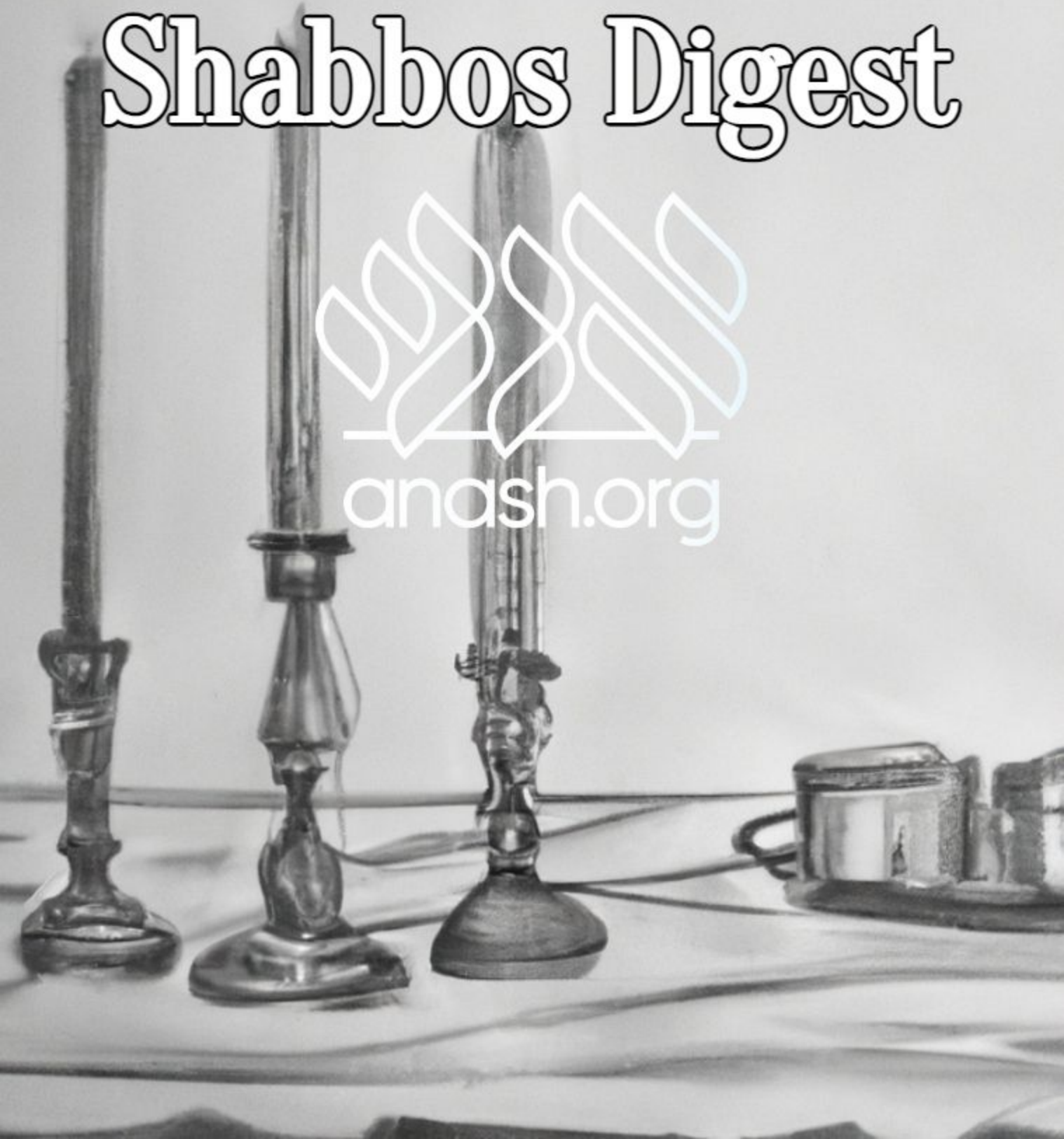


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70 YEARS LATER, MERMELSTEIN IS STILL GOING STRONG

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This week marks 70 years since Mermelstein Caterers became a Kingston Ave landmark. Despite the rapidly evolving Jewish food scene, many prefer them and their traditional Jewish dishes. Their customers included Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka and the White House...

By Anash.org reporter

In the 1960s, Rebbetzin Chana recommended Mermelstein Caterers to a young couple for Shabbos takeout. Decades later, and despite the rapidly evolving Jewish food scene, the restaurant still stands, serving steaming plates of traditional goulash, potato knishes, latkes

and other traditional foods.

Founded in the 1950s by Mr. **Edmond** and Mrs. **Bernice Mermelstein**, the shop, described by Chabad.org as "one of the last true kosher luncheonettes" moved into its current location on 9 Cheshvan 5714 – October 18, 1953. In the seven decades since it has obtained a quasi-landmark status in Crown Heights, and is seen as an integral part of the community's food offerings.

Today, the shop is owned by **Meyer Cohen**, who continues in the footsteps of his predecessors, doling out the traditional food in the shop and at catered events.

In honor of the shop's 70th anniversary, Meyer spoke to Anash.org and related some of the rich history that comes along with the food and what he says is his secret to success.

"I came to the United States of America in the spring of 1979 along with my two younger sisters. The Mermelstein family, who owned the takeout store at that time, took in my sisters and raised them like their own children," he recalls.

"A few years later in the early 80s, I started working at Mermelstein Takeout as a part-time employee. Over the years I took over more responsibilities, and by 1999 I purchased the business from Mr. Edmond and Mrs. Bernice Mermelstein with a mutual agreement to keep Mrs. Berger, a sister of Mr. Mermelstein, as an employee."

When he took over the shop, he knew he was taking over more than just a restaurant. It was almost a piece of Chabad history. For many years, the Rebbetzin would purchase food from Mermelstein for Shabbos, and the shop also supplied food for the Rebbe's Shabbos *farbrengens*.

The Rebbe's mother, Rebbetzin Chana, was also a customer, and she even recommended the shop to others. In a recent interview, long-time London shliach and educator Rabbi **Shmuel Lew** recalled when Rebbetzin Chana suggested his wife shop there for Shabbos.

"Shortly after our marriage, Rebbetzin Chana told my wife, in English: 'When things are a bit pressed and it's not easy to get it all together yourself, you can go to Mermelstein and buy ready-made for Shabbos.'" Rebbetzin Chana then turned to Rabbi Lew and said, in Yiddish: 'I knew they can be relied on.'

On at least one occasion, the caterer's food was trucked down to Washington, D.C., to be served at a White House reception honoring the Rebbe's 81st birthday.

In March of 1983, in an article titled "[In Honoring the Rebbe, a Caterer Did Well, Too](#)," Francis X. Clines—a White House correspondent for *The New York Times* during the Reagan administration and later a member of its editorial board—offered a lighthearted look into how official Washington celebrated the Rebbe's 81st birthday, as well as the personality of the Brooklyn-based caterer who helped officials make it happen:

"The White House Office of Public Liaison, recently purged for its alleged failure to keep the President in favor with such specialized constituencies as women, racial minorities and religious groups, did something right today. So did Mermelstein the caterer from Brooklyn.

"The public liaison office arranged to have President Reagan gently honor the 81st birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, as he is known."

Clines describes how the owner of Mermelstein Caterers, unaccustomed to such grand events, nevertheless trucked poached salmon, potato knishes and other kosher delicacies from his Brooklyn storefront to 300 people gathered on Capitol Hill:

"'I'm nervous for two days,' said Eddie Mermelstein, hovering about his food as it was set out in Senate caucus room 1202 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, far from his kitchens on Kingston Avenue. 'There's nothing kosher in the Capitol, so we have to do it this way. But it's an honor to serve the Rebbe's guests.'"

In the decades since Mermelstein opened, the Jewish food scene has evolved many times over, and Crown Heights has seen a host of restaurants. Some lasted longer than others, but none can boast of a record close to Mermelstein's.

When asked for his secret, Meyer had a simple answer to give.

"Over the years we have had the privilege of serving a *haimish* and tasteful meal to our customers at a very reasonable price. Although the food market has changed greatly, there

are still those who appreciate a real haimish meal, and our customers' loyalty has kept us afloat throughout all these decades.

And when asked what his favorite part of his job was, he said "It is an honor and privilege to be of service to the community..."

L'chaim to many more years!

BRUNOY MENAHEL SPELLBINDS MECHANCHIM WITH CHINUCH GUIDANCE

NEWS יו"ת מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 21, 2023



Over 100 Mechanchim sat for hours in a Crown Heights sukkah listening to inspiration and guidance from Brunoy's legendary *mechanech* R' Itche Nemanov at the annual Simchas Bais Hashoeiva farbrengen arranged by Igud Hamelamdin.

Every year on Chol Hamoed Sukkos, mechanchim from the Tri-State gather in an oversized Crown Heights sukkah for a farbrengen of camaraderie and inspiration with a notable mashpia. The yearly event is organized by Lubavitch Chinuch Organization 'Igud Hamelamdin.'

This year, a record number of mechanchim showed up to hear R' **Yitzchok "Itche" Nemanov**, Menahel Ruchni of Yeshiva Tomchei Temimim, Brunoy, France for over 40 years. His raw authenticity and pure devotion to the Rebbe's wishes earns him the respect of his *talmidim*, and drew

all the mechanchim to come hear what he has to tell them.

For close to four hours, Reb Itche shared personal stories and letters from the Rebbe, as well as anecdotes of his father, the eminent mashpia Reb **Nissen Nemanov**. He empowered the mechanchim by telling them of the supernatural kochos that the Rebbe gives to mechanchim.

"The kochos we have today are unprecedented, and were given for these challenging days before Moshiach," he told the mechanchim. "Soon Moshiach will come and they will no longer be accessible."

The ultimate Lubavitchers are Mechanchim, he said. Lubavitch was founded on being lamplighters, 'Neiros L'ha'ir,' to illuminate the world. Those who execute this imperative most of all are the mechanchim.

