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To the Participants in the
Annual Dinner of the
Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch
Detroit, Mich.

Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to receive the news of your forthcoming Annual Dinner on the 20th of Kislev, the day after the historic Day of Liberation of the Old Rebbe, author of the Tanya and Shulchan Aruch, and founder of Chabad.

It will be both timely and meaningful to recall the following episode from his life and teachings:

The Old Rebbe shared his house with his oldest married son, Rabbi Dov Ber (who later succeeded him as the Mittlerer Rebbe). Rabbi Dov Ber was known for his unusual power of concentration. Once when Rabbi Dov Ber was engrossed in learning, his baby sleeping in its cradle nearby fell out and began to cry. The infant's father did not hear the baby's cries. However, the infant's grandfather, the Old Rebbe, who was in his study on the upper floor and who was also engrossed in his studies at that time, did hear the baby's cries. He interrupted his studies, went downstairs, picked up the baby, soothed it and replaced it in its cradle. To all this, the infant's father remained quite oblivious.

Subsequently, the Old Rebbe admonished his son: "No matter how engrossed one may be in the most lofty occupation, one must never remain insensitive to the cry of a child."

This story was transmitted to us from generation to generation, as I heard it from my father-in-law of saintly memory. It was done so because of the lasting message which it conveys, and which is particularly pertinent to our time. It characterizes one of the basic tenets of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement - to hearken to the cry of our distressed Jewish children.

The "child" may be an infant in years, a Jewish boy or girl of school age, fallen out of the "cradle" of Torah-true Jewish education. Or it may be an adult in years, yet an "infant" insofar as Jewish life is concerned, an infant in knowledge and experience of the Jewish religion, heritage and way of life.

The souls of these Jewish "children" cry out in anguish, for they live in a spiritual void, whether they are conscious of it or feel it only subconsciously.

The Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch in your community, as in many other communities in this country and overseas, hears their cries, and so must every Jew, no matter how preoccupied he may be with any lofty cause. For to help bring back these Jewish children to their Jewish cradle has a priority over all else.

I trust that all of you who will participate in this Annual Dinner will rededicate yourselves to this great cause. Especially as this event is taking place only a few days before Chanukah, the Festival of Dedication. Chanukah reminds us not only of the heroic struggle for the rededication of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem of old, but also for the rededication of the "sanctuary" within the heart of every Jewish child. Chanukah calls for Chinuch: dedication through Torah-education.

I congratulate, and send my prayerful wishes, to the honored guests and all participants and friends. May G-d bless your efforts with success and grant your hearts' desires for good, materially and spiritually.

With blessing,

M. Schneerson

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Argentina's New President's First Overseas Trip Will Be to the Ohel

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Milei, a 52-year-old economist who leads the two-year-old La Libertad Avanza (Freedom Advances) party, garnered over 55% of the national vote, defeating Sergio Massa, the current left-wing government's economy minister.

Mainly known for being a bombastic anti-establishment campaign that

drew comparisons to former US President Donald Trump – all against the backdrop of one of the world's highest inflation rates, Milei also has a strong Jewish connection.

The economist and former TV and radio pundit has close connections to Argentina's Head Shliach Rabbi **Tzvi Grunblatt**. According to reports in Argentinian press, Rabbi Grunblatt helped forge connections between Milei and important businessmen such as **Eduardo Elsztain**. Milei also study regularly with another



rabbi, Rabbi **Shimon Axel Wahnish**, who heads ACILBA, an Argentine-Moroccan Jewish community based in Buenos Aires.

In public appearances, Milei often quotes Torah passages. He walked out on stage for a campaign event at an arena in Buenos Aires earlier this month to a recording of a shofar.

The newly-elected president has even spoken about the Rebbe on TV and in interviews. In one interview with Argentinian TV, Milei even went into detail about how the Rebbe's sichos were transcribed after a Shabbos farbrengen and recalled his meeting with one of the Rebbe's *chozrim*.

His excitement didn't remain only on a TV screen, however. This past July, Milei took an 11-hour trip to New York. The reason? To visit the Rebbe's Ohel in Queens. He also visited 770, where he met with Rabbis **Moshe** and **Mendy Kotlarsky**.

After the surprise win, Rabbi Mendy Kotlarsky posted pictures of the visit on Facebook and wished the president-elect well. "Congratulations to my dear friend Javier Milei on your

election as president of Argentina. May Hashem continue to answer your prayers and bless you along with all the people in Argentina. May this be the beginning of a prosperous and successful era for your country," he wrote. "Looking forward to hosting you again for a meaningful visit to the Rebbe in the near future."

Milei also stands out as a staunch supporter of Israel and rallied in public while waving an Israeli flag just this week. During his campaign, he promised to align himself strongly with the USA and Israel.

"Our most natural allies are the United States and Israel. I want nothing to do with the communists of Cuba, China, North Korea. What does that mean? Trade with whoever you want, but I am not going to foment those relationships," Milei told Tablet Magazine.

Milei has also promised to move the Argentine Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He strongly condemned Hamas' brutal Oct. 7 attack, expressed his support for Israel's legitimate right to defense, and has promised to be the Argentine president most friendly

to Israel.

Perhaps the most astonishing of his statements is his stated desire to convert to Judaism. But for that one, he will wait for a later opportunity.

"It's very difficult because I wouldn't be able to fulfill all the precepts due to the demands I'd have as president. You know if you're a convert, you have to comply with all of the Jewish religious precepts. I was recently in New York and I even had the privilege of visiting the office of the Lubavitcher Rebbe... The thing is, I'd possibly plan to convert after my political career is finished," he told the Times of Israel.

