth of the '*yechida*.'" Reb Nochum was silent and nothing more was said.

Before the *chassuna*, the young man entered the Alter Rebbe's room, dressed in his new *kapota*... which had a collar. The Alter Rebbe then tore off a small piece of fur from the inside of the coat and promised him long life for that. Years later Reb Nochum commented, "I was young and didn't appreciate how great was the promise I had been given." To correct this incident, Reb Nochum would spend much time in Haditch by the Ohel of the Alter Rebbe.

The Rebbe explained that at that time and place, the challenge of fashion was extremely difficult. Had the Alter Rebbe been successful, that challenge would have been removed for generations to come. And that explains why he offered his grandson such a rich reward.

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The Mittlerer Rebbe's *kapelia* included two groups of chassidim, musicians and horse riders, who would enliven joyous occasions. The Rebbe's son Reb Nachum was one of the horse riders.

One ordinary day, the Rebbe called for a performance and stood by his window to watch. Suddenly, Reb Nachum was flung from his horse and was badly hurt, but surprisingly, the Rebbe motioned that the performance should continue. Meanwhile, a doctor was called, and after examining Reb Nachum, concluded, "He has only broken his leg."

Some chassidim later asked the Mittlerer Rebbe why he had ordered that the performance continue, despite the accident.

"Why don't you ask the reason for calling for a performance on a regular day?" responded the Rebbe, and he explained: "I became aware of a harsh decree being issued in *Shamayim* on my son, and since *simcha* sweetens stern decrees, I called for the *kapelia*. The *simcha* helped, for his fall turned out much less harmful than what had been planned for him. Then, to ensure a complete recovery, I instructed that the festivities continue. With *HaShem's* help, he will recover completely."

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Year after year, as if for the first time, Reb Nachum, the Alter Rebbe's grandson, would relate in patient detail all the events that took place during the stormy time of the Alter Rebbe's arrest.

He would describe the tense atmosphere of that period, the libelous accusation the *misnagdim* brought to the czarist authorities, and their exultation when the Alter Rebbe was arrested. Reb Nachum would then describe the Alter Rebbe's stay in prison, his *geula*, the way in which the good news spread, and the Rebbe's return trip to Liozna from the prison in Petersburg.

When he recalled the arrest, his voice would drop, as if he were weeping; when he described the liberation, his voice would rise with the *simcha* of a remembered victory.

Like the Megilla Reading on Purim, he would tell the whole story once at night and again by day. Moreover, if one of the dignified elder chassidim would join the gathering after he had begun, he would go back to the very beginning and start all over again!

For sources, visit TheWeeklyFarbrengen.com

MAN WHO THREW EGGS AT TEFILLIN STAND RETURNS TO APOLOGIZE

NEWS כ"ו אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 13, 2023



Elad Levi, the Israeli man who threw eggs at a Tel Aviv Tefillin stand three weeks ago, visited the stand on Friday to apologize, and committed to putting on tefillin regularly.

By Anash.org reporter

An Israeli man who threw eggs at a Tel Aviv Tefillin stand three weeks ago, visited the stand on Friday to apologize to the two bochurim who man the booth.

As previously reported, a Tefillin stand run every Friday by yeshiva students in Nes Tziona, south of Tel Aviv, was attacked by a passerby who threw eggs at the stand and the bochurim who were running it.

The incident was widely condemned by politicians and public officials and Israeli Police opened an investigation into the alleged hate crime.

This Friday, **Elad Levi**, returned to the Tefillin stand but this time with good intentions in mind.

The two bochurim warmly received him and accepted his sincere apology, asking him if he was willing to put on Tefillin. Elad surprised them by saying that he would begin to put on tefillin every day going forward.

HE DECIDED TO ASK, AND THE RESULT WAS A BAR MITZVAH AT 103

NEWS כי"ט אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 16, 2023



While on mivtzoim in an old age home, bochur Yaakov Kagan saw a man whom he was sure was non-Jewish. He decided to ask him anyways...

By Anash.org reporter

Even 90 years later is still not too late.

While on mivtzoim in an old age home in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, bochur **Yaakov Kagan** saw a man whom he was sure was non-Jewish. He decided to ask him anyways...

"I was hanging around in the lobby and, as I was about to leave, I decided to ask an elderly man who was sitting there, even though I thought he was for sure a non-

Jew," Kagan told Anash.org.

It turned out that the man was Jewish, and he had never donned tefillin or celebrated his Bar Mitzvah.

The centenarian told the bochur that he had grown up in a small town in Wisconsin, where his family had been the only Jewish family. As such, they never made him a bar mitzvah, and he had never donned tefillin.

Kagan immediately offered to don tefillin with the man, and he agreed.

So a full nine decades after he was supposed to celebrate his bar mitzvah, a Yid from Wisconsin, who was now in an old age home in a small Chicago suburb, finally got what he had missed.

All thanks to the bochur, who decided he should go ahead and ask...

SCHOLAR PUBLISHES COMMENTARY ON HILCHOS ROSH HASHANA

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Chabad scholar and author Rabbi Berel Levine published a new volume of his Divrei Shalom commentary on the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, covering the laws of Rosh Hashanah. Download here.

By Anash.org reporter

As Elul begins, and with it, the preparations for Rosh Hashanah, a new commentary on Hilchos Rosh Hashanah in the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch was published and released online.

The new publication is the newest volume in the 'Divrei Shalom' series on the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, authored by Chabad scholar Rabbi **Berel Levine**, Chief

Librarian of the Rebbe's library, editor of the new edition of the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, and author of numerous seforim.

Rabbi Levine previously published six volumes of Divrei Shalom on the Alter Rebbe's Hilchos Pesach and eight on Hilchos Shabbos.

After completing the latter set, Rabbi Levine told Anash.org that he "hopes to continue and write the commentary on the entire Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch." That hope started actualizing with the release of the newest volume.

The 'Divrei Shalom' commentary was written to make it accessible to every learner to truly understand the halacha written in the Shulchan Aruch, and to also give a wider understanding by seeing the sources from where it was drawn.

Inside the text of the Shulchan Aruch Rabbi Levine added punctuation, divided the *sei'ifim* into sections, and added headings to the *sei'ifim*. In the more complicated *halachos*, he added a summary of the topic in the footnotes.

The sources where the Alter Rebbe drew the Halacha are all quoted, at least in brief, starting from the Gemara and continuing through the *poskim*, Rishonim and Acharonim. In places where it seems that there is a contradiction in the Alter Rebbe's words from one

halacha to another, Rabbi Levine added an possible explanation, as well as noting where others discuss these topics.

A focal point of the commentary is to stress the *chiddushim* of the Alter Rebbe, which can be easily missed because they are written in a very condensed manner.