"We find ourselves in a very dark world," Reb Itche said, "but in order to be mechanech your students you have to be mechanech yourself! You have to be bright and shining to

illuminate your classrooms. And that can only be achieved by learning chassidus!”

Truth, love, devotion and loyalty. These four secrets, explained Reb Itche, were taught to us from our Rebbeim as the keys for successful chinuch.

Over the course of the farbrengen, Reb Itche discussed wide-ranging chinuch topics including how to increase a student’s diligence in learning, how to encourage better davening and brachos, how to transmit the kedushah of Torah, and more.

The Mechanchim left the event inspired and enthused.

Rabbi **Elisha Witty**, mashgiach in Kfar Chabad English speaking yeshiva, voiced how empowering it was to hear real guidance from a senior mashpia and mechanech. Bnos Menachem administrator Rabbi **Meir Shmukler** shared how the messages were relevant, not only for mechanchim, but for all parents.

Igud Hamelamdin’s executive director, Rabbi **Avrohom Bluming**, shared how special the atmosphere that reigned at this farbrengen was.

“Though Reb Itche’s voice didn’t carry so loud, they hung on to every word. Mechanchim just kept coming and didn’t want to leave. From all the courses and seminars we host throughout the year, nothing empowers our mechanchim like an authentic, chassidishe farbrengen.”

For more information about Igud Hamelamdin and to partner in future projects, visit IgudHamelamdin.org.

FULL REPLAY:

CROWN HEIGHTS RABBONIM: WEAPONS MAY NOT BE CARRIED ON SHABBOS

NEWS י"ב מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 27, 2023



In an audio message to the community, Crown Heights Rabbonim Avrohom Osdoba and Yosef Braun announced that after assessing the security situation there is no *heter* to carry weapons on Shabbos.

By Anash.org reporter

Given the security situation in New York and the pro-Hamas rally scheduled to take place not far from Crown Heights, various people have approached the Crown Heights rabbonim for a heter to carry

weapons for protection.

The rabbonim, who are in communication with *askanim* and police forces, evaluated the situation and danger, and released an audio message to the community, delineating what the correct halacha is for this coming Shabbos.

In a voice message, Harav Avrohom Osdoba states that after reports from the police, he has ascertained that there is no actual danger, and refers to Harav Braun's message for further elaboration. Harav Braun explains that while it is important to remain vigilant, there is no reason to be fearful as there is no credible threat. He advises leading this Shabbos as usual and going to regular shuls.

Rav Osdoba - **Carrying weapons**



HISTORIC 770 ARON KODESH GETS A LONG-NEEDED REMAKE

NEWS ט' תרחשון ה'תשפ"ג - OCTOBER 24, 2023

The iconic Aron Kodesh in 770's main shul, built by R' Yankel Lipsker in 1968 and heavily used since, was touched up and repainted this week to bring it back to its original glory and beauty.

By Anash.org reporter

After many years of heavy use, the iconic Aron Kodesh in 770's main shul was restored and repainted this week to bring it back to its original beautiful look.

The Aron Kodesh was built by R' **Yankel Lipsker**, who later served as a *gabbai* in 770, in his classic style. First built in 5728 and expanded in 5733, the Aron Kodesh has since become an iconic item for Chabad chassidim, and many replicas of it can be found in Chabad shuls worldwide.

The story of how the Aron Kodesh was built is told in a [biography](#) authored by his great-grandson Rabbi **Memkeh Schmukler**, and is reprinted here:



When the Shul was expanded, Yankel decided he needed to grace the front wall with a beautiful new Aron Kodesh. Yankel had worked on the Aron in the upstairs Shul as well – only decorating the one that was already there from the days of the Rebbe Rayatz, based on the Rebbe's directive. Yankel also improved the Amud for the upstairs Shul in the same fashion

Now, he would have a chance to build something from scratch. Something glorious that befits the Rebbe's Shul. At this time there was a small, six-foot- tall Aron Kodesh. One of the major issues was that during Farbrengens it was a perfect place to keep bottles of wine. This was a major problem if the bottle got knocked over, with all its contents seeping inside the Aron Kodesh. To rectify this Yankel wanted to build a large tall Aron Kodesh.

As with the *bima* he built, he brought his drafts to the Rebbetzin, and once more she gave her feedback and new ideas, like incorporating a crown in the design at the top of the Aron Kodesh.

With the help of his son Zalman, he spent long nights in his basement working on bringing his dreams to reality. Creating it in pieces, he rolled it all to 770 on poles late one night during the days of Slichos in Elul of 5728/1968. Putting it all together on a giant frame to make his grand Aron Kodesh, took almost the whole night.

Initially Yankel wanted to design it so that it should be built into the wall, like the style of many Shuls of the time. The Rebbe told him no, since that's not how it was in the Shul of his father-in-law, the Rebbe Rayatz. He then lined the inside with waterproof sheets to keep the Sifrei Torah safe.

When 770 got expanded during Tishrei of 5733/1972, the Aron Kodesh got an expansion as well as now there were many new Sifrei Torah and more room was needed. Erev Yom Kippur Yankel, with the help of some of his sons and Bochorim, added the two cabinets on the side, completed the Aron Kodesh as it looks until today.

Each year on Erev Yom Kippur the Gabbai of 770, Reb Yochanan Gordon, would go into the Rebbe's to give him the traditional Malkus. Whilst there in 5729/1968, right after the Aron was completed, the Rebbe asked "אַז געבויט דעם אַרֹן? – ליפסקער ווייס איך, אָבער פֿון וואו האָט ער גענומען די האַלץ?" – That the [new] Aron Kodesh was built by Yankel Lipskier I know, but where did he get [money for] the wood from?

Though Yochanan replied he didn't know, most of Yankel's projects he paid for himself, feeling that the responsibility was for nobody but himself.

MIVTZA TEFILLIN FOR SOLDIERS ... 80 YEARS AGO

NEWS ט' מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 23, 2023



The *tefillin* campaign is known to have originated in 5727 following the Six-Day War. What many don't know is that a campaign for soldiers to lay tefillin was promoted by the Rebbe decades before then.

By Anash.org staff

The *tefillin* campaign is known to have originated in 5727 following the Six Day War. What many don't know is that a campaign for soldiers to lay tefillin was promoted by the Rebbe decades before then.

In a letter addressed to Jewish servicemen during WWII, the Rebbe highlights laying tefillin as a protection for the soldiers. The

letter was written by the Rebbe in Lashon Kodesh to be translated to English and sent with a pamphlet with Shema and prakim of Tehillim selected by the Frierdiker Rebbe.

In the letter, the Rebbe quotes the Frierdiker Rebbe on the significance of tefillin for the soldiers and how it will help bring them home in peace.

We share with you the full text of the letter in English:

Erev Rosh HaShanah, 5704

Greetings and blessings,

We are sending you a small pamphlet [containing] a digest of a talk [given by] my revered father-in-law, the Lubavitcher Rebbe *shlita*, words of encouragement which arouse trust in G-d. Included are also the first passage of the *Shema* and several chapters of *Tehillim* which the Rebbe *shlita* selected [for soldiers] to recite on specific occasions, as stated in the pamphlet. We are certain that you will read [the pamphlet] frequently and from it derive powerful faith, strength of heart, love for your fellow man, and closeness to your faith and to the Torah and its *mitzvos*.

I would also like to quote several words which the Rebbe *shlita* said at a large assembly:

"It is a great *mitzvah* and a sacred obligation for everyone to publicize the following words and relate them to every one of our Jewish [brethren] serving in the army, navy, or air force.

"Our Sages state: 'Everyone who puts on *tefillin* will live a long life.'

"Brethren serving in the army! Be careful to put on *tefillin* every weekday.

"If it is impossible for a soldier to put on *tefillin* in the morning, he may put them on in the afternoon, as long as it is before sunset.

"This is the mystic medium through which G-d will bring you back to your homes in peace.

"Be careful in your observance of the *mitzvos* and, in particular, in your observance of this *mitzvah*; encourage all of your friends to do the same."

As the new year approaches, we wish you a good and sweet year, one in which speedily "wickedness will be annihilated in smoke," the new year and its blessings will begin, and you will return to your homes healthy and uninjured, having distinguished yourselves as Jews and as Americans. May we all, together with our brethren, the entire Jewish people, merit the ultimate Redemption to be led by *Moshiach*, speedily in our days.

May you be inscribed for a good year!

Rabbi Menachem Schneerson

Chairman of the Executive Committee

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO FOR ERETZ YISRAEL RIGHT NOW

NEWS ח' מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 22, 2023



Recent events in *Eretz Yisrael* have shocked us all to the core, leaving us with a mixture of grief, trauma, and fear. As Chassidim, have clear marching orders from the Rebbe on how to respond in such situations.

By: The Vaad Kinus Hakhel for Sofrim

With the ongoing crisis in Eretz Yisroel, we are grateful as Chassidim, to have bookshelves and media libraries full of guidance from the Rebbe for every

situation. In these trying times, we look back at past terrorist attacks and wars in Eretz Yisroel and glean from the Rebbe's wisdom how to act now.

One thing the Rebbe returned to time and again is the importance of kosher *mezuzos*.

In 1974, Arab terrorists infiltrated the city of Maalot in northern Israel and held a large group of teenagers hostage in school. Tragically, many were killed, at first reported to be 17, and then four more.

The Rebbe spoke about this event, pointing out the eerie fact that exactly 17, and then four more *mezuzos* in the building were found to be *pasul*. "Like a helmet that protects a soldier from enemy fire, a mezuzah provides spiritual protection for every Jew," the Rebbe explained.

While all mitzvos provide protection, the *mezuzah* is uniquely positioned as a mitzvah dedicated to this purpose. Prominently featured on its outer case is the letter *shin*, the first letter of Hashem's name "*Shin-Daled-Yud*," which stands for "*shomer dalsos yisrael*—Hashem protects the Jewish people's doors." What's more, the *Zohar* tells us that the word "*mezuzos*" is a portmanteau of the words, "*maves zaz*—death is move aside!"