In one of his first interviews since his landslide election win, President-Elect Milei was asked by the broadcaster whether his first trip as president will be to Uruguay, one of Argentina's neighbors to the east. Milei shocked the broadcaster with his response saying "No, to the USA, to the Ohel, and from there to Israel." **a**

Native American Chief Comes to 770 to Declare 'Hashem is One!'

BY ANASH.ORG REPORTER

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THEY CAME TO PRAY, TO DECLARE THEIR BELIEF IN ONE G-D, AND TO SIGN A HISTORIC DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

Black hats are the head covering of choice in 770, of course. An occasional feather in a hat can be seen as well. A traditional Native American headdress, however, is not a sight many expect to see there.

And indeed, many heads turned when a delegation of Native American tribal leaders recently visited the Rebbe's Ohel and 770, dressed in their traditional garb. They came to pray, to declare their belief in one G-d, and to sign a historic Declaration of Solidarity with the Jewish people and fidelity to the Sheva Mitzvos B'nei Noach.

The visit was far from being a one-time event. It was both the culmination of a years-long relationship between the leaders and a Lubavitcher chossid dedicated to spreading Sheva Mitzvos, as well as a totally new frontier from which those important messages will be spread.

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The story really begins over four decades ago, at the very same location, 770 Eastern Parkway. During many public farbrengens, the Rebbe began pushing for the dissemination of the Sheva Mitzvos, bringing the knowledge of Hashem and his

commandments to the entire world.

Yidden today live in relative peace and security, the Rebbe explained. As such, they have the opportunity, indeed, the obligation to share the message of Torah's ethics and morals to all people.

Rabbi Yossi Schulman of Kingston, PA, is no stranger to Sheva Mitzvos. For decades, he has been involved in spreading the seven mitzvos commanded to Noach after the *mabul* to varied crowds. In that capacity, he founded and leads 'Unite the World,' an organization whose stated goal is to "advance humanity to peace, kindness, and unity based on the Seven Universal Principles."

Some years ago, he was introduced by a mutual acquaintance to a young man named David Taylor, a Native American who had recently finished his U.S. Marines tour in Afghanistan. David, whose traditional name is Midegah Ogichidaa, became close friends with Yossi, who introduced

him to the Sheva Mitzvos.

As time progressed, David rose in rank in his Native American tribe, soon becoming a Chief within the Ojibwe tribe of the Anishinaabe people, one of the largest tribal populations among Native American peoples in the United States.

His new rank did not stop the relationship, and Rabbi Schulman continued to teach him about belief in Hashem, the Sheva Mitzvos, and how the Rebbe brought their message to the entire world. But now, with his friend's new position, he knew he could spread the message even further.

He came up with a bold idea: He would invite Chief Midegah to come visit Crown Heights to see 770 and the heartbeat of the Chabad community. He would also visit the Ohel of the Rebbe, whom he had heard so much about. During the Crown Heights visit, they could sign a joint proclamation declaring their belief in the one

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Creator and His holy laws.

Chief Midegah didn’t hesitate for a moment. Besides for all that he had learned from Rabbi Schulman, he was also now a guardian of the “Seven Grandfather Teachings” of the Anishinaabe, which he felt were profoundly aligned with the Sheva Mitzvos.

So, as shluchim began arriving in Crown Heights for the Kinus Hashluchim, another group, smaller but perhaps more noticeable, was arriving as well. Chief Midegah, along with senior tribal leaders were coming to the Rebbe.

The ‘Solidarity Event’, began Wednesday afternoon, November 8th, with a lunch and working meeting and a visit to the Rebbe’s Ohel in Queens. Chief Midegah and the tribal leaders joined Rabbi Schulman on the benches in the tents near the Ohel to write their notes, before heading into the Ohel itself to pray.

On Thursday, the group arrived in Crown Heights, where a full day program awaited them. It started with a tour of 770, where visiting shluchim and locals alike were amazed by the

unusual delegation. The group of five elders, each in their traditional dress, were shown the large zal where thousands were davening and learning, the small zal where bochurim were studying, and the Rebbe’s room, which had a profound impression on them. They also received a special tour of the WLCC broadcast room.

While receiving a tour of the Rebbe’s library, their next stop on the trip, a crowd began gathering, and Chief Midegah explained the purpose of their visit and some of his tribe’s history to the fascinated bochurim and shluchim.

Finally, the time had come to sign the historic proclamation. The elders gathered with Rabbi Schulman around the conference table in the NCFJE headquarters. There, they were joined by some prominent local representation, including Harav Yosef Braun of the Badatz, Rabbi Shea Hecht, NCFJE Chairman, Rabbi Eli Cohen, Executive Director of the CHJCC, and others.

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Elders, Doodeman Ogemas and Ogichidaag of the Anishinaabe Ojibway People, and the Sages of the Jewish people,” the proclamation read, above sections discussing one Creator, the Universal Divine Code, and the long-awaited arrival of the Messianic era.

With deep solemnity, the elders arose, after placing some of their traditional artifacts on the table, and Chief Midegah began playing on a traditional bongo before signing the proclamation, followed by the other elders and the representatives of the Jewish community.

Rabbi Schulman concluded the meeting by distributing ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) charity boxes, an initiative that has already spread the message of charity to countless individuals around the world.

The historic day concluded with a dinner and multimedia presentation about Eretz Yisroel at the Rohr JLI Building the next door over.

“It was an honor to stand at the Ohel, light the candle, send a prayer, and

then to be at 770,” Chief Midegah told Anash.org. “I felt a heartbeat of kindness, as there in the midst of the great hall the Torah’s truth sang truth of the One Creator, who is our friend, and I was pulled to the words of the Rebbe, as I walked along his footsteps.”