The newest volume, covering the entire Hilchos Rosh Hashanah, was not yet printed by Kehos, but is being made available in PDF format by the author for readers of Anash.org, to allow them to delve into Hilchos Rosh Hashanah before Yom Tov arrives.

“As it is a preliminary edition, I ask that if anyone has any corrections or comments to be please contact me at library@chabad.org,” Rabbi Levine said.

To download the new sefer, [click here](#).

CHABAD WON'T BACK DOWN AFTER HORRIFIC "GAS CHAMBER" THREATS

NEWS לי אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 16, 2023



Threats of annihilation didn't cause Shliach Rabbi Shlomo Litvin to cower in fear. In fact, it did just the opposite: He announced a brand new building campaign in the works.

By: Anash.org reporter

Last week, the Jewish Center for Students serving the University of Kentucky, was assailed with multiple anti-Semitic and violent threats. Instead of cowering in fear, the Chabad Rabbi and Jewish community have forged full-force ahead in their next campaign to build a permanent center for their activities.

Rabbi **Shlomo Litvin**, the shliach on campus of the University of Kentucky, is

no stranger to threats directed at him. As the main public Jewish figure in his area, he is a direct target for assaults for anyone looking to target a known Jewish icon.

Rabbi Litvin serves on the board of the Kentucky Human Rights Commission, advises the legislative and executive branches regarding any Jewish affairs, and is the chaplain in the State House. He also is the current chairman of the Kentucky Jewish Council which is the leading Jewish organization and voice in Kentucky.

Being in such a prominent position, unfortunately makes him an often target for anti-Semitic threats, so when the Chabad text service answering machine started beeping with vitriolic messages, he wasn't surprised, but he was immediately alarmed.

"The trouble about these messages, was the operative terms they were using. In the Thursday message, there were references to mapping out the Chabad Center. I contacted the police immediately on Thursday. On Shabbos, the texts started threatening to blow up the Student Center- they referenced gas chambers and extermination. On Motzei Shabbos we were barraged with even more aggressive messages."

The local police force and detectives were instantly responsive and took the matter seriously immediately. Detectives tracked the message system and were led to a former

university employee by the name of Sendil Nathan who was found Sunday morning and apprehended and arrested that afternoon.

Many leaders and politicians reached out in support of Chabad and made statements but the University has remained suspiciously silent, even publishing a statement distancing themselves from the Jewish Center, with the representative of UK even stating:

“As the Chabad Center is not affiliated with the institution, and is located off campus, our understanding is that Lexington police are investigating.”

Rabbi Litvin and the university students are understandably indignant and disappointed at the lack of responsibility being taken by the University of Kentucky in defending their Jewish students, especially that the aggressor is a former employee of theirs.

“My Zaidy was arrested in Ukraine for learning Torah. In history we see a pattern that we can never trust the government to protect us. That is, up until we came to America- which the Rebbe calls a *medina shel chessed*, a country of kindness.

“The Rebbe, who survived Bolshevik Russia, Nazi invasion, knew firsthand of governments who let their Jewish citizens die and actively pursued them. When the Rebbe came to America, he said that the government here is different and we can clearly see it,” shares Rabbi Litvin.

The students of UK attend a daily Chitas *shiur* that Rabbi Litvin holds. That day, right before the *shiur*, he briefed the students about what was going on with the onslaught of threats directed at Chabad, and how the police were involved and taking care of the matter.

In an amazing case of Hashgacha Pratis, the first *possuk* in the Chumash of that day was “*Shoftim, v'shotrim titen licha...*” “You should appoint judges and police to enforce laws in all the cities.” Without law enforcement, things would be chaotic all around.

“Right away, the detectives took my call and got on the case. Within three days they found the guilty party and had him arrested- it's the university that clearly chose to be ignorant and hateful about the matter. We see a rising trend of anti-Semitic attacks in America nowadays and we need to stand up to it,” says Rabbi Litvin emphatically.

The best way to stand up to anti-Semitism is by growing stronger and prouder in our *Yiddisheit*. The Chabad of UK will be doing that in a massive way now, with the announcement of a new building they will be purchasing for hosting all of the Jewish activities.

“The plans for the new building was in the making for a long while, and was going to have its debut announced at our annual student barbeque. We hold it as an orientation for the new students, and a welcome back to the old ones.

“This year, the event will be held on this coming Sunday, but in light of recent events, we announced the exciting plans earlier to boost the morale of the students and community

members," says Rabbi Litvin. "We fight darkness with light, and evil with goodness."

The current Chabad house has many limits on the security available because drilling cameras in a leased property is not allowed, and there are multiple other obstacles in the way of having a proper surveillance system installed.

The new building will have a high tech security system that was not in the previous facility. Now, the building will be equipped with 24/7 surveillance cameras and fiber optic technology, with a security room that will keep a pulse on the happenings at all times.

"We announced our new building GoFundMe that we are holding for the next two weeks. All of the donations will be tripled by our generous friends who are partnering up to make this dream happen for the Jewish community of Bluegrass, Kentucky," says Rabbi Litvin.

The new Jewish Student Center will be large enough to host the multiple classes, programs, and lectures for the community and the university students as well. Jewish families from around are so hopeful and grateful to see Chabad taking the lead and proudly stepping up in this harrowing time.

At a time when most people would take a step down and try to attract less attention, Chabad of Bluegrass is taking the opportunity to grow even bigger and better and refuses to back down to those that threaten or try to intimidate the Jewish people.

To help fight anti-Semitism and take part in this amazing new initiative, donate to the new building campaign and click [here](#).

500 CAMP HASC STAFF GIFTED POCKET SHA'AR HABITACHON

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Each of the 500 Camp HASC staff were gifted their own copy of the new Sha'ar HaBitachon compact addition, generously sponsored by Zalman and Mimi Fellig of Miami Beach, Florida.

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This year, HASC's team of Special Souls, these human angels, were gifted something special. Each of the 500+ staff received their own copy of the new Fellig edition of "**Gate of Trust**" / Sha'ar HaBitachon Compact Edition.

The gift was made possible through the generosity of **Zalman** and **Mimi Fellig** of Miami Beach, Florida.

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With over 30,000 copies printed (!), this book is something special.

Although it was released during Covid, when having a roadmap for increasing one's Bitachon (trust in Hashem) was a timely urgency, it has continued to prove its relevance and life-transformative power, for the every day, and every person.

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"The wonderful staff of Camp HASC are all infused with tremendous emunah and bitachon", says Zalman Fellig, "that they can help these Special children reach their greatest potential and bring out the essence of their neshomos!

