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Our Lifeline

דבר מלכות

The Alter Rebbe's Bracha

During the travels which my father in law the [Friediker] Rebbe took with his father the Rebbe Rashab n"e between the years 5660 and 5670, they passed through the city of Yassi. There they met an old Chassid named Berl. He related to them that [in Yassi] they first heard about the Alter Rebbe's imprisonment two weeks after the arrest, and it wasn't until "Zos Chanukah" (the last day of Chanukah, aprox. 13 days later) that they heard that the [Alter Rebbe was] released and free. In Yassi (at that time) there was a small minyan of Chassidim and their joy was so great that *all of the city's people* were rolling in the streets.

My father in law the [Friediker] Rebbe told this story on Yud Tes Kislev [5697] twenty years ago, and he concluded [the story by saying], "There was only a small minyan of Chassidim yet *all of the city's people* were rolling – this was the *bracha* of the Alter Rebbe, that for his Chassidim wherever they were they had assistance [from the locals]. And it's clear from this [story] that the locals did not only assist [the Chassidim] by giving money, after which the assistant would return to his own affairs. Rather [the local assistants were there to] roll in the streets of the city together with the Chassid, [to help him celebrate] because the Rebbe of this Chassid was released from prison.

The current lesson for us:

Do not become intimidated by the fact that "You are the smallest among all the nations", or from the question, "will Yaakov (the *bonei Yisroel*) be able to rise, for he is so small?" because we have the *bracha* from the Alter Rebbe that in every place [where Chassidim will go] there will be assistants. If [a Chassid] would fulfill his *avodah* efficiently as it is supposed to be done he will effect [his surroundings in such a manner] that the city and all of its inhabitants will "roll" together with him, to make a *dirah betachtonim*, dwelling place for Hashem in this world.

Excerpt from the *farbrengen* of Yud Tes Kislev, 5717
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מזל טוב



We wish a hearty mazel tov to the following shluchim:

Boys

Rabbi Sruely and Chani Altein, Pittsburgh, PA
 Rabbi Aaron Isaac and Chani Benjaminson, Rome, Italy
 Rabbi Yaakov and Dena Brody, Chicago, IL
 Rabbi Sholom and Chana Raizel Davidsohn, D.D.O. Canada
 Rabbi Cheski and Chava Edelman, Springfield, MA
 Rabbi Avremi and Shternie Groner, Sutton, England
 Rabbi Zalman and Altie Heller, Staten Island, NY
 Rabbi Mendy and Chana Krinsky, Needham, MA
 Rabbi Chanoch and Shevy Piekarski, Bogota, Colombia
 Rabbi Shmuly and Rivkie Pink, Leicester, UK
 Rabbi Mordechai and Rivi Wenger, Montreal, Canada

Girls

Rabbi Avremie and Frumie Bekerman, Moscow, Russia
 Rabbi Hirshel and Sara Hendel, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 Rabbi Dovid and Nechama Libersohn, Barcelona, Spain
 Rabbi Levy and Pessy Notik, Chicago, IL
 Rabbi Yudy and Miriam Shemtov, Yardley, PA
 Rabbi Ben Zion and Rochie Sudak, Washington, D.C.
 Rabbi Zalman and Nechamie Sudak, Edgware, UK
 Rabbi Dovid and Goldie Teichtel, Champagne, IL

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 Son Asher to Rocheli Lewis, Israel
 Rabbi Simcha and Frieda Zirkind, Montreal, Canada
 Son Sholom to Nuchie Hecht, IL

CONDOLENCES

To Mrs. Reichel Margolin, Norfolk, VA, upon the loss of her father
 Reb Tzvi Hirsch Gansbourg, ע"ה
 To Rabbi Ephraim Schmukler, Montreal, Canada upon the loss of
 his mother Rebbetzen Ushpol, ע"ה

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים



Our Guidance

The Rebbe responded to Rabbi Sholom Dovber Raskin, London UK on the 21st of Iyar, 5716.

ונהניתי לקרות בו שלומד עם כתיב כפי מסורת אבותינו...
הקי' קמ"ץ אל"ף א, וכידוע קדושת האותיות והנקודות שהם
למשה מסיני, וכמובן ופשוט בזהר ובתקו"ז בכמה מקומות,
ולא רק האותיות ונקודות עצמן אלא אפילו
שמותיהם, וכמובא שם ששמות הנקודות הם ראשי תיבות
שמות מלאכים וכו'...

אגרות קודש יג:צג

... and I was pleased to read in your letter that he learns with his class according to the tradition of our holy fathers- kometz aleph uh. It is known that the holiness of the letters and vowels were transmitted to Moshe at Sinai, as is understood and clearly stated in the Zohar and in Tikunei Zohar and in several places. Not only the letters and vowels themselves, but even their names, as is brought down there, that the names and vowels are the first letters of the angel's names etc.

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Sometimes it's the packaging. Sometime's it's just the right venue. And sometimes it's just the right timing.

The Levertons wanted to set another day for an adult learning class. Not all evenings were convenient, not

everyone's schedule jived. With a little ingenuity they hit upon an idea that worked! An Adult Hebrew School, which would take place at the same place and during the same time the Sunday Hebrew school functioned for the kids.

The class is titled "Black Fire on White Fire"- and is described as a new weekly text based class on the Torah Portion. This type of class attracts not only Hebrew school parents, but even others who find the time just right for their busy and hectic schedules. In only 2 months, the attendees peaked 15- and it became popular enough that they requested that the class continue throughout the summer months as well. Interestingly, there are a couple of adults who have not yet attended anything else arranged by Chabad, but are serious about coming to this class.



Project title: The Adult Hebrew School

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Since a classic question that is posed by people is "Where is it written in the Torah?" or "Did Rabbis just compose this?", Rabbi Leverton began the first class by distributing large photo copies, printed with the mesorah – from

Moshe Rabbeinu till today.

Note: Set aside an extra classroom for this class.

The adults begin ½ hour after the children begin classes- from 10- 11:300 a.m. this allows time for the shluchim to attend to any problems that may arise at the beginning of the regular Hebrew school.

The **email invitation** opened with a captivating concept. Indicating that we all have 168 hours in the week, it suggested investing just 1 of those hours to nurture and develop our very core, our spiritual side, our souls, to find meaning, purpose, peace and faith in our lives.

It emphasized that this solid 'investment' will pay 'dividends' for a long time to come..

Contact ihoen@shluchim.org to receive the email invite.

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Get the first volume of Simchas Made Simple and accompanying CD for only \$25, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev! The sale began for the Kinus HaShluchim and will extend only until the seventh of Kislev- November 28th. Order at the reduced price now by either calling us at 718-221-0500 or going directly to Shluchim.org/publications/howto/simchasmadesimple!

Dedicated to:

Rabbi & Mrs. Mendel Duchman

in honor of the engagement of their daughter

Adina to Shmuly Altein,

and for all their assistance to The Shluchim Office.