“The Rebbe, my friend who is that great champion of the 7 Universal Principles, said ‘People would do well to look inward and examine what’s happening within themselves.’ And I felt called to proclaim to every person I meet the 7 Grandfather Teachings, those Universal Principles, and if we did this together, perhaps we would be one act away, one drop of water away, from the cloud bursting forth the rain of kindness to fill the earth,” he said.

“The Nov. 8-9 Solidarity Event is a historic step forward in sharing Sheva Mitzvos with the world.

The Rebbe envisioned the Geulah happening through worldwide fulfillment of Sheva Mitzvos, and I invite those who care about this



mission to partner with Unite The World in making this a reality,” Rabbi Schulman said.

May we indeed merit the day when the word of Hashem will come forth from every corner of the earth - וידע כל פעול כי אתה פעלתו ויבין כל יצור כי אתה יצרתו! א

Tying Tzitzis for Israeli Soldiers

QUESTION:

A shliach in Manhattan is organizing a big event to make tzitzis for the soldiers in Eretz Yisroel, and he expects 150 people at the evening. He wanted to know who can participate in braiding the tzitzis.



ANSWER:

Firstly, regarding tying tzitzis at night, there is some discussion about this, but most *poskim* rule that is perfectly fine to tie *tzitzis* at night.

Regarding who can tie the *tzitzis*:

Halacha states that if a woman makes *tzitzis*, the *tzitzis* are kosher. As an initial approach, it is preferable (*lizaher lechatchila*) that women should not make *tzitzis*, since she isn't obligated to wear them. However, this shliach had a novel solution: If a man would make the first knot and *chulya* (3 circuits), the continuation could be done by women without any halachic concern.

What about children?

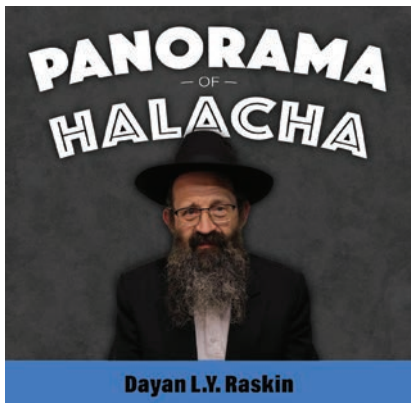
The Alter Rebbe writes that according to the position that women cannot make *tzitzis* since they aren't obligated, those under *bar* or *bas mitzva* would also not be qualified, even if an adult watches them. Yet, the main *halacha* is that a child is indeed qualified to make *tzitzis*. Even though they may not have the proper *kavana*

to do it for the sake of the *mitzva*, it would be acceptable when an adult is supervising their work (Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch 14:2).

What about non-Jews?

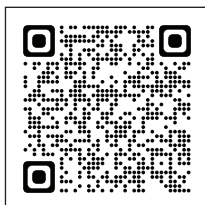
While it may sound surprising that non-Jews would want to make *tzitzis*, the reality is that some participants at this event have undergone non-kosher conversions themselves or are born to mothers who had a non-kosher conversion, in which case they are not Yidden according to Halacha. Yet they are involved in Jewish social groups and will show up to this event supporting Eretz Yisroel.

The posuk in Shema says "*bnei Yisroel ve'asu lahem tzitzis* - ... the children of Israel and they should make for themselves *tzitzis*," implying that the making of *tzitzis* may only be performed by Yidden. Halacha therefore states (Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch 14:1) that *tzitzis* made by non-Jews are not acceptable. **a**