They inspired us with their beliefs to give them this Sefer".

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For online study tools in The Gate of Trust, video classes and more visit GateofTrust.org

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BORDER AGENT LAYS TEFILLIN AS BIRTHDAY GIFT TO LUBAVITCHER WOMAN

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A Lubavitcher landing at JFK airport in New York City after returning from a trip to Alma Ata, Kazakhstan, made a tremendous Kiddush Hashem as he made his way through airport security.

Zalman Fellig says he was returning to the U.S. after spending Chof Av at Reb Levik's *tziyun* in Alma Ata. As he landed in New York, his wife noticed that the name

on the border agent's badge was Jewish. She suggested that her husband lay Tefillin on him.

"Initially, after a long trip, I thought, 'Let's just get the luggage,' but then I remembered the story of my good friend **Mushi Fogelman**. He stepped out of his comfort zone and **convinced a pilot** to put on Tefillin in front of the whole flight," Rabbi Fellig says. "So, I asked the agent if he would be willing, but he said it would be impossible since he was the only one there."

"My wife drew inspiration from Mushi Fogelman's narrative and said, 'It's my birthday, and I am going to the Rebbe's Ohel. I need something good to bring The Rebbe.' The most amazing thing happened – he said, 'OK, let's do it.'"

The agent then stopped the line and asked everyone to wait a few minutes as he donned Tefillin with the help of the shlichim who were determined to help him connect with Yiddishkeit – even if only for a moment.

SHLUCHIM TO BUDAPEST YESHIVA REUNITE AFTER 23 YEARS

NEWS כ"ז אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 13, 2023



Talmidim of the Budapest Yeshiva gather for a Shabbos Hakhel in Budapest, the location of their old yeshiva where they learned and taught together 23 years prior.

By: Anash.org reporter

Twenty-three years after they were the founding group of the Budapest Yeshiva, five classmates from around the world gathered for a reunion.

The bochurim who served as shluchim in the Budapest Yeshiva gathered for a reunion. Rabbis **Yochanan Posner**, **Naftoli Marrus**, **Meir Moscowitz**, **Shlomo Rapoport** and **Shmuel Slavin** who were joined local Rabbi **Shlomo Koves** for a Shabbos Hakhel reunion. The Shabbaton

was held in honor of *shnas hakhel*, to reunite in the place where they once studied and taught together.

The Budapest Yeshiva was founded by Rabbi **Baruch Oberlander** in 1998 within the building of the Vasvári Pál Street Synagogue in Budapest. This location had previously housed a yeshiva in the 1940s after World War II. The students of the yeshiva had a dual purpose: to continue their rabbinical studies and also to contribute to the Jewish community's life by teaching, participating in programs, and establishing connections with Jews who had become disconnected from their roots.

The group heard *shiurim* from their beloved Rosh Yeshiva, head shliach Rabbi Baruch Oberlander and spent Shabbos with the community including with many whose involvement in Yidishkeit is a direct result of the efforts some 23 years ago.

"The Budapest Yeshiva helped Chabad Lubavitch open up to a broader segment of the community," Rabbi Oberlander shared during the class reunion. "The Friday night Shabbos meal was very moving, as those who attended, who had been at Vasvári around the turn of the millennium, recalled how the students helped them discover their roots and shape their Jewish identity. This identity continues to accompany them and has led them to have their own Jewish families, raising their children in a Jewish spirit."

Chazzan Naftoli Marrus inspired the shul with his davening. The group had the opportunity to visit some of the many new and renewed shuls, schools, kosher establishments and institutions led by their chaver, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Koves.

Rabbi Koves warmly welcomed his old friends and proudly showcased the developments of the past 23 years.

“Some of us hadn’t seen each other in twenty years, yet we could continue our conversations as if we had met yesterday,” the rabbi explained. “Regarding the community, it was heartening to hear from them how much has changed, how much Jewish life has developed. When you see things day by day, you don’t feel the growth as strongly, so receiving this feedback from those who haven’t been here for more than twenty years is very rewarding.”

Each of the Talmidim Hashluchim of the Budapest Yeshiva are remembered dearly by Budapest Jewry for their individual contributions to the overall impact of the Yeshiva. Especially noteworthy is Rabbi **Shmulik Raskin** who came to Budapest as a bachur and never left, and today serves as the Rabbi of the Israeli community in Hungary and director of Keren-Or Chabad Israeli Center of Budapest.

The impact of the Budapest Yeshiva is still felt in Jewish life, according to Rabbi Koves: “Many aspects of Jewish practice today are based on the Budapest Yeshiva—for example, the Friday evening kiddush, which is now present in all synagogues, originated from Vasvári, just like the *nusach* and the songs we sing. The Shabbos Table Companion and many other publications was compiled by one of the returning students, Rabbi Yochanan Posner. The impact of that year was profound on our lives”.

NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SHLUCHIM UNITE FOR REGIONAL KINUS

NEWS | אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 13, 2023



Hundreds of shluchim from across New York and New England joined together for a regional kinus the newly minted Chabad House in Monroe under the leadership of Rabbi Pesach and Chana Burston.

Orange County, NY, doesn't usually see hundreds of Chabad *shluchim* in one day. But that's exactly what happened last week, as *shluchim* from all over New York and New England convened at the newly minted Chabad House in Monroe under the leadership of Rabbi **Pesach** and **Chana Burston**. For an entire day, these tireless Jewish leaders had the opportunity to be inspired, share in camaraderie, and be energized anew.

As per the **Rebbe's** personal request, Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch and the Vaad Hakinus, under the direction of Rabbi **Moshe Kotlarsky**, have been organizing such regional kinusim for many years. And each year, they bring welcome reprieve and refreshing spirit to the *shluchim*.

It's not easy packing so much into one day, but that's exactly what it was: a full schedule of sessions, a little bit of downtime in between for the Shluchim to catch up with one another, and a grand banquet to wrap up the day. Sessions covered topics such as *chinuch* and Halachah, as well as more intimate moments when *shluchim* shared personal stories of challenges, inspiration, and how they all help each other.

Beyond the specifics of the program, the overall feeling of "being as one" was simply uplifting. "There was something about this year being a *shnas Hakhel* and just days after *Tisha Be'av*, together with the beautiful setting in this brand-new Chabad House that just felt so right," said Rabbi **Yosef Wolowsky** of Chabad of Glastonbury, Connecticut.

"After all, we just spent time reflecting on the *churban* and the lack of unity that brought about that destruction, and here we were: all together, during this special *Hakhel* year of heightened unity, in a gorgeous *Mikdash me'at*. In the big picture, it felt in a small way akin to the Gemara's description of the 'Holiest person, in the holiest place, during the holiest time.' It was a special feeling."

