

# NEWS

LIVING WITH MOSHIACH AROUND THE WORLD

## KINUS HISORERUS FOR ANASH AND TMIMIM ON CHAF-CHES NISSAN

Many *Yomim Tovim* fall out on Shabbos this year, and Chaf-Ches Nissan, a significant date in the Chabad calendar, was no exception. Preparations for the Motzai Shabbos *farbrengen* began as soon as the video was over. A sign welcoming everybody to the *kinus* was hung behind the dais.

Rabbi Shmuel Butman, director of the International Campaign to Bring Moshiach, broadcast his speech to a popular New York radio station.

"I am speaking to you now from the Lubavitcher Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach's *beis midrash*. In another few moments the special *kinus* will begin in which we will come up with a plan of how to bring Moshiach," announced Rabbi Butman to the thousands of listeners to his weekly radio program. Rabbi Butman explained the significance of the day and the power that every Jew has to bring Moshiach.

The emcee, Rabbi Eliezer

Mishulovin, called upon Rabbi Yaakov Schwei of the Crown Heights *beis din*, who spoke about the need to learn *inyanei Moshiach* and *Geula*. He was followed by Rabbi Shloma Majeski, principal and *mashpia* in Machon Chana. He gave a brief historical overview as to the events ten years ago and said how the Rebbe's Chaf-Ches Nissan *sicha* revolutionized life as we knew it, obligating each of us to connect all our actions to hastening Moshiach's coming.



(From right to left:) Rabbi Rapp, Rabbi Korf, Rabbi Yitzchok Springer, Rabbi Svei

Rabbi Dovid Kahanov, one of the founders of the popular *kuntres Yechi HaMelech*, and an activist at the Chabad House in Flatbush, gave the following analogy: "Imagine if the government announced to the public that the world's oxygen supply has been seriously depleted, leaving the entire world at risk of devastation. Each of us would run around frantically looking for a solution. Nobody would stand by idly. The Rebbe screamed, "I did what I could do, and now it's up to you." Each of



Rabbi Shlomo Majeski



Rabbi Yaakov Svei



Rabbi Yitzchok Gansburg

us ought to *plotz* from the fact that the *Geula* hasn't come yet! The delay of the *Geula* has to affect us to the core of our soul!"

Rabbi Itzke Gansburg said, "After the Rebbe's *sicha* I asked myself, 'What is it that the Rebbe cannot do alone?!' I recalled a *mashal* I heard from R' Avrohom Maiyor that after a hen lays her eggs she stays for a while and then leaves them. The chick has to break out of the egg itself. It has two options. Either it can make the effort to get out or it can become a rotten egg!"

R' Levi Hendel described the events preceding and following the Chaf-Ches Nissan *sicha* while he was on *kvutza*, and then Rabbi Yekusiel Rapp, *mashgiach* in 770, discussed *simcha* at length and explained how our advance joy about the revelation

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### LEARNING MARATHON

A learning marathon of *inyanei Moshiach* and *Geula* took place in which the 24-hour period of Chaf-Ches Nissan was divided among the *Tmimim*. Throughout that time there were groups of *T'mimim* learning various *Geula*-related topics. The marathon was organized by Efraim Bronstein and Shraga Cromby.

of Moshiach will make the revelation happen. He quoted the Rebbe words about the dancing and *simcha*: "Test it for yourselves and see."

Many smaller, unofficial *farbrengens* took place after the main *kinus* was over, *farbrengens* of longing for the realization of the Rebbe's prophecy.

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# "HAVE YOU DONE ALL YOU CAN?"

THE RABBANEI BEIS DIN CHABAD OF ERETZ YISROEL, MASHPIIM, SHLUCHIM, ANASH, AND TMIMIM JOINED TOGETHER FOR A NATIONAL KINUS TO MARK TEN YEARS SINCE THE REBBE SAID, "DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO BRING ABOUT THE REVELATION OF MOSHIACH."



Participants at the *kinus* in Kfar Chabad

Matteh Moshiach in Eretz Yisroel, directed by Rabbi Shmuel Hendel, organized a national *kinus* for Chaf-Ches Nissan for all Chassidim to gather and devise a plan of what to do and how to bring Moshiach. Hundreds of people from all over the country proved once more that "hu chai v'kayam" and his words are *chayim v'kayamim*. Words like "weak," "tired," and "archaic" just don't exist for Chabad Chassidim concerning what the Rebbe said.

Emcee Rabbi Assaf Frumer opened the program and showed the Chaf-Ches Nissan 5751 video. The first speaker was Rabbi Elozor Kenig of Natzeret Ilit, a Moshiach activist, who focused on the first half of the *sicha*. "If you pay attention you see how nearly the entire *sicha* has to do with the special qualities of an ordinary day in an ordinary week with an ordinary *sidra*, in an ordinary year. The Rebbe

showed us how to transform a day that is not a holiday of any kind into a special and very significant date. He showed us how this day is an auspicious time.