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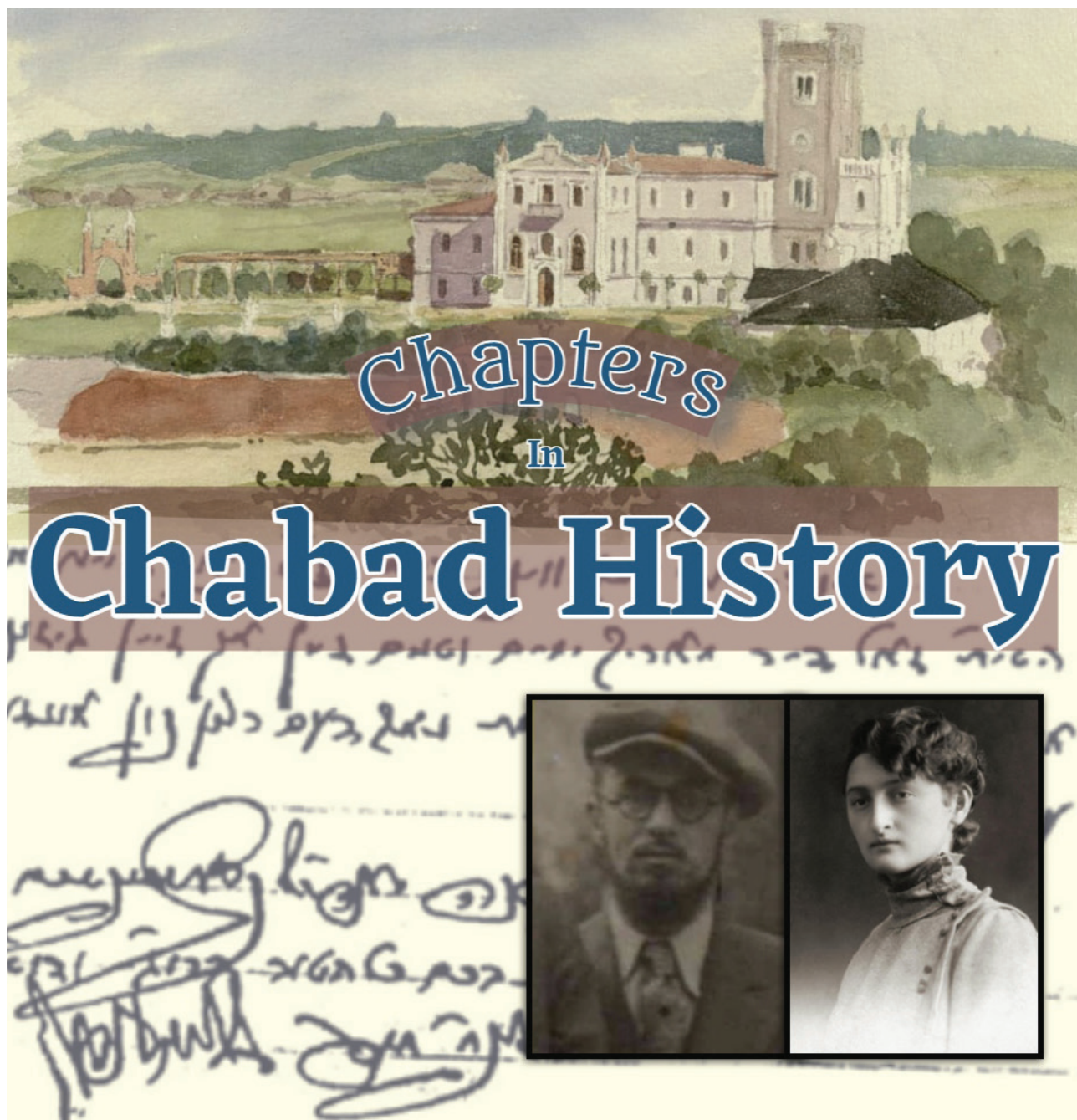
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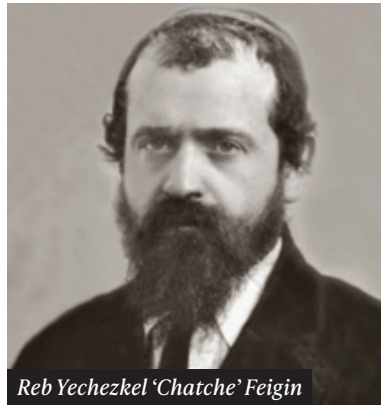
EARLY PREPARATIONS

In Shevat of 5592, Reb Yechezkel 'Chatche' Feigin, the Friediker Rebbe's secretary, turned to Reb Yisroel Jacobson with an urgent request. The Friediker Rebbe's daughter, Sheina was set to be married- the decision was yet to be formalized- and funds had to be raised for the wedding.

"I propose that besides for the regular Ma'amad contributors... for this collection, it would be worthwhile to increase the scope of the appeal by distributing wedding invitations as widely as possible. We should send invitations to all the members of Nusach Ari shuls and also address public letters to the shuls themselves. Perhaps this will also be an opportunity to impress upon the Shul that they have an obligation to donate a communal contribution as was the custom in days bygone. Then, when there was a wedding in Beis Rabbeinu, besides individual donations, the community would collectively send a gift called a *Drosho Geshenk*.

Now, although the wedding remains a secret, nonetheless, I am writing about it to a select few such as Reb Eliyahu Simpson, Reb Shlomo Aharon Kazranovsky, and perhaps Rav Lokshin. I am doing this because if one will become aware that I wrote to one person but not him, it is self-understood that this will create an unpleasant situation, and he will be right"

In a follow-up letter, he described the financial difficulties that the Friediker Rebbe was facing. "Now my friend, I implore you to read my letter slowly and meticulously and think deeply about the following matter. Can you picture the dire situation of the Rebbe; he must make a wedding when there isn't even money for regular expenses? Can you imagine the scarcity? And already a week has



Reb Yechezkel 'Chatche' Feigin



Reb Yisroel Jacobson

passed that he is suffering from the ailment in his foot!"

Reb Chatche spent the following months galvanizing Chassidim worldwide, especially in America, encouraging them to arrange donations and organizing the practical aspects of the following months. He described this period of time in a letter to Reb Shlomo Aharon Kazarnovsky, "I would elaborate but 'my pen is not with me' from the mass of work I am crammed with, and which night, like days I am locked in my office dealing with. And on top of that, I must contend with the financial situation in Beis Chayenu ... there is no end to the shame!"

On Lag B'omer 5592 the Tnoim between Reb Menachem Mendel Horenstein and Sheina Schneerson was held in Riga. The Friediker Rebbe said over the *maamar* Shir Hamaalos and in his Reshimos, the Rebbe records various stories the Friediker Rebbe related then. Invitations were then sent for the wedding which

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was set for Yud Sivan in the city of Landarov.

THE HORENSTEINS

The Horensteins were an esteemed family who were historically connected to the Boyan Chassidus. Reb Moshe Horenstein, the Chosson's father, married the youngest daughter of the Rebbe Maharash, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka. It was actually the Rebbe Rashab who arranged his sister's shidduch since the Rebbe Maharash had already passed away.

In his diary, the Friediker Rebbe recounts his visit to his uncle and aunt in Yelena where they operated a lumber business. He describes Reb Moshe's outstanding dedication to Chassidus and that "it had a tremendous impact on many of the locals; many gifted intellectuals who were knowledgeable in secular thought but distant from Chassidus were drawn close through him."

Around this time, a libelous lawsuit brought by an antisemitic neighbor



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found Reb Moshe guilty of setting fire to his own uninsured storehouse. He and his wife were forced to leave, and they moved to Otwock where he managed a Jewish orphanage, under the 'Joint'.