And of course, the *passuk* explicitly tells us, "*Hashem yishmor tzescha u'voecha*—Hashem will protect you as you come and go," a *passuk* commonly associated with the *mezuzah* hanging proudly on every Jewish door. An important detail that emerges from this *passuk* is that the *mezuzah* provides protection not only when coming *into* the house, but also when going *out* of the house—including, of course, the battlefield.

Once again, in 1976, during the famous Entebbe hostage crisis, the Rebbe pointed out how too many of the hostages either had no *mezuzos* on their homes at all, were *pasul*, or were

in the wrong location.

"A *mezuzah* on the door provides protection not only when the homeowner comes in, but for all time, and for all Jews," the Rebbe explained. Such is the protective power of this special mitzvah.

So, as *chassidim* of the Rebbe, if we're looking to do something to protect our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisrael, here's two things we can do right now:

1. Make sure all your *mezuzos* are kosher to the highest standard. If you haven't checked them in a while, now would be a great time to do so. And if you've never thought about *who's* checking your *mezuzah*, it's worth thinking about now. Also, double check that all *mezuzos* are in the proper location. When in doubt, consult with a *Rav*.

2. Get involved in *mitzva mezuzah*! Ensure that every Jew you know has *mezuzos* on their doors, starting with the front door. It could be a co-worker, a non-religious relative, or just someone you know. Whoever it is, every *mezuzah* that goes up on another Jewish door provides direct protection to our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisrael.

Vaad Kinus Hakhel for Sofrim is a community organization that brings together local Sofrim. This past summer, they author organized a "Kinus Sofrim" event in Crown Heights hear from various experts, including Rabbanim and long-time Sofrim. In an upcoming article, the author will share important points that emerged from that Kinus.

CHECKING THE NEWS AGAIN WON'T HELP ANYONE

NEWS ח'י מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 22, 2023



From the Anash.org Inbox: In a legendary sicha predicting the downfall of Saddam Hussein, the Rebbe turned to the chassidim and encouraged them to engage in activities that would help the situation, rather than checking the news.

By Avraham Berkowitz

During this tense time, as we are concerned about our brothers in Eretz Yisroel, we try to keep up to date with what is happening with our fellow Yidden and

keep them in mind.

But what can start as a good gesture can sometimes become an obsession. Instead of focusing on what we can do to help the situation, we check the news countless times each day and discuss what should be (or could have been) done.

In a famous sicha from 26 Nissan 5751, not long after the Gulf War, the Rebbe spoke about the miracles that had taken place and the downfall of Saddam Hussein.

In that context, the Rebbe mentioned the practice of checking and becoming proficient in the news and suggested that a much better use of time would be to daven, learn, and do *mitzvos* to bring Moshiach. The Rebbe explained that following the news in detail was futile and silly, and unbecoming for a “wise people.”

Here are the Rebbe's words:

“It's customary in our times that everyone feels they need to know what's written in the newspapers. And not just to know it, but to be involved in it and consider all its details.

“It is to such an extent, that people give opinions, saying for instance that General So-and-So said something reasonable (*a gleiche zach*), whereas General So-and-So said something ‘crooked’ (*a krumeh zach*), adding evidence from the words of another army chief. With all the *pilpul* (fine distinctions) and consideration involved.

“In truth, since the Jewish influence in these matters directly is limited, and the main influence is through reciting Tehillim, and through adding in Torah study and the observance of mitzvos, particularly *bhiddur*, especially through the study of *pnimiyus haTorah* which is connected to the coming of Moshiach. One should be involved solely in these matters.

“And yet, a person spends a significant amount of time to know about these matters. He is so engrossed in it, that whatever he doesn’t know, he asks and clarifies with his friend. He inquires about the opinion of this army chief, and the opinion of the other army chief. He then catches how the army chief made a mistake, that he regretted and changed his opinion, he admitted that he was wrong or claims that this was his original intent, and so on.

“All of this is illogical and abnormal even for non-Jews, how much more that it is illogical for a ‘wise and understanding people,’ as we have discussed on several occasions...”

VIDEO:

LUBAVITCHER CHAPLAIN SWORN IN AT ENTRANCE OF 770

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Lubavitcher Chanania Steinmetz was sworn in as a chaplain for the US Airforce by Chaplain Jacob Goldstein, at the entrance to 770 in Crown Heights.

By Anash.org reporter

Lubavitcher Rabbi **Chanania Steinmetz** was sworn in as a chaplain for the US Airforce by Chaplain **Jacob Goldstein**, a longtime army chaplain and honored senior member, at the entrance to 770 in Crown Heights.

Joining them was Chaplain **Dovid Moya**, who was himself sworn in at the entrance to 770 a number of months ago.

A crowd gathered at the unusual sight of men in military dress and uniform in front of 770, watching as they welcomed Chanania to their ranks.

Being sworn in is the culmination of an extensive application process. It marks the beginning of a service member's career, during which they would then go to training and eventually serve full-time on a military base.

Following the official ceremony, the new chaplain joined his fellow military men and the gathered crowd in saying l'chaim, wishing him much success in his new position.

IF MENORAHS COULD PARADE, WHY NOT SUKKAHS?

NEWS ז' מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 22, 2023



A very unique parade took place in Chicago this past Sukkos, with seven Sukkah mobiles parading near a popular sports destination spreading the word about the mitzvos of the Yom Tov.

After a day of amazing mitzvoim in Chicagoland, bentching lulav and esrog with hundreds and much Mitzvoyzim, seven Sukkah mobiles paraded in Downtown Chicago's South Loop, during the heights of a famous and popular soccer game with 60,000 fans, promoting Mitzva Sukkah.

The parade, with vehicles from many Chabad Houses and included a unique Sukkah on a Bike, went down major streets Downtown with speakers blasting and

bright LED lights blaring, and passed many exits leading to the stadium.

The parade was a huge kiddush Hashem and impacted the thousands that saw it, literally serving as a "Simchas Beis Hashoavah on Wheels," bringing the joy of Sukkos to the streets.

Now more than ever, it is important for strong public displays of Am Yisroel Chai!!

The Downtown Chicago Sukkos Parade was organized and arranged by the Chicago Mitzvoym Office. Thank you to bochurim **Levi Moscovitz**, **Chananya Moscovici** and **Yakkov Silverman** from Chabad of Bucktown; and Rabbi Gershon from Chabad of South Loop.

ROSH KOLLEL SHARES SHAILOS HE RECEIVED DURING THE WAR

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Photo: GPO



Rabbi Chaim Hillel Raskin, Rosh Kollel of Kollel L'Rabbonei Chabad and Lubavitcher Rov in Petach Tikva, delivered a shiur addressing halachic *sha'alos* he received during the war, all while air raid sirens wailed in the background.

On Thursday, Rabbi **Chaim Hillel Raskin** the Rosh Kollel of Kollel L'Rabbonei Chabad and the Lubavitcher Rov in Petach Tikvah, conducted a Zoom shiur for the members of Kollel L'Rabbonei Chabad. In this session, he addressed the myriad Halachic questions posed to him in light of the

ongoing situation in Eretz Yisrael.

As the shiur progressed, the air raid sirens in the background served as an eerie reminder of the current turmoil, yet Rabbi Raskin remained undeterred in his commitment to provide guidance on these wartime Halacha inquiries.

Kollel L'Rabbonei Chabad is a joint project between Merkos 302's Beis Medrash L'Shluchim and Kollel L'Rabbonei Chabad. It aims to empower current and aspiring Rabbanim with an advanced understanding of Halacha and Hora'ah.

Working under the auspices of Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, Rabbi **Betzalel Bassman** and his team launched the Kollel ahead of Pesach 5783 to empower shluchim to become expert *rabbonim*. "Many shluchim now find themselves acting as their communities' de facto halachic authority," he says. "The Kollel gives them a path to gain the Halachic expertise they need to fill that role with confidence."

"Chabad houses are sprouting fully-fledged Jewish communities that need a halachic authority on the ground," says Rabbi **Moshe Kotlarsky**, vice-chairman of Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch. "Giving shluchim the tools to become qualified *rabbonim* is a critical investment in a more robust Jewish future; this will pay dividends for future generations."

Over 130 participating shluchim carve ten hours from their busy weekly schedules to study Gemara, *Bais Yosef*, and *Shulchan Aruch* and join online shiurim. Over the next eight years, Kollel L'Rabbonei Chabad's in-house curriculum will empower these active community

leaders to receive semicha on *Hilchos Niddah, Shabbos, Chupah v'Kiddushin, Eruvin, Smachos (Aveilus), and Issur v'Heter*.

Employing a systematic program centered on individual study and online learning, the Kollel caters to the unique needs of shluchim serving Jewish communities in far-flung locations.

With a new cohort of shluchim entering the program after Sukkos, Rabbi Gedailia Oberlander and Rabbi Zushe Winner will join the Kollel's faculty to deliver shiurim, provide individual guidance, and ensure each participant receives the careful attention they need. They join a team of *maggidei shiur* that includes Rosh Kollel Rabbi **Chaim Hillel Raskin**, Sgan Rosh Kollel Rabbi **Tuvia Kasimov**, Rabbi **Shaul Yechezkel Schwartz**, Rabbi **Yekusiel Farkash**, and Rabbi **Mordechai Farkash**. In addition to delivering shiurim.

The new additions bolster the Kollel's first-of-its-kind model, which uses virtual learning to empower shluchim serving far flung communities. "Joining the Kollel has already benefited my shlichus tremendously," says Rabbi **Levi Blau** of JRCC South Thornhill in Ontario, Canada.

"If you're a shliach who can commit to eight or ten hours of high-level learning each week, I can't recommend this enough," he adds.

To learn more about Kollel L'Rabbonei Chabad, visit:

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*To join the Kollel, visit: **<https://merkos302.com/rabbonus>***

BOCHURIM ASK FOR REBBE'S BRACHA BEFORE GOING ON SHLICHUS

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Bochurim who are about to depart on shlichus to yeshivos across Eretz Yisroel traveled together to the Rebbe's Ohel to daven for a successful year.