"The lesson we should take from this is to see the special quality of every single day, and not to miss out on opportunities to derive the benefit of each day. That's our job. There's no question that when we see the good in each day and live with feeling of *Geula*, we will immediately merit its coming."

After singing the *niggunim* of the Rebbeim, the *niggun* of the Rebbe's father and a rousing "Yechi," Rabbi Sholom Dov Ber Volpe spoke about *shleimus ha'Aretz*. He spoke of the necessity to protest the government's negotiations with the enemy.

The main address was given by Rabbi Menachem Mendel Gluckowsky of Rechovot. He related his story of the first *psak din* of 5746 that Moshiach

has to come. That *psak din* was written after the Rebbe's request of the chief rabbis, Rabbi Shapiro and Rabbi Eliyahu, who had come to visit him.

Rabbi Gluckowsky described the unnatural obstacles to the signing of the *psak din*, as well as the answers from the secretaries that came late at night, showing how important the *psak din* was to the Rebbe. "In my humble opinion, Chaf-Ches Nissan is the greatest day in the life of a Chassid. On this day we received special *kochos* we did not have before, so that we could carry out the great task of bringing Moshiach."

Rabbi Mordechai Shmuel Ashkenazi, rav of Kfar Chabad, made a great effort to attend the *kinus* and apologized for the brevity of his speech, saying he wasn't feeling well. He said that historically there were two ways that *tzaddikim* tried to hasten the *Geula*, one in which efforts were made to bring Moshiach despite the fact that the generation wasn't worthy, and the other way was to try and prepare the generation for *Geula*. "The Rebbe has always worked, and continues to work, with the second approach. For 40 years the Rebbe prepared the world for Moshiach's coming so that everything is now ready for *Geula*."

Rabbi Zalman Notik, *mashpia* in Toras Emes, described the night after the Rebbe delivered the Chaf-Ches Nissan *sicha*, how many *farbrengens* were held in which the Rebbe's message was discussed and dissected.

Rabbi Chaim Sasson spoke about the distribution of over ten thousand copies of his book *Atta Yadati*. His book shows how the Rebbe is



Rabbi Ashkenazi

"For 40 years the Rebbe refined and prepared the world for the revelation of Moshiach, so that now it is all ready."



Rabbi Sholom Dov Ber Volpe

"We must find someone who will galvanize *Anash* and get them to protest on the roads, with signs and demonstrations. We are not obligated to complete the work, but at least we will know we expressed our outrage and tried to influence public opinion."



Rabbi M.M. Gluckowsky

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Rabbi Velvel Kesselman



Rabbi Zalman Notik



Rabbi Elozor Kenign

Moshiach *al pi nigleh* and Chassidus. He called upon everybody to get involved in distributing the book.

Rabbi Yisachar Dov Ber Gurewitz of France discussed the differing opinions concerning how to hasten Moshiach's coming. "Differences of opinion are natural, but we cannot have disunity. The Rebbe said that if there would have been unity among the Chassidim, Moshiach would have come already. Let us respect each other's approach and we will surely merit to greet Moshiach."



Rabbi Assaf Frumer, emcee



Rabbi Yitzchok Lieberman and Rabbi Avrohom Lieder

# HUGE CROWD AT MOSHIACH SHABBOS IN BE'ER SHEVA

350 FAMILIES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY ATTENDED A MOSHIACH SHABBOS ON CHAF-CHES NISSAN \* DOZENS OF RABBANIM AND MASHPIIM LECTURED THROUGHOUT THE SHABBOS ON THE TOPIC OF HOW TO PREPARE TO GREET MOSHIACH.

Matteh Moshiach in Eretz Yisroel organized a wonderful Moshiach Shabbos for the Shabbos of Chaf-Ches Nissan, marking ten years since the Rebbe told us to “do all that you can” to bring Moshiach. The special Shabbos began with words from Rabbi Y.Y. Wilchansky of Matteh Moshiach. He read the *sicha* of Chaf-Ches Nissan 5751 and explained what is required of us at this time. Then Rabbi Shneur Zalman Garelik, director of the Chabad House in Be'er Sheva, greeted the guests. His speech combined ideas from the *sichos* on the *sidra*, Chaf-Ches Nissan, and the uniqueness of Be'er Sheva.

Simultaneously, Rebbetzin Rochel Hendel gave a speech to women about a woman's perspective on the *sicha* of Chaf-Ches Nissan and its connection to Parshas Shmini, which speaks about supernatural abilities. She included numerous recent miracle stories in her talk.

The participants *davened Kabbalas Shabbos* with spirit and much singing. After “*Lecha Dodi*” the crowd burst into a mighty singing of “*Yechi*.” Afterwards, the Friday night meal began amidst *niggunei simcha* and *niggunei hisorerus*. Rabbi Zushe Zilberstein delivered the main address of the Shabbos. He spoke about the Rebbe's first *maamer*, “*Basi L'Gani*” 5711, in which the Rebbe cried when he spoke about the urgent need to disseminate *Yiddishkeit* throughout the world until even Jews at the far corners of the world knows *Alef*.