While the standardized panels of professional, personal, and spiritual development were all helpful and well received, the closer, more vulnerable moments of *shluchim* sharing their personal stories were particularly impactful. "I heard from other *shluchim* how in their own time of need, other fellow *shluchim* stepped in to help, sacrificing their own time and resources," Rabbi Wolowsky relates. "It made me realize how we're all part of a grander vision. We're not isolated, each one doing his own thing; we're working collectively to achieve the Rebbe's vision on a global scale. We are not alone, not at all!

The guest address at the banquet was delivered by Professor **Ari Goldman**, a veteran reporter for the New York Times, who shared his many interactions with the Rebbe in that capacity. Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky delivered opening remarks, while Rabbi **Yisroel Deren** of Chabad of Stamford, CT, delivered the keynote address.

"While it's always important to come together at these *kinusim*," said Rabbi Kotlarsky, "the added emphasis of this *Hakhel* year made it all that more meaningful. To see everyone come together and connect with each other so quickly and deeply makes every moment of planning and organizing well worthwhile. It is this togetherness that the Rebbe so strongly wished for when requesting these *kinusim*!"

SHLIACH UNCOVERS NEW DEPTHS OF 'THE KING IS IN THE FIELD'

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For generations among Chassidim the month of Elul has been considered a month of growth and reflection, in preparation for the upcoming new year.

We have been blessed with countless Mamorim and Sichos in Toras Hachasidus which shine a light and provide a renewed understanding and insight into the incredible power and meaning of this sacred month.

In particular, it is customary among Chassidim to study and delve into the Maamer of the Alter Rebbe called "Ani Lidodi" where he introduces the key concept of "Hamelech Basodeh"-"The King is in the Field".

This theme of the king being present in the field during the month of Elul is quoted and discussed by the Rebbe hundreds of times, serving a central theme of many of the Rebbe's talks and teachings during this month. Each time the Rebbe discussed this idea, he would uncover an additional layer of meaning and depth to this fascinating concept.

In order to assist in the vital service of this month, and to infuse our lives with deeper meaning and connection, we are delighted to present this publication which provides a first ever in depth overview of close to 150 insights from the Rebbe on every single detail and aspect of this Moshol of the King is in the Field.

We are confident that by studying this booklet, we can gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for what it means to truly meet the King in the Field during the upcoming month of Elul.

Please note that this new edition of the publication for this year has been totally revamped with many new additional explanations and insights added, and was thoroughly edited anew,

making it a wonderful resource and tool to enhance our Avoda during this month of Elul.

The file can also be accessed at www.MelechBasodeh.com.

We would would greatly appreciate any feedback, comments and additions which can be sent to rabbi@jewishku.com or via whatsapp to 785-917-0200.

[Click here to download the booklet.](#)

CROWN HEIGHTS ROV LECTURES AT ROCKLAND KOLLEL

NEWS ל' אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 17, 2023



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By Anash.org reporter

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The two-and-a-half-year-old Kollel has grown tremendously over the past few months with more yungeleit joining each week. Participants can choose between learning a curriculum provided by the

Kollel or learning on their own.

The Kollel takes place twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday evenings. An hour is spent learning in-depth topics in both Halacha and Chassidus, accompanied by introductory Shiurim by renowned Magidei Shiurim.

“Boruch Hashem, the Kollel is growing,” said director Rabbi **Levi Teichtel**. “We currently have 30 anash attending on an ongoing basis. The shiur was very well received and everyone was involved.”

PART 1: From waking until Hodu.

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PART 2: From Hodu until the end of Davening.

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200 GATHER FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL KINUS

NEWS כ"ט אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 15, 2023



Over 200 shluchim from around the state of Florida gathered in Aventura at Rabbi Mendel Rosenfeld's Chabad House for a day of inspiring classes, sessions, and connections.

200 Shluchim from around Florida traveled to Aventura for a day of inspiration and *achdus* in a regional Kinus Hakhel.

When the Florida shluchim traveled together last year during the summer to Alma Ata to the *tzion* of Reb **Levi Yitzchak Schneersohn**, the Rebbe's father, it was an extraordinary experience. For those privileged to make the journey, the feelings of inspiration lingered long after.

Seeking to recapture some of that remarkable energy, this same cohort of shluchim—along with fellow shluchim from neighboring southern states—convened once again for this year's regional *kinus*. Last year it was the gritty and storied environment of Kazakhstan; this year, the sunny and tropical delight of Aventura, South Florida. The beautiful and spacious Chabad House there hosted them and is under the leadership of Rabbi **Mendel** and **Raizel Rosenfeld**.

After viewing video footage from the Kinus last year in Alma Ata, the stage was set for a remarkable day of *achdus* and motivation—and practical development. With a packed schedule of sessions on a bevy of topics, just a few hours provided hefty resources.

Topics covered a wide spectrum such as Managing Stress and Challenges, How to Access Federal Funding to Jewish Veterans and Active Service Members, and to How to Raise Healthy, Chassidishe Children.

A particularly special session was when three senior shluchim- Rabbi **Shabsi Alprin**, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Rabbi **Shalom Ber Lipskar** from Bal Harbor, and Rabbi **Raphael Tennenhaus** from South Broward- shared their many personal directives from the Rebbe and other invaluable nuggets culled from years in the field.

Of course, beyond the particular sessions, tips, best practices, and professional development, it was simply a refresher and a recharge for all those who attended.

"I was on the *vaad* that helped organize the Kinus, as well as part of the group who went last year to Alma Ata," said Rabbi **Mendy Katz** of Chabad of Mid Miami Beach. "Baruch Hashem, I must say, that the same magic in the air was there. It was a physically and materially wonderful event that only served to amplify the spiritual energy."

"Throughout the year, we each toil away in our own corners, and whether we're conscious of it or not, our batteries need some recharging," said Rabbi **Eli Eckstein** of Chabad Dania Beach. "Coming together with fellow shluchim even just for these few hours of inspiration and connection is rejuvenating for body and soul."

Much credit goes to Rabbi Rosenfeld for hosting, as well as to Rabbi **Bentzion Korf** for running the entire Kinus. Another special privilege for all the Floridian shluchim was to hear Rabbi **Avraham Korf**, head shliach of Florida, lead the crowd for Tehillim during the banquet.

The banquet offered more than just food, of course. A world-class musical performance by Rabbi **Berel Zuker** provided the ambience, and inspirational remarks from Mr. **Moshe Tabicinic**, a staunch and generous supporter of many Chabad activities across the world, was received with much acclamation.