Bochurim who are about to depart on shlichus to yeshivos across Eretz Yisroel traveled together to the Rebbe's Ohel to daven for a successful year.

The bochurim signed a *pan kloli* – a communal *pan* asking for the Rebbe's *brachos* on their *shlichus*, and for the safety and security of the Yidden in Eretz Yisroel.

The *pan* was read by Rabbi **Shlomo Zarchi**, *mashpia* in the Central Tomchei Tmimim – 770, on behalf of all the bochurim shluchim.

ENTIRE YESHIVA GREETES NEW YG SHLUCHIM AT THE AIRPORT

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The entire student body of the YG Melbourne boarded buses to the airport for a grand *kabolas panim* for the new shluchim. At the moment the shluchim appeared, they broke out in song and dance filling the entire terminal.

By Anash.org reporter

The Rabbinical College of Australia and NZ welcomed its newest group of student Shluchim, who will spend two years studying and mentoring the younger students in the Yeshiva.

The group of six shluchim were sent from Oholei Torah and Chovevei Torah in Crown Heights after studying there for a year in Shiur Daled. They will be spending 2 years in YG Melbourne learning with the students and mentoring them,

encouraging them to grow in their studies.

On Thursday morning, the entire student body of the Yeshiva traveled to the airport for a grand *kabolas panim* for the new shluchim. At the moment the shluchim appeared they broke out in song and dance filling the entire terminal with sound of pure chassidishe simcha.

The group to Yeshiva Gedola includes **Schneur Gurevitch, JJ Hecht, Tzvi Levitin, Daniel Namdar, Eli Salik, and Yisroel Shapiro**. They will be joining **Mendel Kramer, Mendel Bluming, Avrohom Sorkin, Shneur Zalman Hirsch, Sholom Ber Liberow, and Avrohom Feldman**.

Anash.org wishes them much success in their new shlichus.

VIDEO

SHLUCHIM RAISE \$30K IN TWO MINUTES FOR CHABAD OF SDEROT

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Tuesday was a packed day for the delegation of 28 shluchim who are visiting Eretz Yisroel, with visits to *shiva* houses, Chabad Houses and IDF bases. Along with moral support, they donated thousands of dollars to local shluchim.

By Anash.org reporter

Tuesday was a packed day for the delegation of 28 shluchim who are visiting Eretz Yisroel, with visits to *shiva* houses, Chabad of Sderot, IDF bases and command centers, and an uplifting visit to IDF soldiers.

In coordination with Chabad in Israel, the group is scheduled to spend a few days in Israel visiting soldiers, the wounded

recovering in hospitals, broken families who have lost their homes, families in mourning or awaiting the fate of their loved ones in captivity, and government officials.

The visit was arranged in line with **Rebbe** sending shluchim after Kfar Chabad terror in 5716. Then, a horrific terrorist attack in Kfar Chabad left the Jewish people in Israel devastated and the Rebbe sent a special group of shluchim to uplift them and raise their spirits.

On Tuesday, the group started their day with a visit to a *shiva* house in Be'er Sheva, where the family of **Danil Kimenfled** *hy"d* was sitting *shiva*. Danil, a resident of Camden County, was in Southern Israel on Simchas Torah and was killed by the cursed terrorists. The shluchim spoke to his family and offered their condolences on behalf of the worldwide community of shluchim.

The delegation then visited Ashkelon, where they were welcomed by local shliach Rabbi **Menachem M. Lieberman**. He showed them the school run by Chabad of Ashkelon that suffered a direct hit from a missile fired by Hamas *ym"s*. Before leaving, the shluchim gave Rabbi Lieberman \$12,000 in cash, telling him to use it to purchase whatever he needs to protect himself and the other shluchim.

Their next stop was the IDF Army Command Center in Ashkelon, where they met high-ranking IDF personnel, and received an update on the war efforts.

Next was the Soroka Hospital in Be'er Sheva, where the shluchim visited civilians who were wounded in the Simchas Torah attack and the subsequent missile barrages, as well as IDF soldiers injured in military operations. During the visit, a 'red alert' missile siren sounded, causing them to **scramble to a bomb shelter** in the hospital.

An awe-inspiring visit to Chabad of Sedrot followed, where the delegation met local shliach Rabbi **Moshe Zeev Pizam** and heard from him about the attack on Simchas Torah and his efforts in the days since to provide physical and spiritual sustenance to locals.

While enjoying a meal there, Rabbi **Chaim Mentz** of Chabad of Bel Air, CA, got up and told the shluchim about some of the heavy expenses Chabad of Sderot has incurred in the past two weeks. Within two minutes, the shluchim around the table pledged \$30,000, which Rabbi Mentz promised would be given to Rabbi Pizam before the end of the trip.

The shluchim were then welcomed at the IDF Command center in Sderot, and visited the Police station that was hijacked by terrorists on Simchas Torah, forcing the IDF to demolish the building with the terrorists *ym"s* inside to eliminate them.

The final visit of the day was to an IDF base where soldiers are stationed, waiting to enter Gaza by foot. The shluchim distributed cards from children in America to the soldiers, and then held a huge barbecue with live music and joyous dancing, encouraging the soldiers who are risking their life to protect the Holy Land and their brethren who live there.

UNIQUE TESHUROS AND HUNGARIAN SONGS AT LONDON WEDDING

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The London wedding of Laizer Oberlander of Budapest, and Mussie Itzinger of London, featured two unique *teshura* mementos and historic Jewish songs in Hungarian.

By Anash.org reporter

Two *teshuros*, Hungarian flags, and a lot of *simcha*.

On Wednesday evening, the wedding of **Laizer Oberlander** of Budapest, Hungary and **Mussie Itzinger** of London, England, took place in London. A large crowd of family and friends, including prominent individuals from the Jewish community in London and even a delegation from Hungary, gathered to celebrate the occasion.

Among the distinguished guests were the renowned London rabbis, Rabbi **Moshe Menachem Weiss** of the Satmar community, and Rabbi **Levi Sudak** and Dayan **Levi Yitzchak Raskin** from the local Lubavitch community. Several esteemed guests also attended, including Rabbi **Moshe Lazar**, longtime shliach to Milan, Italy and grandfather of the chosson; Rabbi **Benjamin Jacobs**, Chief Rabbi of Holland, and Rabbi **Tzvi Telzner**, rov of the Chabad community in Melbourne. Mr. **Ferenc Kumin**, the Ambassador of Hungary to England, also participated in the festivities.

The chosson's father, Rabbi **Baruch Oberlander**, Av Beis Din of Budapest and Head Shliach to Hungary, published two significant works in honor of the wedding.

The first publication is a collection of Halachic Responsa titled *Sha'alos Uteshovos Amar Rav'a – Teshuvos Ketzaros* – Volume One, which contains nearly 200 responses to halachic queries. They were authored during his role as rov in Budapest, responding to questions from around the country and beyond.

The second *teshura* distributed was a booklet of addendums to JEM's 'Early Years' book. In the introduction to this work, Rabbi Oberlander writes:

“Over the years, I have had the privilege of collecting and publishing many documents about the Rebbe’s early years. From these materials, we published the book ‘The Early Years’ Volume 1, which covers the years of 5662-5689, in 5781, in collaboration with Rabbi **Elkanah Shmotkin** and edited by Rabbi **Levi Greisman**. Volume two, which covers the Berlin years of 5690 – 5693, and volume 3, which covers the years of 5693 – 5701, are already in progress.”

In addition to the unique *teshuros*, the wedding also featured a display of proud Hungarian heritage, with many a Hungarian flag, and the singing of ‘Sol a Kokosh Mar,’ an age-old Jewish song in Hungarian about the *golus* and *geulah*.

[Download the Addendum to ‘Early Years’ here.](#)

[Download the forward and table of contents for Shu”t Amar Rav”a here.](#)

VIDEO:

TORONTO BOCHURIM AND MEKUROVIM LEARN FOR ERETZ YISROEL

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Bochurim and *hanhala* of the Toronto Yeshiva organized a "Learning For Israel" event to bring the Yidden they visit on mitvzoim throughout Toronto to Yeshiva to learn Torah with them.

With the ongoing situation in Eretz Yisroel many are thinking, planning and executing different initiatives, mitzvah campaigns, and gatherings and Yeshivas Lubavitch Toronto was no different.

Rabbi **Mendy Lieberman** who is the director of the "Mivtzoym network" in the yeshiva in Toronto together with bochurim **Beryl Lipskar** and **Mendel Feiglin** decided to organize a "Learning For Israel" event to bring the Yidden visited on mitvzoym throughout Toronto to

Yeshiva to learn Torah with them.

Last week Friday as bochurim took to the streets of Toronto they took along special flyers to invite Yidden to join in a special evening of learning Torah at the Yeshiva *I'zchus* the Yidden in Eretz Yisroel.

Most of the participants were first-timers in a yeshiva and now had an opportunity to experience the immersive environment of learning in a *chassidische yeshiva* atmosphere, many even committing to a regular Tanya/Chassidus *chavrusa* with bochurim.

Tuesday's event consisted of learning a compilation in some areas of Chassidus (from the "Jewish Insights" program from the Shluchim Office), followed by Tehillim, tzedaka, a word from Rabbi Lieberman, the **Rebbe's** message on Eretz Yisroel (courtesy of the Living Torah program by JEM) and ultimately wrapping up with *ma'ariv*.

A special thanks to Rabbi **Nachman Pearl** (the yeshiva cook) who assembled beautiful fruit platters, to *bochurim* **Mendel Feiglin** and **Beryl Lipskar** (who also emceed the event) and to all the bochurim who assisted in any way.

In the *z'chus* of all the beautiful *achdus* events and initiatives we should hear only good news *iy'h* with the coming of Moshiach now!

UPSCALE 'BAGEL BAR' IN KINGSTON, PA, BEGAN IN A SHUL BASEMENT

NEWS י"א מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 25, 2023



The growing Chabad community of Kingston, PA, marked another milestone with the official opening of 'Bagel Bar' a bakery, cafe, and pizza shop this week.