Their home was always open, warm, and inviting, and quickly became a center for Anash activities. Yechiel Hadni was then a bochur in Tomchei Tmimim Otwock and later became an influential member of David Ben Gurion's government. He became close to the Horensteins since he has no family in Otwock, and he later shared his memories of their home.

"I wanted to ask whether I could eat by them twice a week, but it required a lot of courage for me to knock on their door. When I finally did, Reb Moshe opened the door and invited me in. He was a tall man with noble features and because he managed the local orphanage he was sensitive to childhood struggles and was touched by my story...

I hoped that they would agree to host me for two meals a week, but Reb Moshe and his wife were stubborn and demanded I eat by them every night. I especially recall the warmth of the Rebbetzin. She treated me like another son, showered me with the goodness of her heart, and never let me feel like a stranger; I was part of

the family.

Already in the first meals I joined, I realized that this family was unique... whether it was the topic of conversation, the way they conversed, or even the small details of their conduct, even the strut in their walk was different and special.

Their house became the center for all the "*anshei ruach*" who were connected to Chassidus. I recall how all the most prominent writers of Poland would grace Reb Moshe's table to hear what he had to say. For



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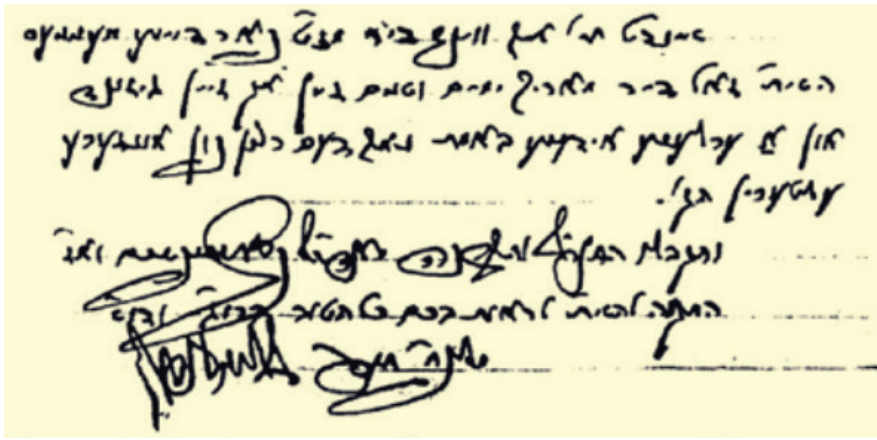
example, Fishel Scheneerson, the writer and psychologist whose views became headlines in newspapers across Europe, would often frequent their home."

Reb Mendel too was noted for his kindness and gentleness, "Reb Mendel then was a tall and handsome bochur, he was twenty-two years old and I believe he was learning in the University of Berlin. He would come home for Shabbosim and his davening and behavior during the meals made a serious impression on me. His tefillah was a genuine tefillah and his brocho was a genuine brocho, and in the spirit of Chabad, everything he did was done modestly and quietly, without any blitus.

On Shabbos after the meal, he would escort me to the Amshinover Rebbe's home because the route went through a forest that split the two areas. Mendik never let me go on my own. It was a long walk and along the way, Mendik would inquire about my welfare and would really try to speak with me about matters that would interest someone my age."

REBBETZIN SHEINA

Rebbetzin Sheina, was the youngest daughter of the Friediker Rebbe. Already from a young age, her unique personality was noticeable, as the



↑ "היי בריאה ויהודיה ישרה באמת" Handwritten birthday wishes from the Rebbe Rashab to Rebbetzin Sheina

Friediker Rebbe writes to her "Your grandfather once said that 'you should be healthy with years of success because you have fine qualities.' 'Fine qualities' is a very honorary compliment, especially when it comes from such a person."

The Rebbe told several stories about her and once related that since she was the youngest daughter, she enjoyed the attention of those at home who would often play with her. She also received much attention from the Rebbe Rashab who often inquired about her and her health (it seems she had some health issues growing up). The Rebbe Rashab even presided over a "Din Torah" to adjudicate whether her chess game with the Friediker Rebbe was played fairly. On another occasion, the Rebbe Rashab was called to decide

whether the gift she received from her returning father was in fact ruined.

Sheina also played a significant role in the Friediker Rebbe's fight against the Communist regime. The Friediker Rebbe would often take one of his daughters along with him on his trips and Sheina accompanied him on multiple of these trips. On a trip to scout for a new location for Lubavitch's activities he took Sheina along; this was a trip the Friediker Rebbe described as taking "with great fears." Her fierce dialogue with Nachmanson at the time of the Friediker Rebbe's arrest is also a testament to the strength and resourcefulness of her character.

THE WEDDING

Landarov (today, Lentvaris) was a modest town on the border of Poland

and close to Vilna, with no major Jewish infrastructure. It was chosen as the location of the wedding for a number of reasons: Reb Moshe and Chaya Mushka Horenstein weren't able to obtain visas to enter Lithuania, the Friediker Rebbe thought that the number of people at the Rebbe's wedding had created unnecessary chaos and the cost of a large wedding wasn't plausible with the current financial hardships in Beis HaRav.

LANDAROV

The Friediker Rebbe came to Landarov before Shavuot with his immediate family, his two *meshamshim*, Reb Dovber Grossbaum and Reb Zalman Gurary, and the *hoiz bochur* Moshe Aharon Margel. Some Chassidim traveled to be with the Friediker Rebbe for Shavuot, and the Rebbe too arrived then. In his *zichronos*, Reb Zalman recounts the events of those days and shares many amazing stories of the happenings of the time.