This Kinus was the perfect platform to introduce the newly elected head of the Vaad Hashluchim of Florida, Rabbi **Yosef Raichik**. As the head of a very active and democratic *vaad*, the shluchim were very enthused to hear about the many projects and initiatives Rabbi Raichik and his office are rolling out to keep the well-oiled machine of Chabad of Florida humming along even more efficiently and effectively, carrying out the Rebbe's vision to the utmost.

"The Rebbe strongly encouraged these regional Kinusim," said Rabbi Kotlarsky, chairman of the International Kinus Hashluchim and the one entrusted by the Rebbe with facilitating regional Kinusim worldwide. "To see how each year, the shluchim appreciate them so much, makes that vision clear. Of course, as this year is a Hakhel year, it makes such gatherings even more important. With Hashem's help, the *zchus* of this *achdus* should bring us the ultimate Hakhel in the Beis Hamikdash!"

UKRAINIAN SOLDIER RECITES HAGOMEL IN THANKS FOR MIRACULOUS RESCUE

NEWS כי"ח נב היתשפ"ג - AUGUST 15, 2023



Ruslan, a Jewish soldier from Kiev, who almost lost his life in the minefield in the Donbas region, donned Tefillin and recited Hagomel with Kiev Shliach Rabbi Yonasan Markowitz while recovering in the hospital.

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Ruslan, a Jewish soldier from Kiev, fought fiercely but almost lost his life in the minefield in the Donbas region. While recovering in a hospital, he had the privilege of putting on Tefillin with the chief rabbi of Kiev, Rabbi **Yonasan Markowitz**, and recites 'Bricas HaGomel', thanking Hashem for his survival.

When Rabbi Markowitz received a phone call from Ruslan, he did not imagine the situation that the man on the other line

was. Ruslan has lived in Kyiv for 30 years and knew Rabbi Markowitz quite well, as the Rabbi who serves as a Chabad Shliach in the city and is chief rabbi of Kyiv.

While he is no longer in his twenties, Ruslan still wanted to join the war to bring peace and quiet to the people of Ukraine. Last summer he joined the army and was sent to fight in different places. "I was in Chernigov after the Russians fled, and I cleaned the area of the mines and bombs they left" says Ruslan.

"Last winter I was sent to the Donbass region to fight at the front line, after a tremendous effort, when the Russians are close to us, we managed to release some areas from the hands of the enemy".

The liberated areas contained mines and explosives, and the soldiers had to risk their lives to clean the areas. "Since I know the area with eyes closed, I was chosen to lead the soldiers and I helped them clean the area" Ruslan said. "The missiles, mines and the fact that these are areas of forests, made the operation extremely dangerous. Many of my friends were evacuated with serious injuries".

After a few months Ruslan tragically lost his leg, after one of the operations during which he stepped on a mine, and became seriously wounded. The rescue effort was not easy, and after his close friends risked their lives entering the minefield, Ruslan was miraculously saved and taken to the hospital where he suffered serious injuries to his head and back.

When Rabbi Markowitz came to visit him for the first time at the hospital, he saw that Ruslan's leg had been amputated. Ruslan asked to pray and thank G-d for staying alive despite the unthinkable injury.

"It was an emotional situation" Rabbi Markowitz describes those moments over the wounded soldier's bed. "Ruslan is a heroic Jew who gave his life to protect his homeland, his family and his brothers. When tefillin were on his head, he said the bracha of Hagomel for being able to return to his family and receiving his life as a gift".

The Chabad JCC community in Kyiv is in contact with many soldiers serving on the front lines of the war, giving them love and taking care of their needs, and also of their spiritual needs. Every holiday eve, the soldiers receive deliveries of kosher food, Tefillin, prayer books, cloth packages and any need.

TIFERES SUMMER YESHIVA MAKE TUMULT IN OREGON COAST

NEWS אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 15, 2023



A group of bochurim from Tiferes Bachurim in Morristown made a tumult in Portland, Oregon meeting countless Jews, instilling Jewish pride, and distributing neshek. All while maintaining a full seder of learning.

Starting just before 15 Av and continuing until after Shabbos mevorchim Elul, a group of bochurim from Tiferes Bachurim in Morristown made a tumult in Oregon from Portland out until the Pacific coast.

The Bochurim met countless Jews, instilling Jewish pride, distributing neshek, and helping close to a hundred Jews put on tefillin many for the very first time. All while maintaining a full seder of learning – studying relevant subjects in both chassid and niglah – and farbrenging with local shluchim and *balei batim*.

The program was generously hosted by Rabbi **Moshe Wilhelm** of Chabad of Oregon, and his sons Rabbi **Motti** and Rabbi **Chaim** of SW and NE Portland. The bochurim also spent several days in Salem with Rabbi **AY Perlstien** enjoying his hospitality and sharing mitzvos with other Jews, and farbrenged for many hours in The Oasis in Portland with Rabbi **Chaim Meshulovin**.

The impact of the program was quickly felt as the Yidden they met engaged them in stimulating conversation and excitedly shared with other people they spoke to the experience of interacting with the yeshiva students and doing mitzvos. They were also invited to join the learning at the new Chabad center of NE Portland which was the yeshiva's base during its visit.

Shiurim were given by Rabbi **Yaakov Wagner** who directed the program. "The effect the bochurim had on so many Yidden surely set the tone for the *melech basodeh*," Rabbi Wagner said. "Enjoying the raw beauty of Oregon while increasing learning and spiritual growth was an experience these talmidim will long recall. And Tiferes yeshiva in Morristown is looking forward to welcoming the new students that were inspired to join yeshiva as a result of this trip."

WAS THE WORLD'S OLDEST SHUL JUST FOUND IN RUSSIA?

NEWS כ"ח אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 15, 2023



During excavations conducted in the antique city of Phanagoria, Russia archaeologists from the Russian Academy of Science found traces of an ancient Shul estimated to be from the time of the second Bais Hamikdash.

Photos: Volnodlo Pangoria Foundation

During excavations conducted by archaeologists in the antique city of Phanagoria on the Taman Peninsula in the territory of the city of Krasnodar, located in Russia in the area of the Azov Sea from the south of the Black Sea, the analysis of the fragments of the preserved decoration allows us to conclude that the synagogue was erected at the turn of the millennium and existed for at least 500 years.

With the support of Russian billionaire **Oleg Deripaska's** Volnoe Delo Foundation, archaeologists from the Russian Academy of Science who are exploring remains from the city, have found traces of the synagogue's foundations and walls off Russia's Taman Peninsula.

Inside the rectangular structure, which is 21 m deep and 6 m wide, were several menorahs, altars, fragments of marble steles, The team also found tablets with dates from the first century.