By Anash.org reporter

Photos: Yossi Forster, Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce

In a giant leap from its humble beginnings in a shul basement, a new bakery, cafe and pizza shop opened this week in Kingston, PA.

The new 'Bagel Bar' located at 378 Pierce St. in Kingston, is just a few feet away from the Beis Moshe Shul and the Kingston Kosher grocery and deli. Its opening showcases the incredible growth of the

Chabad community, which now boasts numerous shuls, a growing boys and girls school and a number of choices of places to eat.

A large crowd gathered for the official opening on Tuesday, including state Reps. **Aaron Kaufer** and **Alec Ryncavage**, Luzerne County Council Member **Matt Mitchell**, Kingston Mayor Jeff Coslett and Administrator **Paul Keating** and **Mark Grochowski** representing Sen. **Lisa Baker**. The ceremonial ribbon cutting was followed by the sampling of some of the store's menu items, with a long line stretching out of the store to grab something to eat.

The new shop is a marked difference from the previous kosher pizza shop, which was hosted in the basement of the community's first shul for a number of years. The pizza shop, which was opened a few days each week, was a blessed outlet for the community, was founded and run by **Motti Hershkop**, who also owns the new Bagel Bar.

Mainly created as a community outlet, the previous pizza shop was the first kosher eatery for the then-small Chabad community which was only beginning to grow. In a profile of the community written by Ami Magazine a number of years ago, they noted how Motti himself would come to make pizza dough after a long day of work and helping build the community.

That early-on effort paid itself off, and the new Bagel Bar is there to show it. More than just a simple pizza shop, it offers a full cafe menu, a variety of pastries and baked goods, and of

course, pizza and fries as well.

Their specialty is their bagels, baked using the traditional methods of New York kettle-boiled bagels. The shop serves the local Jewish community, as well as many travelers and visitors of all walks of life who frequent the area on business or travel to the Poconos on vacation.

Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Kingston, said, "I am excited to welcome Bagel Bar to Kingston. The look and feel remind you of a restaurant you might find in New York City, and we're lucky to have an establishment with such high-quality products open its doors here. I have no doubt that Bagel Bar will be a staple in our community for years to come."

With an emphasis on quality ingredients and innovative recipes, Bagel Bar is set to become a beloved destination for locals and visitors alike.

To order or for more info, visit bagelbarpa.com.

CAMPER TRAVELED FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TO JOIN SHABBATON

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The fun started on Friday with a tour of the Rebbe's Library, ice cream, and donuts. On Friday night, the campers and staff davened together bringing the Camp L'man Achai spirit and energy to 770. Next, they were off to a grand Shabbos meal, joined by many of the dedicated camp staff. The campers shared camp memories

and how they've grown since the summer, they heard stories and sang camp songs until late into the night.

Shabbos morning, they joined for some Tehilim in 770, followed by a delicious breakfast, and then headed to Oholei Torah for a camp-style davening.

The campers played some sports then split into groups for the Shabbos meal, followed by a grand farbrengen.

Motzei Shabbos they embarked on a fantastic trip, which included zip lining, rope courses, rock climbing, roller skating, and more. The Shabbaton ended with a *melave malka* pizza party.

The campers were thrilled to participate and get a boost in their Jewish pride! "Shabbos was a blast and I'm so happy I joined," said one of the campers as he was heading home.

We would like to thank all those who hosted meals, farbrengens, and places to sleep. A special thanks to Meir Levy and Asher Miller and all the camp staff who put in much effort to make the Shabbaton such a success.

770 SEDER CHASSIDUS BECOMES A MOVEMENT

NEWS י' מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 25, 2023



A Chassidus revolution currently underway in 770 is making waves around the world. This groundbreaking initiative isn't limited to bochurim learning in yeshiva, but anyone can join Tomchei Temimim for Seder Chassidus via any streaming platform.

The average 'American Bochur' coming to study in 770, is concurrently filled with excitement and trepidation; although there is much opportunity, it can be overwhelming. All prior years in yeshiva, he received guidance on what to learn, as well as when on Shlichus, he was occupied with learning with the younger bochurim under his care. At last in 770, he could finally utilize the time as he desires, to learn what interests him, and what he enjoys – *b'Mokom Shelibo Chofetz*.

Many Bochurim are unsure how to go about it, particularly with regard to learning Chassidus. The choices range from studying the deep Hemshech of Ayin Beis, to the Avodah'dike Kuntreisim or the **Rebbe's** Maamarim, etc., leaving many Bochurim stuck with decision paralysis. Once one does choose the topic to learn, one often feels that he and his Chavrusa are on their own, while all around the zal every Chavrusa is involved in a different Maamer, from another Rebbe, on diverse topics.

Starting this year, Rabbi **Shmuly Avtzon**, one of the Mashpiim in 770, created a solution. A Chassidus program in which every Bochur can learn what they enjoy, with the proper support. The program has four tracks, each with a Meishiv, Kovtzim of the learning material, and an Internet drive of resources, including shiurim, biurim, and references to delve deeper into the topic.

One track is learning the Hemshech of Hachodesh from Samach Vov, led by Rabbi **Shloimy Kaplan**, who will be giving shiurim on Sunday and Tuesday nights. This is a real Iyun experience. You can listen to his shiurim [here](#).

For those who enjoy the **Rebbe Rashab's** elucidation of concepts on Chassidus, but want to learn at a quicker pace, the second track learns shorter Hemshechim. This track starts with Shavous Samach Hei, and throughout the year will continue to other Hemshechim. Each

one is learned for four to six weeks. The Mashiv for this track is the 770 Mashgiach Rabbi **Levi Klyne**. The opening shiur from Rabbi **Michael Golomb** can be listened to [here](#).

As Bochorim learning in 770, by the Rebbe, two of the tracks are dedicated to learning the Rebbe's Torah, with an emphasis on appreciating the novelty of the Rebbe's sichos and maamarim.

Rabbi **Mendel Potash** is directing the Sugyos B'Likkutei Sichos track, learning a new Sugya in the Rebbe's Sichos every month. A **unique Kovetz** is prepared so that you can follow the Rebbe's Chidushim, and compare the different perspectives of each Sicha, giving an encompassing view of each topic. For the month of Cheshvan, the Sugya of Emunah V'yedia is being studied. The opening shiur can be listened to [here](#).

Lastly, the Rebbe's Maamarim is a complete track of its own, not only to learn the Maamar but also to acquire the full context of what the Rebbe teaches, by learning the Maamar in depth and with the sources. From the beginning of Cheshvan through Chanukah, the Hemshech of **Pasach Eliyahu 5715** is being learned, and throughout the year a new maamar will be studied every month. The Shiurim and guidance for this track will be delivered by Rabbi Shmuly Avtzon. The opening shiur can be listened to [here](#).

Baruch Hashem, it's been off to a great start, with record numbers of bochorim attending Shiurim, and more bochorim continue to join every day. Every night in 770, the Kol Torah is heard. Whether you are learning downstairs 770 or upstairs, you can clearly see the renewed *Koch* that the bochorim have in learning Chassidus.

A special thank you to the lead Mashpia and Menahel of 770, Rabbi **Shlomo Zarchi**, for his dedication to the yeshiva and its programs. And to Rabbi Shmuly Avtzon for spearheading this initiative and seeing it through every step.

As it says about the Beis Hamikdosh, its light spread to the entire world, so too here, from Beis Rabeinu ShebeBavel. Many bochorim that aren't in 770 per se but still want to keep learning Chassidus have taken part. Bochorim on Shlichus in other yeshivas, where they don't have a structured Seder have also joined. Many Kolel yungerleit, not too far from their time learning in 770 participate. One remarked, "The entire atmosphere during Seder Chassidus in Kolel changed over the past week."

This initiative isn't limited to bochorim learning in yeshiva, but anyone, אִינן נִאֵל אַ תַּמִּימִים, can join Tomchei Temimim for Seder Chassidus. You can join the [WhatsApp chats](#) for updates and discussion. Shiurim are available on [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and other streaming platforms.

Sign up now at <https://bit.ly/770chassidus>.

Join the WhatsApp community here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GW9ZJEDLs6o6ufcLq1zM8R>.

IDF SOLDIERS MAKE UP SIMCHAS TORAH HAKOFOS

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With a Sefer Torah in one arm and a machine gun in the other, IDF soldiers who missed out on Simchas Torah because they were called up to fight the terrorists, danced Hakofos with Florida shliach Rabbi Raphael Tennenhaus.

Rabbi **Raphael** and **Goldie Tennenhaus**, Co-Directors of Chabad of South Broward for 44 years, recently headed to Eilat, where they visited a nearby IDF Army Base.

Rabbi and Mrs. Tennenhaus, have been in Israel since Sukkot helping with "the War effort", since the Simchat Torah War Began.

Their visit was coordinated by Rabbi **Mendy Klein**, from the Central Chabad House in Eilat. Ten new pairs of Tefillin were distributed to IDF soldiers at this

base.

Rabbi Tennenhaus assisted soldiers on this base to put on Tefillin while Rebbitzin Tennenhaus spoke to the female soldiers at this base about lighting Shabbat candles.

Both Tefillin and Shabbos candles, in addition to being Mitzvot, also contain a critical dimension of protection for Jewish people everywhere, including and especially in the land of Israel.

During one of their stops, Rabbi Tennenhaus arranged Hakofos at an Army base for IDF soldiers who missed out on Hakofos on Simchas Torah because they were called up to fight the terrorists.

In addition, during the first two weeks of the Simchas Torah War, Rabbi and Mrs Raphael and Goldie Tennenhaus did Mivztoim in Yerusholayim, including with IDF soldiers at the Kosel.

This week, they visited Army Bases in the South including the largest Air Force Base in Israel.

While in the area of Eilat, Rabbi and Mrs Tennenhaus are assisting and uplifting many of the thousands of refugees from the South, who have relocated (for now) to the vicinity of Eilat.