Thronges of Chassidim began to arrive the day or so before the wedding. A journalist who was present described the scenes of Chassidim flooding the town, "We decided to take the three-thirty train, but there were technical issues and we were forced to instead take the bus. Later we were told that even a needle's pin could not have fit into the carriages;

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Reb Chaim Ozer Grodzinski

This was unique because Reb Chaim Ozer wasn't accustomed to traveling for weddings but as he later related, "When the Rebbe sends [an invitation], one needs to go."



↑ Chofetz Chaim's wedding wishes

the train was completely packed. The officials even added another carriage, but that too became full immediately. We ran towards the buses, but here too crowds had formed....

On the way, at a fair distance from the city, we met groups of Jews, Yeshiva students, and members of various Jewish youth movements, all traveling to the Rebbe by foot... It wasn't only Chassidim streaming to Landarov, at least two hundred youth from "Shomer Hatzair", "Hertzaliya", and "Beitar" [Zionist organizations] were also making the effort to participate in the joyous occasion of the Nosi Yisroel and their leader."

Most Chassidim stayed in the *Kazarma*, a large building which previously served as a local military base, others rented beds in people's homes. The crowds overflowed all the available beds

and many of the Chassidim slept on the benches in the *Kazarma*. Even prominent and wealthy Chassidim forwent their comfort to join in the Rebbe's simcha. Reb Zalman Gurary recounts the effect this had on his friend, Moshe Gitlis, who he had shlepped to this wedding. Moshe had left Tomchei Tmimim to learn in Litvishe Yeshivos and he later retold how this sight was part of what encouraged him to return to Lubavitch.

CHUPAH

Tuesday, Yud Sivan, the day of the wedding arrived and the streets were full of anticipation and excitement. The above-mentioned journalist recorded the happenings of that morning, "The chaos by the center of town is indescribable: A theater company wearing yarmulkes were singing and a local band was playing Jewish songs- the energy was in the spirit of "I will be gleeful and be glad".

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To the tunes of the musicians, crowds were trying to obtain tickets for the wedding which were hard to come by. Even we, the journalists, only obtained tickets after much effort and preferential treatment.”

At five in the afternoon, the Kabbolas Panim was held. The Kesubah was read and signed, the kinyan was performed, and the participants drank a Lchaim (the Friediker Rebbe asked Reb Moshe that they refrain from joining). Officially, the Chuppah was called for five, but it was held up as they waited for Reb Chaim Ozer Grodzinski who was set to be mesader kiddushin. This was unique because Reb Chaim Ozer wasn't accustomed to traveling for weddings but as he later related, "When the Rebbe sends [an invitation], one needs to go."

Just before nine, Reb Chaim arrived, and while singing the Daled Bavos and clutching the burning candles, the procession headed towards the Kallah's residence before turning to the Chuppah. All of a sudden, the clouds darkened and the rain began to fall heavily. Reb Zalman records how the Friediker Rebbe's complexion immediately became serious and a "frightful melancholy, seriousness and tension" descended upon his face.

In his Reshimos, the Rebbe describes many of the chuppah's details: Rebbetzin Sheina was instructed to say a lot of Tehillim, the

Chuppah was held outdoors, the ring was gold and the Friediker Rebbe instructed that the impression in the ring attesting to its gold standard was to be scrapped off. The Chosson was also instructed to remove his watch, cufflinks, and valuables, and to undo the knot of his tie.

After the Chuppah, the crowd formed a procession, following the Chosson, Kallah, and their parents to the hall where they shared a moment to eat and drink something. Because of the late start, by then, it was extremely late and sunrise was only a few hours away. Following the Friediker Rebbe's instructions, the wedding went into the next morning. Bentching and Sheva Brochos were all done after sunrise!

SHEVA BROCHOS

Sheva Brochos was not held every day, and the Rebbe records that on Wednesday, Leil Shabbos and Shabbos day there was a minyan gathered for the Sheva Brochos. Later, two interesting stories were shared about the events of the Shabbos Sheva Brochos:

By Krias Hatorah on Shabbos, a problem arose. The Horensteins are Kohanim and therefore, in order for both Reb Mendel and his father to receive an Aliyah, one would have to receive maftir. However, maftir customarily was given to the FR. In contrast to regular Chabad minhag,

the Friediker Rebbe directed that *Shvi'i* be split, Reb Moshe receive the eight Aliyah, and himself maftir.

Reb Dovber Grossbaum, one of the Friediker Rebbe's bochur-assistants, related how he forgot to bring out the Kugel by the Shabbos seudah. After bentching, the Friediker Rebbe asked the Rebbetzin why there had been no Kugel. Realizing that it had been simply forgotten, he requested everyone wash *netilas yadayim* again. They all returned to the table and partook in the Kugel.

POSTSCRIPT

A few months after the wedding, the newly married couple moved to Paris, and shortly after, the Rebbe and Rebbetzin followed them. The rest of their story is a chapter in itself, but ultimately they were killed by the Nazis ym"sh, and the Rebbe would say Kaddish *liluy nishmosoh* on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. **a**



One Quarter Of This Pro-Israel Rally Wrapped Tefillin

A contingent of bochurim joined the pro Israel rally at Columbia Circle in Manhattan on Sunday and wrapped tefillin with over 125 Yidden and gave out over 100 sets of Shabbos candles.



Event In Crown Heights Remembers R' Dovid Krasnjanski

A large crowd gathered at the JCM for a memorial event for R' Dovid Krasnjanski, who was advised by the Rebbe to serve as an engineer for the US Navy in Philadelphia, and was known for his love of learning.