The place contains a complex of two rooms, each with an area of more than 60 square meters, it is characterized by rich decorations on its painted walls, and its roof was covered with tiles. The Jewish marble that were found are unique and different from those in Israel.

As mentioned according to the researchers, the synagogue was built in the era of the Second Bais Hamikdash. The researchers noted that few synagogues functioned during the Second Bais Hamikdash, and were built by representatives of the diaspora who lived far from Jerusalem. According to what is known, the first synagogues date back to the 3rd century, and their construction flourished only in the 3rd century, therefore this synagogue that was discovered Now, it is one of the oldest in the world.

Inside the rectangular structure 21 meters deep and 6 meters wide were several menorahs, altars, fragments of marble steles, including one bearing the word synagogue in the original

Ancient Greek. The team also came upon tablets with dates from the first century.

The structure has features characteristic of the Second Bais Hamikdash period, of Jewish history and likely remained standing until the middle of the sixth century, when Phanagoria was sacked and burned by barbarian tribes.

In the large Jewish community that exists today in the nearby city of Krasnodar, the news was received with excitement feelings, knowing that they are continuing a tradition that is thousands of years old, and despite the difficult times that Russia has gone through, the community is flourishing with thousands of Jewish families.

A delegation from the community, led by the rabbi of the city, Rabbi **Menachem Mendel Lazar**, is expected to visit the site in the coming days, at the invitation of the archaeological authority, which is interested in cooperation in order to get to the bottom of the discoveries of this interesting piece of history, that was found throughout Russia.

GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR MIKVAH MEI PESYA LEAH IN MISSOURI

NEWS כ"ז אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 14, 2023



The Jewish community of Columbia, Missouri, gathered for the groundbreaking for a new facility with a design inspired by 770 which will contain a full Mikvah built in memory of Mrs. Pesya Leah Lapine *hy"d*.

By Anash.org reporter

A year and a half ago, the worldwide Chabad community united to raise funds to build a mikvah in memory of Mrs. **Pesya Leah Lapine** *hy"d*. Just recently, a groundbreaking was held, heralding the start of the final steps before the mikvah goes up.

The campaign was launched in Shevat of 5782, ahead of the 30th anniversary of the

brutal murder of Mrs. Lapine. Her son, shliach Rabbi **Avraham Lapine**, together with his family, decided that the best way to honor their mother would be to establish a Mikvah in her memory.

After many long months of preparations, including obtaining permits, creating architectural plans, and more, the long-awaited groundbreaking for the Mikvah Mei Pesya Leah in Columbia, Missouri, was held on Sunday, July 30th, 12 Menachem Av.

The new facility will have a design inspired by 770 and will contain a full Mikvah, named Mikvah Pesya Leah, after Mrs. Lapine. The planning of the mikvah was overseen by renowned mikvah expert Rabbi **Gershon Grossbaum**.

Many dozens of local community members, along with members of my family and friends, all joined together to symbolically break ground to begin construction. It was over 90 degrees outside, so they gathered in a tent on the exact site of the new construction, with a misting fan to help keep cool.

Addressing the crowd was Rabbi Avraham Lapine, who spoke about how this new Mikvah will complete the Jewish community of Columbia, for the Mikvah is the cornerstone of Jewish living. Rabbi **Yoisef Simmonds** of Crown Heights, a brother-in-law of Rabbi Lapine,

led the assembly in Tehilim. Reb **Chaim Dovid Lapine**, father of Rabbi Lapine, also spoke, as well as other family members. Members of the local community also spoke.

The formal part of the program was followed by a brunch with a bounce house and snow cones for kids, and Tefilin for the men.

Guests from St. Louis included Rabbis **Yosef Landa**, Rabbi **Hershey Novack**, and Rabbi **Chaim Landa**. A delegation from Overland Park KS, also participated, including Mrs. Pesya Leah Lapine's mother-in-law, Mrs. **Janice Lapine** *shetichye*.

Rabbi Lapine thanked the supporters from Missouri and from around the world who joined together to help bring the project to fruition.

To donate toward the new mikvah, please visit www.jewishtigers.com/comomikvah.

RABBI YITZCHOK GOLDSTEIN, 72, AH

NEWS כ"ט אב ה'תשפ"ג - AUGUST 15, 2023



Rabbi Yitzchok Goldstein, shliach of the Rebbe to Madrid, Spain since the year 5738, with the direct and personal encouragement of the Rebbe, passed away.

By Anash.org reporter

Rabbi **Yitzchok Goldstein**, shliach of the Rebbe to Madrid, Spain since the year 5738, with the direct and personal encouragement of the Rebbe, passed away.

He was 72 years old, and had battled a terrible illness in recent years.

He was born in 5712 in Crown Heights to his parents, Rabbi **Yosef (Uncle Yossi)** and

Chana Priva Goldstein, daughter of Reb **Alter Yehoshua Hacohe Winter**. During the years 5732-5733, he served as a bochur shliach to the Yeshiva in London.

In 5735, he married **Shifra Greenberg** of Crown Heights and soon after they began their life on shlichus, first in Upstate New York's Catskills region in such towns as Woodridge and Monticello.

In 5737, Rabbi & Mrs. Goldstein were asked by the Rebbe's European ambassador Rabbi **Avrohom Yitzchok Glick** to come to Malaga, Spain to open a Kosher Mikvah. Soon after, immediately after Pesach of 5738, they moved to the capital Madrid and established a Chabad center there. Over the following years, thousands of locals and visitors were the beneficiaries of their great caring and devotion. There they raised a large family, *ka"h*, many of whom are on shlichus today.

Rabbi Goldstein was known as a great *mekusher* to the Rebbe who frequently wrote to the Rebbe how great his desire was to be in the Rebbe's *daled amos*. The Rebbe responded in kind, giving Rabbi Goldstein unique direction and encouragement in his shlichus and work.

In one such example, in an answer written on Erev Rosh Chodesh Elul 5742, exactly 41 years ago to the day, the Rebbe responded to a letter of Rabbi Goldstein where he begged permission to be by the Rebbe for Tishrei.

In his letter, Rabbi Goldstein wrote that “Although we do not have money [for the trip]...but if the Torah was concerned about the money of Yidden, surely for their *neshamos* and the *chayos* they receive from being in the Rebbe’s presence.”

The Rebbe circled the words “*neshamos*”, and wrote “How do they know where is better for your *neshama* [to be]?”

In Rabbi Goldstein’s letter, he continued: “We want to be by the Rebbe *shlita*, please!” The Rebbe circled that line, and wrote “The Baal Shem Tov says, that when a Yid thinks about Madrid, he is in Madrid.” This is referring to the teaching of the Baal Shem Tov “Where a person’s thoughts are, that’s where he is.” The Rebbe was telling his dedicated shluchim that he was with them in Madrid...