KINUS BANQUET MAKES MAJOR CHANGE FOR ERETZ YISROEL

NEWS יו"ט תרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 24, 2023



In light of the ongoing situation in Eretz Yisroel, the Kinus banquet will take place at 1:00 PM to accommodate shluchim from Eretz Yisroel who will be joining live. Other programs will also change.

By Anash.org reporter

In light of the ongoing situation in Eretz Yisroel, major changes were made to the Kinus program to accommodate shluchim from Eretz Yisroel who will be joining live. Other programs will also change.

"All of us are intensely engaged in assisting our brother and sisters in Eretz Yisroel in various ways including Torah, Tefilah and Tzedakah – and most of all through actions of support for those who have been most affected by this terrible tragedy," the Vaad Hakinus wrote in an email.

They wrote to shluchim that they have been working intensely to re-make the Kinus program so that it would better reflect what world Jewry is experiencing.

"To that end, we have concluded that our annual banquet must incorporate strong elements of Chizuk for the Shluchim, their communities and indeed all the Jews of Artzeinu HaKedosha."

In order to ensure their participation, the Vaad Hakinus moved the time of the banquet due to the time difference between the US and Israel. Unlike in previous years, when the banquet was a gala dinner, this year, the banquet will be a lunch-time event and the program will be starting at 1:00PM EST sharp.

Other changes will be made to the Kinus program as well, all to accommodate the shluchim from Eretz Yisroel. Among them is that the *krias hapan* at the Ohel on Friday will begin promptly at 8:00AM EST with the customary *hachono* program taking place at a different time.

In addition, all Sunday workshops will be moved to either Thursday or Friday, and the Chabad Partners Conference will no longer be taking place this year.

"Wishing an immediate *yeshua* for Am Yisroel with the coming of Moshiach Tzidkeinu Umalkeinu B'Rosheinu," the Vaad HaKinus wrote.

“IF YOU STOP WATCHING THE NEWS, WE CAN ACTUALLY BRING MOSHIACH”

NEWS י"א מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 26, 2023



Open letter by Rabbi Sholom Ber Lipskar: If we don't stop watching the news and engaging in social media we're missing a historic opportunity. Raising money and singing "Am Yisroel Chai" is nice, but now is the opportunity to get everyone to behave more Jewishly.

By Rabbi Sholom Ber Lipskar – The Shul of Bal Harbor

I am taking this opportunity to share a thought with so many of our extraordinary soldiers and representatives of HaShem and the Rebbe.

Everybody is doing something and it's good, however, we are losing sight of a historical opportunity that we have.

We know that we don't have the kind of clarity that is necessary to see the way forward during times of such magnitude and with such irrational and chilling perspectives. We all know clearly that the clarity and aperture of how to look at our world in our generation is only through the Rebbe's eyes, mouth, and directives.

A fire has been lit in the bowels of every single Jew in the world. Most Jews are shaken and filled with trepidation, fear, and doubt, but they are alive, and they know that they are being targeted. We know that because every single Jewish institution has improved its security environment.

The Rebbe created us as a force to be front-line partners in achieving total victory, eradicating the word of evil, and preparing the world for Moshiach.

First, we have to get out of our comfort zones and become serious soldiers every single day.

We're not asked to go to the front lines, nobody needs you to go to Israel right now. We have enough people there and our mission is right where we are in America awakening and keeping the ember that has been reignited in every Jew alive.

We have to deal with the world Jewry in America and everywhere else. We have a job to do now and every day.

We know there's no more talk of colonizers, usurpers, oppressors, apartheid, or other garbage lies. We know that they hate us not because we're wealthy, powerful, or have a country. History testifies that they hate with a visceral evil just because we are Jews, and they are Amalek.

The only thing that is necessary now is to live more Jewishly. Most Jews in America don't know why they're Jewish. A mother called me crying as her little daughter, a beautiful little girl, came to her and said, "Mommy so many people in the world don't like us, why don't we just quit being Jewish?" She calls me crying. What should I tell her?

Most Jewish kids today don't know why they're Jewish. They identify and relate to being Jewish via antisemitism in the most negative way.

And so many are bringing up the Holocaust as an answer to this matter. That's just another reason for the child not to want to be Jewish. We are in Hashem's and the Rebbe's Army that's asleep wasting our time sharing another news story with another commentator, feeling bad for our victimization that does nothing to give us the necessary, courage, strength, resilience, power and pride in this cataclysmic battle for the endgame getting rid of the world's evil.

It's a type of commitment that forces us to get up in the morning like a soldier and not to go to sleep at night until you've done your job.

Every single day each one of us and anyone that we can have any influence over and get 10 people to become more Jewish put a Mezuzah on your door, put on Tefillin, wear your yarmulke in public, eat kosher, light candles Friday night keep the sabbath live like the Chosen people should live. Live like a Jew publicly.

Get off the news programs, it doesn't help anybody.

You know yourself it's about time we took the Rebbe seriously and get out of our comfort zone. We know that if we got together with the expertise and inspiration of the leadership of this chat that puts people together and inspires them to commit this week to serving as soldiers from the time we get up in the morning until we go to sleep at night full-time work.

We're not sitting down for one minute opening up CNN or ABC or whatever we listen to all day, we're going to do. We'll knock on doors, make phone calls to our acquaintances, friends, neighbors, or any Jew, and encourage him to live more as a Jew. Let's take it seriously, let's not lose the opportunity.

The Jewish World is on fire it could be a fire that gets extinguished or destroys things around us or it can be a fire that becomes the fire that "is a light to the nations", like the soldiers of Israel are on fire with one focus in mind "victory".

All the money raised is great, our singing is fantastic but pales in comparison to what they need. We need to join the struggle in our own spaces, not look for something that makes us feel better and takes away our guilt that we did something.

The Rebbe cried and cried and screamed saying to us why am I screaming and crying because when it hurts that's what you do. It's enough publicizing, great speakers, and great orators in the secular world. That's very nice that they support us, but we don't need to see more pictures of Holocaust images of Jews, being slaughtered and mutilated and three-dimensional color on TikTok. We don't need to see more pictures of Jews being victimized. We are proud Jews we are the Chosen people we have a mission to light up the world we're not helpless victims.

We have a critical moment here and if we don't take advantage of it, we blew a significant ability to bring Moshiach for real. The world is watching every single Jew is watching let's not show our weakness and our victimization let's show our metaphysical, Godly power. Our strength, our resilience, our contribution to civilization, our reason for being is that we are Jews Chosen people by God.

Let's live that way!

“YOU’RE LIVING IN A BOX, AND I THINK IT’S INSENSITIVE”

NEWS | יו"ת מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 21, 2023



It’s natural to be interested about the situation in Eretz Yisroel and to spend time following the news, WhatsApps and what not. But an honest assessment may help us recognize that in most cases, they leave us feeling down, dark, anxious and depressed.

By Rabbi Mordechai Lipskier – The Beis Medrash

“You’re living in a box, and I think it’s insensitive.”

Two women were discussing the situation in Eretz Yisroel and when one of them said that she hasn’t seen any footage of the attacks or the war, her friend made the above comment.

As Hashem prepared to flood the world, He instructed Noach to build a תיבה, an ark or box, so that he and his family could survive the devastating waters. צהר תעשה לתיבה, make a skylight for the ark, Hashem told him.

The Baal Shem Tov explains that the word צהר, which literally means glows or shines, is also a “window” into the secret of Jewish survival.

Using the same three letters, we can also get the word צרה, which means problem, misfortune, crisis. If a Yid is in a crisis, ר”ל, surrounded by a *mabul* that threatens to inundate him, what’s the solution?

Get into a box.

The word תיבה, ark or box, also means word. When we’re faced with trouble, the solution is to get into the words of Torah and *tefilah*.

The above three letters can also be read רצה, to want. To enter the תיבה properly means to create a רצה, a desire and passion for the words. Realize that we’re talking to Hashem and that He’s listening. Get emotional!

And recognize that our words actually make a difference. Through our words of Torah and *tefilah*, we have the ability to transform any צרה, crisis, into צהר, a bright, glowing future.

We're all experiencing feelings of pain and loss, and a need to *do* something.

It's natural to be deeply interested (or even just curious) about the situation in Eretz Yisroel and to spend a lot of time following the news, WhatsApps and what not. But an honest assessment of our actions may help us recognize that we may be feeding a false sense of purpose, as if by watching the horrors we are somehow easing the burden of a mourning mother *R"L*. Or that I'm giving strength to the soldiers in the IDF by tracking their progress.

The little boxes in our hands or on our desks also glow, but they can't actually make a real difference. In most cases, they leave us feeling down, dark, anxious and depressed.

Before entering into those boxes and allowing their content to flood our minds and hearts, let's consider entering Hashem's box, His holy words. Saying *Tehillim* can not only make a real difference to those suffering in Eretz Yisroel, but it can also be a soothing experience for us. It leaves us feeling more upbeat and hopeful and calm.

Imagine the impact if for every minute we spent online, we instead spent one minute saying *Tehillim!*

Hashem also instructed Noach to bring others into the *teiva* with him. Imagine the impact if instead of sharing content from our digital boxes we got one more *Yid* to join us in words of Torah or *tefilah!*

Why did Hashem bring the *mabul*? "The earth was corrupt before Hashem, and the earth became full of robbery."

The word used for robbery is *סחט*. Surely this is not by chance.

The Baal Haturim points out that the words *סחט* and *גיהנום* share the same numerical value, 108. Hashem punished the wicked with the ultimate suffering of Hell.

Let Hashem take care of His part in giving all terrorists the Hell they deserve, and let us do our part by getting into our box where we keep ourselves and —most importantly— our brothers and sisters safe.

May Hashem comfort all those who are suffering, and may He give strength to those who are fighting and clarity to those who are making security decisions. And may we all merit to see the ultimate salvation with the coming of Moshiach, now!