Pittsburgh Fathers And Sons Bond Over Learning

Tens of fathers and sons joined the first week of Avos Ubanim learning program in Pittsburgh this past Motzei Shabbos, taking the time to bond over 45 minutes of learning.



Father-Son Evening Held At Lubavitch Yeshiva

Students from Lubavitcher Yeshiva grades 1-3 gathered Motzei Shabbos with their fathers and grandfathers for their annual Melava Malka.



Biala Rebbe Addresses Bochurim During Visit To YOEC

While visiting Los Angeles, the Biala Rebbe of Bnei Brak stopped in Yeshiva Ohr Elchonon Chabad on Thursday to daven shacharis. He was honored with an aliya and addressed the bochurim after davening.



IDF Soldier Prints Tanya In Reconquered Northern Gaza

As the Israeli Army continues its reconquest of the Gaza Strip, a Lubavitcher soldier in the IDF printed an edition of Tanya in an area that will hopefully be a new Jewish settlement in Gaza.



New Shluchim To Brooklyn's Gerritsen Beach

Rabbi Mendel and Brochy Mann were appointed as the shluchim to Gerritsen Beach in Brooklyn, one of four new shluchim appointed under the auspices of Tzach.



Father Of Hostage Celebrates Hopeful Seudas Hoda'ah In 770

Avi Ohana, the father of Hamas held captive Yosef Ohana, arrived at 770 Eastern Parkway on Monday night to join Israeli kevetza bochurim for a seudas Hoda'ah in advance of his son's hopeful safe return home from captivity.



Badatz's 'Ask-The-Rav' Website Launches Halacha Hotline

Boosted by the immense success of the AskTheRav website, a new Halacha hotline was set up, where callers can connect with rabbinical experts for individual halachic consultations.



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Revitalized 'Seder Dach' Has Chassidim All Over Learning Chassidus in 770

BY VAAD SEDER DACH 770

The Yeshiva of Tomchei Temimim in the town of Lubavitch can be said to have revolved around the *Maamar*.

Friday nights, prior to *Kabbolas Shabbos*, the Rebbe Rashab would enter the main *zal* to deliver a lengthy *maamar*, explaining various concepts of Chassidic teachings. Following his departure, the Bochurim would immediately *chazer* the *maamar* multiple times throughout the night; repeating it multiple times on Shabbos morning, until they knew it by heart. They would then proceed to daven at length 'with' said *maamar*.

Throughout the ensuing week, this new *maamar* was the foremost focus of ever bochur; this *maamar* was what he studied, what he *farbrenge*d about and what he lived with.

Similarly, in the modern-day Central Yeshiva Tomchei Temimim, housed in 770, the Rebbe's *Farbrenge*ns and *sichos* were the focus of the bochurim' learning. Every week the new *likkut*, *misichas*, (*hanocho*) as well as *maamar* were studied with enthusiasm and fervor. Just like in

Lubavitch of old, bochurim *koched* in learning chassidus.

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"Chassidim are required to study Chassidus", declared the Friediker Rebbe (quoting the Rebbe Rashab), "*Stam* Chassidim – on Monday, Thursday and Shabbos. Temimim – an hour every day!" (Hayom Yom 21 Kislev).

Chassidim have long puzzled over the meaning of the latter part of the sentence. On the face of it, Bochurim in Yeshiva have to learn Chassidus according to the allotted Seder in Tomchei Temimim of 3 (or 4) hours daily; to whom then is the instruction "Temimim – an hour every day" directed?

We could speculate that the *Hayom Yom* is intimating that anyone who ever learnt in Tomchei Temimim, continues to bear the name

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Tomim. In other words, even once one has left Yeshiva, he remains a Tomim and he continues to be responsible to study Chassidus daily.

However, many chassidim lack a proper structure and the appropriate stimulation to commit to this daily study.



Enter Seder Dach.

Seder Dach is a new chassidus curriculum. Brainchild of Rabbi Shmuly Avtzon, Director at *Sichos In English*, and a Mashpia in 770 appointed by R' Yoel Kahn a"h, it has been formulated in collaboration with some of the senior students of 770 and approved by the Hanholo, under the leadership of the Head Mashpia and Menahel of 770 Yeshiva, Rabbi Shloime Zarchi.

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Seder Dach will organize and present learning materials and suggested monthly quotas, as well as shiurim and additional resources for ease of learning.

Four different tracks have been developed.

(1) In-depth study of *Hemshech Hachodesh 5666*, accompanied by biweekly English Shiurim by Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kaplan. These Shiurim, as well as all other Seder Dach resources are available for the public to access in podcast and video format.

(2) A more fast-paced study of shorter Hemshechim, completing a different Hemshech each month, led by Rabbi Levi Klyne, along with Shiurim by Rabbi Michoel Golomb; by joining this track Bochorim can expect to acquire a broader knowledge of many chassidic concepts.

(3) In-depth study of the Rebbe's Maamarim. While Maamarim are often studied at a somewhat superficial and faster pace, to really appreciate the depth and nuance of our Rebbe's maamarim, one must devote adequate time and attention. Weekly Shiurim will be offered on these maamarim, with special emphasis on highlighting the Rebbe's innovation, depth and innovative approach to the ideas contrasting with the Chassidus of

earlier Rebbes.

(4) The fourth, and possibly most innovative track on offer is that of Sugyos B'Likkutei Sichos.