(For the full ma’aneh, see the image below.)

He is survived by his wife **Shifra** and children, **Shneur Zalman Goldstein** – Madrid, Spain; **Mendel Goldstein** – Crown Heights; **Shmuel Goldstein** – Crown Heights; **Sholom Ber Goldstein** – Postville, IA; **Alter Goldstein** – Grenoble, France; **Levi Goldstein** – Israel; **Yisroel Goldstein** – Crown Heights; **Dini Anton** – Bala Cynwyd, PA; **Chaya Junik** – Crown Heights; **Rivka Roth** – Monsey, NY; **Sara Goldstein** – Florida; **Devorah Leah Gopin** – Crown Heights; **Hinda Levin** – Bet Shemesh, Israel and many grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter **Menucha Rochel a”h**.

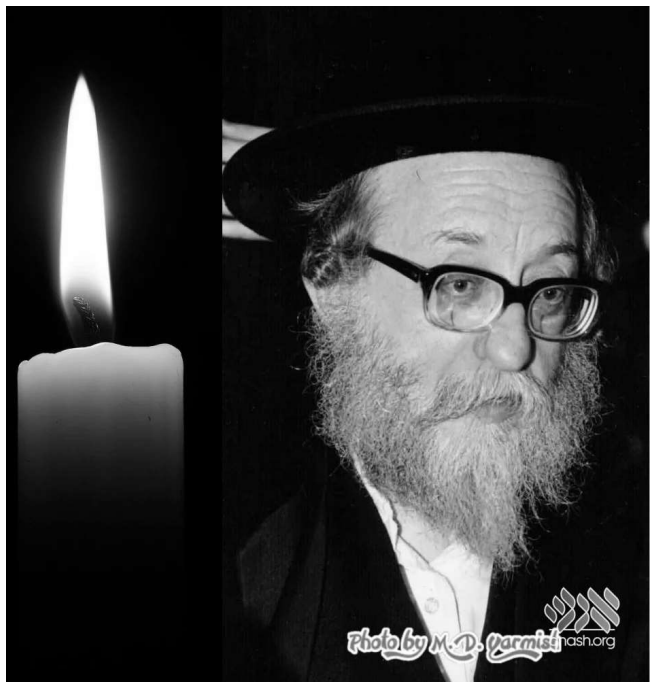
He is also survived by his siblings: Rabbi **Ahron Goldstein** – Ann Arbor, Michigan; R’ **Sholom Ber Goldstein** – Crown Heights; Rabbi **Chaim Levi Goldstein** – Crown Heights; Mrs. **Toby Lieder** – Sydney Australia; R’ **Mendel Goldstein** – Crown Heights; Mrs. **Leah Perl** – Los Angeles, CA; Rabbi **Yisroel Goldstein** – Poway, CA; Mrs. **Shternie Ulman** – Sydney Australia; R’ **Zalman Goldstein**, Monsey, NY.

Levaya and Shiva details to follow.

Baruch Dayan Ha’Emes.

HARAV CHAI YITZCHOK TWERSKY, RACHMASTRIVKA REBBE OF BORO PARK, 92

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By Hershel Rosenbluh and Anash.org Staff

Harav **Chai Yitzchok Twersky**, the Rachmastrivka Rebbe of Boro Park, the most elder Admur of the generation, who was renowned across the globe, passed away.

He was 92 years old.

Born in Yerushalyim to his father Harav **Yochanon Twersky**, then son of the

Rachmastrivka Rebbe **Harav Dovid Twersky**, and **Esther Rivkah (Wilhelm)** in 5691 (1931). He was an great-grandson of Harav **Yisroel Shimon Shain** of Yerushalayim, a Lubavitcher chossid from Mohilev, Russia, who settled in Yerushalayim in 5630 – 1870.

After a childhood illness that almost took his life, he miraculously recovered and has the name Chai added to his name. Rav Chai Yitzchok later married the daughter of Harav **Yakov Yosef Twersky of Skver** in 5714 – 1954 and settled in New York. Before his *chasunah* he merited to have a lengthy *yechidus* with the Rebbe, the details of which he repeated to his nephew, Rabbi **Nachman Yosef Twersky** of Crown Heights. *(See video below.)*

Reb Chai Yitzchok was accompanied by his father Reb Yochanan, whom knew the Rebbe from his youth, when he had been involved in an underground cheder in Nikolayev.

At the *yechidus* the Rebbe mentioned a particular student from that cheder who had since immigrated to the United States, where he left the path of Torah. The Rebbe added that Lubavitcher chassidim had tried to bring him back but to no avail, and perhaps he would be able to influence him. Then and there, the Rebbe picked up the phone and dialed the man's number. "I have Rabbi Yochanan Twersky sitting here. Do you remember him? He is interested in meeting with you. When can you meet?"

On Friday afternoon, as arranged, the former student and the Rachmistrivka Rebbe met, and after exchanging reminiscences, the man offered him a generous check. To his surprise, the Rachmistrivka Rebbe declared, "I won't accept a check until we discuss your Yiddishkeit." The man protested that he was a respected member of his Jewish community and even went to shul occasionally. However, it soon became apparent that he did not observe even the basics of Yiddishkeit.

Reb Yochanan's eyes filled with tears. "Was it for a 'Yiddishkeit' like this that we invested so much effort in you in the chadorim in Nikolayev? Each of your teachers put his life in danger – and for what? So you would grow up to be a yerei Shamayim and a frum Yid. Just look how far you've strayed" The man was moved, and resolved to do teshuva and begin observing mitzvos.

He again tried to present the check, but again Reb Yochanan insisted: "I will accept it only after I find out that you have kept your word and have done teshuva. And how will I know when I don't live here?" He then answered his own question, "When the Lubavitcher Rebbe tells me that you did teshuva, only then will I accept your donation."

During his remaining few weeks in New York, the Rachmistrivka Rebbe received many people who came to him for brachos and advice. One day, the phone rang at his host's house and the Rachmistrivka Rebbetzin answered. The voice on the line asked to speak with Rabbi Twersky.

"Who's speaking?" she asked. "Doh ret-men fun Lubavitch (I'm calling from Lubavitch)." Realizing it was the Lubavitcher Rebbe, she excitedly gave the phone to her husband, who was happy to hear the Rebbe's update: their former student had indeed begun to observe mitzvos.

"Reb Yochanan," the Rebbe added, "you think you came here in order to marry off your son? You came here so that a Yid would do teshuva. Now this man is frum!"