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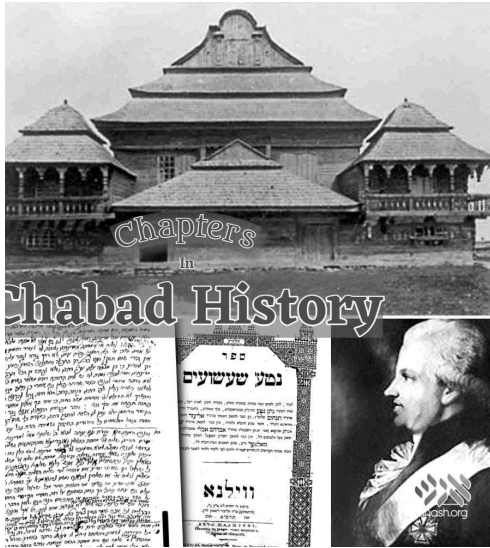
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THE ALTER REBBE'S COMPANION WHO WAS...A DRUNK?

NEWS יחד מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 22, 2023

Chapters in Chabad History: Over time, the legend of 'The Volper,' a foremost talmid of the Mezritcher Maggid, has become somewhat of an enigma, largely due to the extraordinary highs and lows his life story contains.

By Nochie Wolf – Anash.org



The Volper

Over time, the legend of The Volper has become somewhat of an enigma, largely due to the extraordinary highs and lows his life contains. Other than a handful of famous stories often shared by fabrengens etc. little is known about his life; this article will hopefully shed some light on his story and the various traditions surrounding his life.

Beginnings

Unsurprisingly, almost nothing is known about Reb Chaim Volper's early years. The name Volper derives from him having served as Av Beis Din in the city Wolpa. Though the exact years of his holding this position is

unknown, it must've been before he left for Karlin in circa. 5522.

From Karlin community documents of 5544, we know that a Rav Chaim Volper, recorded as one of the city Dayanim, was the son of Gedlaya and the husband of Freida. This almost certainly refers to our Reb Chaim.

Talmid Hammagid

Reb Chaim was one of the foremost *talmidim* of the Maggid. His prodigious grasp of the Maggid's teaching and the unique clarity he expressed in explaining them made him one of the central members of the *chevraya*. Many others would come to his *chazarah* to hear the Maggid's teachings and gain his clarity.

The Rebbe Rashab once described the way the Maggid's teachings were received by the various *talmidim*, "Reb Shlomo of Karlin would become ill from irregular blood flow, the Rav [Levi Yitzchok] of Berditchev would depart from the regular contained state of being into a tremendous *dveikus* and *hispaalus*. Only the Alter Rebbe and the Rav of Volper [properly] obtained [the teachings^[1]]."



The famous Shul in Wolpa built in the early 1800's. Picture circa 1920.

It is not entirely clear during which period the Volper learned by the Maggid. However, the Rebbe Rashab recounts^[2] that he interacted and learnt with the Alter Rebbe who was there later. Assumably this interaction was during a visit, since he had already been sent to Karlin, but it does establish Reb Chaim's presence in Mezritch during the years 5525-7.

Also from other sources, we can identify a relationship between Reb Chaim and the Alter Rebbe. Reb Yechiel Halperin (the noted Chossid, Shadar, and Chazzan in Lubavitch) records^[3] that once the Alter Rebbe traveled with "his friend the Rav from Volper," visiting and encouraging the Jews of various towns. Upon hearing of a particular town's custom to distribute *tzedakah* on Erev Yom Kippur, they traveled there and joined the poor to receive this money from the *Gabai*. But, at the distribution, noticing that they didn't have the necessary 'documentation,' the *Gabai* disgracefully sent them away.

Later that day the *Gabbai's* child became ill and their hostess, having witnessed their piety, understood the connection. After she relayed this to the *Gabai*, he came and begged them for forgiveness. "The Alter Rebbe rebuked him benevolently," blessed his child, and after Yom Kippur, the two left town and the child recovered.

Deviation

Despite his greatness, already in the Maggid's court, Reb Chaim was forewarned about eventually ending on the outer as a result of his negative behavior. There are many different versions of what happened, who rebuked him and what were the contents of the warnings. Here are a few of the traditions:

The Tzemach Tzedek relates in a letter to his son Reb Yosef Yitzchak- where he encourages him to abstain from *dvorim hamutarim*- what he heard from the Alter Rebbe. "The holy Rav of Volpe... said he needed sixty *kopeks* weekly for a particular purpose. As a response to this, in Mezritch it was said that a worm is consuming him within for claiming 'I need,' because who is the I."

A slightly different account of events was retold by the Rebbe Rashab^[4]: After hearing a Torah from the Maggid, the Alter Rebbe went to the Volper's host residence, an elderly widow, to *chazer* the teaching together. The house was full of smoke because it had no chimney, and because the air near the ground was cleaner- and since there were no chairs anyway- they had to sit on the floor.

Frustrated at this arrangement, the Volper complained to the Alter Rebbe, "If the *Aibishter* would help me that I would have a [certain] amount of money, I would have a better host." The Alter Rebbe later commented "A worm is consuming him! [That he should have the impudence to claim] I should have?!"

According to other traditions, it was the Maggid himself. Once, by the Maggid's *tisch* he arose and declared, "I have one individual who is a precious apple, but there is a worm within him. If he overcomes this worm he will be a very precious vessel, however, if not, *chas veshalom*, the worm will fully consume him." Reb Chaim, who was present, assumed the Maggid was referring to Reb Nochum Tchernobiler who was then absent. He afterward recounted this to Reb Nochum who countered that this could not be since the Maggid would have said it in his presence^[5].

Finally, according to the Karlin *mesorah*, it was Reb Aharon of Karlin (see later for their relationship) who made this declaration.

During the life of the Maggid, many of his students traveled to spread Chassidus amongst the unexposed Jewish communities. Reb Aharon and Reb Shlomo of Karlin and Reb Chaim traveled to Karlin to create a center of Chassidus there. It seems that Rav Chaim served as a Dayan.

However, soon after, tensions formed between Reb Chaim and both Reb Aharon and Reb Shlomo. The Maggid even involved himself in this dispute; there is an undated letter addressed to Reb Chaim (likely our protagonist) and Reb Elazar (the city's Rosh Yeshiva) calling on them to remain united under the leadership of Reb Aharon^[6].

Some within Karlin have suggested that the conflict was at least somewhat predicated on different positions regarding the proper emphasis in *Avodah*^[7]. The Karlinim stressed the importance of *maaseh bpo'el*, while the Volper favored a more intellectual approach. However, as we shall see the Alter Rebbe and other sources assert that other factors induced this falling-out.

During the lifetime of Reb Aharon, it seems that the Volper remained part of the Karlin court. However, this changed following his passing and the consequent appointment of Reb Shlomo.

Karlin Chassidim tell the following story: Reb Shlomo did not immediately accept the *nesius* following Reb Aharon's passing. So, came *Mincha* on that Shabbos, the *amud* stood empty since the custom was for the Rebbe to lead the *tefillos*. Eventually, the Volper ascended and began leading the *tefillah*. But, as he reached the *possuk of* וְהָיָה כִּי תִפְּלוּ וְהָיָה כִּי תִפְּלוּ וְהָיָה כִּי תִפְּלוּ and began to turn in all four directions- as was Reb Aharon's custom- the Chassidim removed him from the *amud*. They placed Reb Shlomo in his place and he subsequently led the *tefillah*.

Following this episode, the Volper was rejected by Reb Shlomo and the Karlin Chassidim. He was subject to public criticism from Reb Shlomo and reportedly, was even physically abused by the Chassidim^[8].

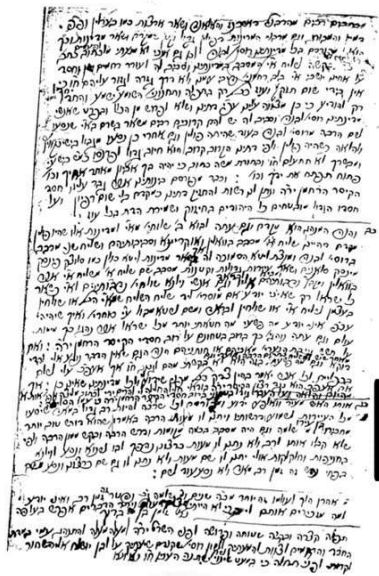
Trip to Vilna

It was presumably following these events in 5532 that the Volper opened his own Beis Medrash independent of the existing Karlin institutions. This Beis Medrash would operate for a long time after his passing and only ceased operations shortly before the Second World War. Throughout its history, there was always conflict and tension between it and the Karlin community^[9].

Reb Simcha of Pinsk, a noted *baal-moifes* and a *boki* in the Arizal's Kabbalah, his student Reb Uziel, Rav Yitzchak Yechiel Halevi Davidowitz (grandfather of Reb Moshe Feinstein) are amongst those who learned in the "Volper's Beis Medrash".

The former two were actually excluded from and banned from participating in the court of Stolín, Lechitchov and Slonim because of their association with the Volper^[10].

At some point after his separation from the Karlinim, the Volper traveled to Vilna to meet with the Vilna Gaon. Regarding this meeting, we have two fascinating sources which shed light on the events:



Handwritten responses of the Alter Rebbe. Sidebar indicates the relevant passage.

While in prison, the Alter Rebbe hand-wrote his responses to the questions of the interrogators and they were subsequently translated. Apparently, the Alter Rebbe was questioned regarding the Volper Rav and he responded as follows. "Regarding that individual from the city of Wolpa, it is well known to all that he aspired to be a prestigious Rav, one to whom people would travel to hear his sermons and give him large amounts of money. He also claimed that he was a better speaker than his colleague from the same town, Shlomo [Karliner]. He would also roam amongst many places, deliver many sermons, and request large amounts of money.

Since they did not accept him as a Rav or provide him with the money he desired, his 'heart turned to hate.' He thereafter traveled to Vilna with insincerity and trickery in the hope that they would pay him there. But, there too they did not pay him as he desired and he departed in anguish. Significant time has passed since he departed [Vilna] and he did not return."