Some of the participants at the Melaveh Malka

Perhaps the Rebbe was alluding to all these important ideas whose words begin with the letter *Alef*, said Rabbi Zilberstein:

- 1) *Emuna* - our pure faith, which is being sorely tested these days.
- 2) *Achdus* and *Ahavas Yisroel* - the main subjects addressed by the Rebbe in his final *sicha* on Parshas VaYakhel 5752.
- 3) *Anochi* - the acronym for “*ana nafshi kesavis yehavis*,” referring to the *Igros Kodesh*, through which we communicate with the Rebbe and experience miracles.
- 4) *Oros d'Tohu and ofen ha'miskabel* - the way to bring Moshiach.
- 5) *ich* - eliminating the ego, which interferes with *achdus*

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The first speaker at the *farbrengen* after the meal was Rabbi Dovid Nachshon, who described his work since Chaf-Ches Nissan – signing up *rabbanim* for the *psak din* that the Rebbe is Moshiach, and the encouragement he got for this project from the Rebbe.

Rabbi Y.Y. Wilchansky, Rabbi Zushe Zilberstein, Rabbi Yisroel Halperin, and Rabbi L.Y. Ginsberg also participated in the *farbrengen*.

The women enjoyed a *farbrengen* that began with a speech from Professor Yermiyahu Branover and was followed by speeches by Rebbetzin Sima Ashkenazi and Rebbetzin Rochel Hendel.

The sight of masses of Chassidim walking the streets of Be'er Sheva towards the *mikva* the next morning was so impressive that the organizers



At the Melaveh Malka (from right to left): Rabbi Ashkenazi, Rabbi Zilsberstein, Prof. Branover, Rabbi Shlomo Kalisch, Rabbi Shlomo Maidenchek

of the Shabbos decided to have a *Tahalucha* to the various *shuls* in the area.

Shabbos Mevarchim *T'hillim* was followed by *shiurim* in Chassidus given by Rabbi Velvel Kesselman for the men and Rabbi Levy Yitzchok Ginsberg for the women.

Before *krias ha'Torah*, Rabbi Mordechai Shmuel Ashkenazi, *rav* of Kfar Chabad, spoke about *emuna* in

Moshiach's coming. He quoted the Rebbe's *sichos* and the Rambam's commentary on *Mishnayos*, concluding that the obligation to believe in the Rebbe's prophecy that the *Geula* will take place in our generation is one of the principles of faith.

After *krias ha'Torah*, Rabbi Binyamin Akiva, director of the Chabad House in Rosh HaAyin, called

upon the *rabbanim* present that weekend to declare that the Rebbe must be revealed immediately. Rabbi Halperin stood near the Torah and declared in the name of the *rabbanim* that *al pi din* the Rebbe is Moshiach and that Hashem must bring the *Geula* now.

Rabbi Gedalia Akselrod spoke at the lunch meal about the need to increase the study of Chassidus, especially *Tanya*, as a preparation for *kabbalas pnei Moshiach Tzidkeinu*.

Rabbi Halperin focused on each phrase of the Chaf-Ches Nissan *sicha*, with the main emphasis on the fact that the *kochos* we have are the Rebbe's *kochos*, giving us the potential to accomplish a tremendous amount with them.

The women requested an additional *farbrengen* with Rabbi Zushe Zilberstein, who captivated them with miracle stories and a discussion of their moral lessons.

The men *farbrenged* in the lobby of the hotel with Rabbi Zimroni Tzik, director of the *Aguda L'Maan HaGeula HaAmitis V'HaShleima*, and Rabbi





**Rabbi Shlomo Maidenchek**



**Rabbi Zushe Zilberstein**



**Rabbi Y.Y. Wilschansky**

Tanchum Borashansky, a senior member of *Anash* in Be'er Sheva.

After *Mincha*, Rabbi Eliezer Brod, rav of Karmeil Yosef spoke, following which the Chassidim walked on *Tahalucha* to nearby neighborhoods.

After *chazaras divrei Elokim chayim* with Rabbi Sholom Dov Ber Volpe, and after *Maariv*, a *Melaveh Malka* was arranged. Professor Branover, Professor Shlomo Kalisch, and Rabbi Zushe Zilberstein spoke. Rabbi Shlomo Maidenchek addressed the Vaad Rabbanei Chabad of Eretz Yisroel, saying that every Vaad Rabbanei Anash ought to stand by Matteh Moshiach, the organization that accomplishes so much in *inyanei Moshiach* and *Geula*.



**The organizers of the event: Rabbi Shmuel Hendel and Rabbi Yirmiyahu Kalifa with guest, Rabbi Zushe Zilberstein**

The emcee, Rabbi Y.Y. Wilschansky, thanked the organizers of the event, singling out Rabbi Yirmiyahu Kalifa and Rabbi Shmuel

Hendel. He also announced the main gift, a book containing these *sichos*, *hachlata* of the event: to learn ten *sichos* with ten Jews from a special Shabbos.

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