Generally, Likkutei Sichos are studied in conjunction with the weekly parsha or relevant time of year that they were first published, with every sicha connected to a posuk or concept from that specific parsha or yom tov. However a more sophisticated appreciation of the sichos helps one realize that although nominally connected to the parsha, Likkutei Sichos are in reality foundational building blocks of chassidic pedagogy, educating the student in fundamental ideas and concepts of Nigla, *Hashkofo* and Chassidus. Some central subjects, the Rebbe revisited time and again



SOME OF THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED:



- “ *“Seder Dach - 770, in a few short weeks, has revitalized my learning of Chassidus” - Mendel T. 770*
- “ *“When I came to 770, I wasn't sure what I would focus on with my learning. Boruch Hashem Seder Dach came along” - Moshe I. 770*
- “ *A Senior Shliach (and author) wrote: “I just listened to Mendel Lerner’s Shiur and thoroughly enjoyed both the delivery and content of it, the way he explained the difference between each of the sichos. Thank you very much!”*
- “ *“I started listening to Rabbi Kaplan’s shiurim, and I am amazed by the delivery and the concepts in Chassidus he explains” - Shmuli K. Lauderhill, FL.*
- “ *“I walked into a medical office in Williamsburg, and Shlomy Kaplan’s shiur was playing” - Avremi R. Brooklyn, NY.*
- “ *Avi G. from LA wrote: “I thoroughly enjoy the ability to learn a shiur of my fancy, that allows me to mull over concepts in a fashion that is rarely explored by those outside the realm of yeshiva. I especially enjoy Rabbi Golomb’s shiurim, where he plumbs a hemshech of the Rebbe Rashab with such lucidity and erudition that leaves me hankering for more.”*
- “ *“Rabbi Avtzon’s Shiurim have great grasp and clarity in the maamarim. I don’t usually give that compliment. A lot of Shiurim have Havana and biurim. Ownership of a maamar is a whole other category” - Elie F., Arizona.*



throughout the gamut of Likkutei Sichos, and approached from varying angles. Often these concepts were expressed in different terms or elaborated on from the perspective of diverse topics; however, the underlying thesis remains the same. Only when one studies these different sichos as a unit, can the true and extensive insights developed by the Rebbe be suitably perceived.

The goal of track (4) is both to paint a comprehensive picture of the general topic or concept, as well as to hone in onto the finer points and distinct details specific to each particular sicha.

This track is led by Rabbi Mendel Potash and Rabbi Avtzon.



Already in its second month, Seder Dach - impact has been strongly felt within 770. In addition to being involved and engrossed during the official sidrei chassidus, Bochorim have been spotted studying Chassidus

bshufi in their own time, during breaks and at night.

Tens of *yungeleit* and shluchim have opted in to Seder Dach and are already participating in the program, enjoying the plethora of Shiurim and resources at their disposal.



The wider public is invited to join Seder Dach and opt into this revolution of learning Chassidus, especially as we find ourselves right before *Yud Tes Kislev* - Rosh Hashono (for learning) of Chassidus! *Taamu Ureu Ki Tov* - Taste and see that it’s good!

Seder Dach’s Shiurim can be found on Google Drive, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, 24six, and YouTube amongst others.

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HEAD STAFF AND THEME SONG FOR YOUNG SHLUCHIM KINUS

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As the Kinus Tzeirei Hashluchim gears up for its largest program yet, the Shluchim Office announced the head staff leading the massive operation and released this year's new, upbeat Kinus theme song.

CHABAD MAGAZINE SCRAWLED WITH GERMAN "RAUS"

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Rav Menachem Ladayov, a Chabad Rav in the 17th Arrondissement of Paris, had a disturbing surprise on Sunday when he was delivered a Kfar Chabad magazine with an anti-Semitic message scrawled on its cover.

A SIYUM SEFER TORAH FOR KLAL YISROEL

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COLLEGE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF YESHIVA

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College students from universities across the USA experienced a Shabbos in yeshiva this past week at the Rabbinical College of America - Tiferes Bochorim in Morristown, New Jersey.

WATCH: REB YOEL ON PARSHAS VAYEIRA

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Watch: A short lesson by Reb Yoel Kahn on Parshas Vayeira with English subtitles and transcript.

A STORY IN EVERY ROOM, A TALE BEHIND EACH DETAIL

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Watch the short feature by Y. Tzvi Perlmutter.

CHOVEVEI TORAH CELEBRATES BOCHURIM'S LEARNING WITH A SIYUM

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MONTREAL SHLUCHIM PREPARE FOR THE KINUS WITH A KINUS OF THEIR OWN

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Shluchim from the greater Montreal area gathered on Motzei Shabbos for a regional Kinus Hashluchim in preparation for the upcoming International Kinus Hashluchim in New York this weekend.

BALTIMORE'S "CHABAD VILLAGE" SET TO EXPAND

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REB MEILECH: A MASTER OF ALL TRADES

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THE BLESSED STRESS OF KIDS

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From the Anash.org inbox: Listen to a group of friends talking, and chances are you will hear them speak about their stress. In particular, the stress that comes with kids. But we must realize that some of our own could only dream of such complaints.

CAN I CLEAN MY SHOES BEFORE A TRIP?

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Watch at 7 PM: Harav Gedalya Oberlander will answer practical halachic questions including cleaning dirty shoes before traveling, covering them, and putting on white socks and shoes.



The North Miami Beach community gathered Monday night for a farbrengen in honor of the **Rebbe Rashab's** birthday, led by special guests from overseas, Rabbi **Tzvi Telsner**, Rov in Melbourne, Australia and Rabbi **Yosef Tzvi Segal**, of Yerushalayim.

WATCH: PANORAMA OF HALACHA

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Anash.org feature: A weekly shiur by Dayan Levi Yitzchok Raskin, Rov of Anash in London, explores interesting Torah questions and halachic dilemmas.

770 ARCHITECT'S GRANDCHILDREN RETURN FOR A VISIT

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