The same events are recorded in a secular historical outline of the Chassidic movement, found in Russian archives. In 5558 as part of the investigation into the Alter Rebbe's imprisonment, Yakov Ivanovitch Bulgakov, then the civil governor of Vilna and Horodona wrote this summary for the Russian Ober-Procurator. This record also contains details regarding the Volper.

He writes, "Of those who flocked to Reb Ber of Mezritch, two were from Lithuania- [Reb] Aharon and [Reb] Shlomo from Karlin, and the Rav [Chaim] from Amdor and the *Tes-Rav* [the designation for a Dayan] from Wolpa. Amongst these Reb Aharon, Shlomo and the *Tes-Rav* of Wolpa together established the Beis Medrash in Karlin. The population of this movement is large and they are called "Karlinim" after their city. The [Chassidim] are split into many varying sects, each group is in line with the outlook and directives of their leader.

The polemics and disagreements [between the groups] eventually disturbed the order [i.e. caused internal chaos] and this was revealed later in Vilna when the *Tes-Rav* of Wolpa (who was steeped in exceeding jealousy after his conflicts with the Jews- [Reb] Aharon and [Reb] Shlomo who had embarrassed him publicly, denigrating his honor and distinction) came to [Reb] Elisha in Vilna. There, he [the Volper] informed him about the sect that was established in Karlin by his opponents, [Reb] Aharon and Shlomo, which was opposed to his [the Gra's] way of thinking. At that time it appeared as though the beliefs of the *Tes-Rav* of Wolpa were aligned with those of [Reb] Elisha. This episode strengthened the public's love for [Reb] Elisha more than [it impacted public opinion regarding] the inadequate informant from that sect....."

Yaakov Bulgakov

Many of this trip's details have been hotly debated. Questions such as when it happened, what was the nature of the complaints, and what were the consequences have never been conclusively decided. Though on all accounts, the Volper's trip was a betrayal of the Karlinim and an attempt to castigate them and advance his agenda. But, as retold by both reports, his trip was not successful and he did not gain the support of the Gaon, nor the people of Vilna.



Postscript

The author of Beis Rebi describes how the Volper eventually experienced a tremendous downfall and became a wandering drunk. Many stories are told of Chassidim encountering him in various inns and hearing him share the Chassidus he heard from the Maggid.

However, others put forth that such an extreme downfall never occurred and this version of events is possibly an exaggeration of sorts by the author of the Beis Rebi. While the reliability of Beis Rebi is a topic in itself, it is worthwhile to point out the Rebbe's comment that "Regarding the Baal Shem Tov and his *talmidim* others have done a better job, but regarding the Alter Rebbe his history is superior."

They point towards numerous factors that seemingly indicate that Reb Chaim did not simply become a degenerative wandering drunkard. Firstly, Reb Chaim is mentioned in multiple Rabbinic sources following his passing^[11], and this narrative appears nowhere before Beis Rebi. Even the letter of the Tzemach Tzedek that shares the Alter Rebbe's negative judgment, refers to him as "The holy Rav of Volpe."



In the sefer of Reb Aryeh Leib of Wolpa^[12], the Volper's son-in-law, there is a section of the Volper's Torahs. As an introduction, Reb Aryeh Leib wrote about his father-in-law and extolled his virtues at length. His extraordinary praises and descriptions make for a fascinating read, though, it seems significant that he doesn't mention the Maggid and ignores the latter parts of the Volper's life. A later descendant wrote on the *Shaar Blat* of his sefer (see below), "Descendant of the *Tzadik* and *Mekubal Hoeloiiki*."

Now, multiple Chassidim did encounter him wandering from city to city—interestingly, a behavior the Volper is noted to have engaged in by the Alter Rebbe and his son-in-law. However, only the story of his meeting with Reb Yehuda Leipli makes mention of any drinking. Additionally, the source of this story is the Beis Rebi who originated this description of his ending.

The story relates that the Volper, drunk in an inn, lay on the oven and began to mutter deeply esoteric teachings of the Maggid. Hearing these "awesome words,"

Reb Yehuda Lipeli, a prominent student of the Vilna Gaon demanded he reveal the source of these Torahs. The Volper directed him to Liozna as the Maggid had already been *nistalek* and he ultimately became a Chossid of the Alter Rebbe. Some have suggested that this story served as the basis for the Beis Rebbi's conjecture that Reb Chaim became a wandering alcoholic^[13].

Reb Chaim passed away sometime around the year 5560. Reb Shlomo of Karlin is said to have declared that he died having done Teshuvah^[14].

[1] סה"ש תורת שלום' עמ' 82

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[3] ספר מגדל עז (לר"י מונדשיין) ע' קנז

[4] סה"ש תורת שלום' עמ' 82. ראה גם, אברהם חן, למנחמי, תל אביב תרצ"א, עמ' 21

[5] כתבי ר' יאשע שו"ב א' עמ' רצב

[6] קובץ בית אהרן וישראל קלז עמ' קס

[7] קארלין בתקופת גלות, ר' אברהם אביש שור, עמ' 91

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[9] קובץ בית אהרן וישראל קלז עמ' קס

[10] כתבי ר"י שו"ב חלק שני (כתי"י)

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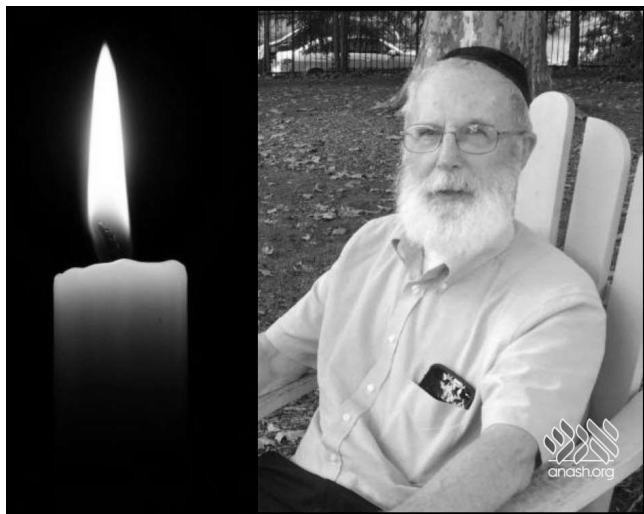
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[13] קובץ הערות וביאורים ש"פ אמור תש"פ ע' 135

[14] כתבי ר"י שו"ב חלק שני (כתי"י)

R' ASHER RINGLER, 80, AH

NEWS ח' מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 23, 2023



R' Asher Ringler, a long time member of the Chabad community in Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on Sunday night, 8 Cheshvan, 5784.

R' **Asher Ringler**, a long time member of the Chabad community in Pittsburgh, PA and beloved father and grandfather, passed away on Sunday night, 8 Cheshvan, 5784.

He was 80 years old.

He is survived by his wife, **Devorah Sarah Ringler**, sister **Monisha Speeg**, and

children, **Matana Boloten** – Pittsburgh, PA, **Benyomin Ringler** – Kingston, PA, **Moshe Ringler** – Kingston, PA, **Sheindal Huber** – Detroit, MI, **Yehoshua Ringler** – Pittsburgh, PA, **Yehuda Ringler** – Kingston, PA, **Aryeh Ringler** – Pittsburgh, PA, and **Malka Altchul** – Chicago, IL.

Levaya and Shiva information will be updated.

Baruch Dayan Haemes.

SHEYA MENDLOWITZ, 61, AH

NEWS י"ב מרחשון ה'תשפ"ד - OCTOBER 27, 2023



R' Sheya Mendlowitz, a music producer whose work heavily influenced the landscape of Jewish music for four decades, passed away on Friday, 12 Cheshvan, 5784.

By YWN and Anash.org

R' **Sheya Mendlowitz**, a music producer whose work heavily influenced the landscape of Jewish music for four decades, passed away on Friday, 12 Cheshvan, 5784.

He was 61 years old.

A trailblazer and visionary in the music industry, Sheya produced hundreds of music albums, including some of the greatest hits for **Mordechai Ben David** and **Avraham Fried**. He was also the producer of 15 of the legendary HASC concerts, the first one of which took place 35 years in January of 1988 at the Lincoln Center, when Sheya was just 25 years old.

Sheya grew up in Flatbush, attending Yeshiva Torah Temimah as a child. His entry into the world of music came through his second grade melamed, Rabbi **Eli Teitelbaum** a"h, who headed the original Pirchei Choir. Sheya joined the choir, appearing on the fourth Pirchei Choir LP, and later sang on the Sdei Chemed albums.

In 1979, he co-produced the Amudei Sheish Boys choir LP, then solo-produced the Amudei Sheish Wedding Album which was released the following year.

Sheya produced his first concert in 1981 at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden, featuring Mordechai ben David.

He was the composer of one of the most famous "Siman Tov U'Mazal Tov" tunes of all time – first sung by the chasunah of the Belzer Rebbe's son – which is still used at Jewish weddings throughout the world.

Sheya had a special fondness for authentic Jewish music, and insisted on promoting it as much as possible.

"One thing I have tried to do is to preserve Jewish music. Everything is influenced by its surroundings and people try to take the rhythms of secular music and put Jewish words to it, but I wonder if that's really Jewish music," he said in an interview earlier this year. "So

what I've tried to do is preserve the Jewish identity of the music. The stuff that's lasted through time are the real old, old songs- the chasideshe stuff and the Carlebach stuff and the Modzitzer stuff, because if you take all the arrangements and extras out of it, you're left with a beautiful, pure melody."

Sheya suffered terribly from a slew of ailments and medical conditions the past few years. Incredibly, he never complained. As he was unable to walk the past few years, close friends made a Shul for him in his home where there Minyanim every Shabbos and Yom Tov. He always had a smile and a good word for everyone.

R' Sheye also visited the **Rebbe** at 770 Eastern Parkway on several occasions. He came for Sunday dollars, Kos Shel Bracha, Iekach, and other distribution.

He is survived by a son and two daughters.

Baruch Dayan Haemes.