In 5742 – 1982, after the passing of his father, the Rachmistrivka Rebbe, he was appointed as the Rebbe in New York despite adamantly not wanting to. He later opened a shul on 45th Street in Boro Park. Over the years his shul and mosdos attracted many thousands to his simple and sincere *derech* in *avodas* Hashem.

Rav Itzikel, as he was known, kept in close contact with his cousins the Wilhelm family from Eretz Yisroel and Crown Heights, joining their simchas and often even wearing his bigdei Shabbos to the weddings.

In recent years he had become weak, until he passed away today, Erev Rosh Chodesh Elul, 5 days before his 92nd birthday.

The Levaya will take place today, Wednesday, in Boro Park with *kevurah* the Har Shalom cemetery in Airmont (Monsey).

Baruch Dayan HaEmes.

MRS. EDITH EINHORN, 97, AH

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She was 97 years old.

Born **Esther Leah Leibowicz**, in the shtetl of Kal'nyk, 16km from Munkacs (today in Ukraine), in 1926. As an older teenager, she went to join her 3 older siblings in Budapest. When the Nazis arrived in Budapest a short while later, her siblings urged her to get the train back home. During the journey, she was arrested by the SS. Her parents and younger siblings were all murdered.

Through the clear hand of Hashem, she survived the horrors of Auschwitz and the notorious Death March out of that evil place.

After the war, she met her husband, **Sender Engel**, in a DP camp in Germany. Her aunt and two sisters, who had also survived, went fishing and returned with a small bucket of tiny fish, from which they made one roll of Gefilte fish – which served as their wedding feast. The whole DP camp population joined the dancing.

Her husband, Sender, never fully recovered from his experiences in the camps, passing away in his mid-30s, leaving her widowed with two young children, for whom she worked to provide for their needs.

After her children married, she herself remarried Mr. **Moshe Einhorn**. At the age of 78, after Mr. Einhorn passed away, she retired from her job at 'Mauzone', a kosher deli in Lawrence, NY, and moved to Eretz Yisroel, joining her daughter and son-in-law Frumie and Shmuel Siegel, in Kfar Maimon.

She was an amazing woman who, despite her difficult hardships, lived her 97 years to the absolute fullest.

In the later years of her life, she took great pleasure in her *nachas*, daily reviewing the names of her over 100 direct descendants, and *kveld* in their visits and phone calls.

She maintained a unique positivity and optimism and possessed a true *simchas hachaim* – joy in life. She had a special '*chein*' and a great sense of humor and was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by her son, Rabbi **Moishe Yosef Engel** of Long Beach, CA, her daughter Mrs. **Frumie Siegel** of Kfar Maimon, Israel, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Rabbi Engel is sitting shiva in Israel until Tuesday morning. Messages of Nichum can be sent via WhatsApp to 714-863-1426 or email rengel@hacds.org

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COUPLE CLOSSES A CIRCLE AS THEY RETURN AS SHLUCHIM ON CAMPUS

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Madison run by Rabbi **Mendel** and **Henya Matusof**.

There are over 4000 Jews on campus, with 1,500 of them coming to Chabad every year.

The Stevensons, who both discovered their own Yiddishkeit while at Chabad on campus, are closing an emotional circle as they return to help other students find their path as well. They will focus on deepening the connection for these hundreds of students, through Torah and Yiddishkeit.

This shlichus is part of the recently announced Chabad on Campus program where the Shlichus is a two year commitment.

The shlichus is with the approval of the head shliach of Wisconsin Rabbi **Yisroel Shmotkin**.

NEW SHLUCHIM TO SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Rabbi Shmuli and Shevy Silver are moving on shlichus to create the Chabad of Skagit County in Washington State. They will be the first chabad shluchim sent to that community and are looking forward to create a Jewish home-base.

Rabbi **Shmuli** and **Shevy Silver** (nee **Weber**), along with their son **Yitzchok**, will be moving out in the coming weeks to build a new Chabad House in Skagit County, Washington servicing the Yidden of Skagit and Island counties.

Under the auspices of Rabbi **Sholom Ber Levitin**, Head Shliach to the Pacific Northwest, the new Shluchim will be

establishing Chabad of Skagit County in an area that has no Jewish infrastructure as of yet. This is in order to create a warm and welcoming community for all.

The area is home to young families and retirees who take advantage of the calming suburbs and scenic atmosphere.

“The events in which we had organized these past few months revealed a great need and interest for a Jewish community in the area. Their thirst for more Yiddishkeit is tangible,” the Silvers said.

Rabbi Silver and his wife are eager and excited to begin their Shlichus, reaching one Yid at time.

For the opportunity and privilege in partnering with their Shlichus, to help fund their initial expenses of setting up their new Chabad house as they begin a new era for the Yidden of Skagit County, please click [here](#).

GEMARAH BAAL PEH PROGRAM IN YSP WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS

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This summer at YSP – Morristown, the “GBP” – Gemara Baal Peh program was a major success, with counselors and *maggidei shiurim* inspiring campers to achieve their goals in memorizing Gemara and boosting their knowledge and confidence.

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guidance of counselors and *maggidei shiurim*, they were encouraged to reach their full potential in memorizing Gemara and discover the incredible abilities they possess.

As the summer came to an end and the boys prepared to leave for yeshiva, the closing GBP Farher became a highlight of the program. Throughout the entire summer, the talmidim dedicated their free time to memorizing the Gemara they learned in class. Each week, they studied the allocated portion *ba'al peh* and were tested by their *maggidei shiurim*.

To further motivate the boys, material rewards were given as they progressed in their Gemara learning. After the first week, sets of Shanyiim Mikra were distributed as a small gift to congratulate the talmidim for their commitment. Following the second and third week, an ice cream party was organized, complete with hot chocolate cake, a variety of ice cream flavors, and unlimited toppings.

After the fourth and fifth week, a cozy kumzitz and bonfire were hosted at Rabbi Goldberg’s house. The boys gathered under the stars, farbengining late into the night, enjoying fresh fruit and s’mores.

The grand prize for memorizing all seven weeks’ worth of learning was a special set of Shas for each Talmid to continue their learning journey with.

The learning culminated by a Grand Farher for all participating talmidim, attended by Rabbi **Moshe Herson** – Head Shliach to the State of NJ, Rabbi **Mendy Herson**, Rabbi **Zalman**

Wilschanski, Rabbi **Mendel Goldberg** – camp director, learning director **Mendel Goldman** and **Itche Chein** and *maggidiei shiurim*.

These programs are just a glimpse of the many extracurricular activities taking place at YSP this summer. Each day is filled with special events, such as trips, in-house entertainment, internationally acclaimed speakers, and Mivtza events.

“We strive to provide something unique and special every day to help our boys prepare for yeshiva,” the staff said.

