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## CROWN HEIGHTS BEIS DIN HOLDS KABBALAS PANIM FOR GUEST RABBANIM

As they do every year, according to the directive of the Rebbe MH"M to the members of the Crown Heights *beis din*, a *kabbalas panim* gathering was held on Motzaei Shavuos for the *rabbanim* who came to Crown Heights for Shavuos.

The gathering was held in the home of Rabbi Yehuda Kalman Marlow, *a'h*, with Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Garelik as the emcee. Rabbi Garelik reviewed the Rebbe's directive of Shavuos 5750 that *rabbanim* should plan periodic meetings to discuss issues of the day.

The first speaker was the member of the Crown Heights *beis din*, Rabbi Avrohom Osdoba, who spoke about the role of the *rabbanim*. On the one hand, *rabbanim* must have *anava* and *bittul*, especially because they are *Chassidishe rabbanim*. On the other hand, they must be strong when

giving a *psak halacha*. Both these traits were present in Rabbi Marlow, *a'h*, who did not display his vast knowledge, yet when it came time to tell people what to do, he did so fearlessly.



(From right to left) Rabbis Daniel Gorovsky, Yosef Hecht, Yeshaya Hertzal, Yochanon Gurary, Yisroel Halperin, Yigal Pizem, M.M. Wilhelm, L.Y. Garelik (standing), Ben-Tzion Lipsker

The next speaker was Rabbi M.M. Gluckowsky, assistant secretary of the *beis din rabbanei Chabad* in Eretz Yisroel and *rav* of the Chabad community of Rechovot. He spoke about *chinuch* and the need for great

vigilance with the Internet.

Rabbi Ben-Tzion Lipsker and Rabbi Shneur Zalman Gurary also spoke, and then discussions about matters concerning *rabbanei Chabad* followed.

At the end of the gathering, there was a video shown of the terrorist incidents the past few months in Eretz Yisroel. Rabbi Osdoba commented, "No *rav* or *askan* can sit quietly for even a minute." The *rabbanim* discussed how to convey the Rebbe's views to the government and to the public worldwide.



(From right to left) Rabbis Avrohom Osdoba, Yaakov Swei, M.M. Gluckowsky

## ADMUR R' TZVI TURENHEIM, ZT'L

After immersing in the *mikva* on Shabbos BaMidbar, the *gaon* and *tzaddik* R' Tzvi Turenheim, *zt'l*, *Admur* of Lukava Valbroz, passed away at the age of 87. With his sudden death, we lost a *tzaddik* and *anav*, a *masmid b'Torah*, an *ohev Yisroel* and *rav tzedakos*, a remnant of an earlier generation.

The *Admur* was born in Poland. His father passed away when he was five. In his youth he studied diligently in the Nevardok yeshiva in Mezritch. During the outbreak of World War II, he wandered from place to place until he ended up in the labor camps in Siberia, where he suffered greatly.

After the war, Rabbi Turenheim emigrated to Brazil as the Rebbe Rayatz advised him, where he served as a *rav* in Rio de Janeiro. He established Torah classes, and was involved in disseminating Torah with the encouragement of the Rebbe Rayatz.

Rabbi Turenheim moved to Eretz Yisroel fifteen years ago, and shortly thereafter established his *beis midrash* in Bnei Brak. He chose the northern part of the city, a spiritually desolate area, which subsequently became a *makom Torah*. At some point he suffered from the opposition of neighbors who didn't appreciate the value of

a Torah center in their neighborhood. Being a Kohen, he persisted with strength and humility, gently and continually insisting on the continuation of the *shul*, always in ways of pleasantness and *ahavas Yisroel*. He also established a *kollel* called Dibbuk Chaveirim.

Rabbi Turenheim *davened* mostly in the Chabad *shul* on Rechov Rashi. He was known as a true *ohev Yisroel* and a great *baal tzedaka*. He supported *mosdos* of Torah and Chassidus, including Tiferes Moshe Betzalel in Ramot, and Nezer Yisroel in Rishon L'Tziyon.

The *Admur* would attend Chabad events and *farbrengens* in Bnei Brak, and one of his final appearances was at the huge Lag B'Omer parade, when he blessed the children with *Birkas Kohanim*.

On Friday night, Rabbi Turenheim *davened* in his *beis midrash* and wished

"Good Shabbos" to everybody there. After immersing in the *mikva* on Shabbos morning, he came home for his *tallis* before heading for *shul*. Unpredictably, he asked to rest a little, and suddenly passed away. His funeral was on Motzaei Shabbos. May his work in spreading *Yiddishkeit*, Torah and *Chassidus* as the *shliach* of the *Rebbeim* be a merit and an advocate for him.



**NEARLY 300 PEOPLE GATHERED** together for a very special Shabbos at the Homowack Hotel in the Catskill Mountains of New York. The purpose of the Shabbos is to listen and learn, be inspired, and to come up with ideas and improvements to hasten the arrival of Moshiach. Eating, singing, *davening*, learning, and *farbrenging* together for an entire Shabbos is an excellent way to put oneself in the mindset of “living with Moshiach.”

People began arriving Friday afternoon. The hotel lobby was decorated with Moshiach signs and posters. A table was covered with all sorts of booklets and pamphlets about Moshiach, as well as the program for the weekend.

Everyone completed their preparations for Shabbos, and before *kabbalas Shabbos* in the hotel's *shul*, Rabbi Shmuel Butman, director of the International Campaign to Bring Moshiach and one of the event's

### CAPTIVATED BY THE PROGRAM

There was a *bar mitzva* celebration held simultaneously at the hotel as the Moshiach Shabbos. At approximately 6:00 p.m., I saw one of the members of their group walk over to the hall where Rabbi Jacobson was speaking and stand there and listen. Both the content and delivery captivated him and within ten minutes he was inside. He stayed until the end of the lecture and seemed to enjoy it immensely.

About an hour later, Rabbi Levi Hendel greeted the guests of the other party (by prior arrangement with them) and wished them *mazel tov* on the family *simcha*. He described the Moshiach Shabbos program and conveyed the essential messages of the *nevuas ha'Geula* and the need to prepare for it.

Teleshevsky led the *davening*.

Because of the late hour of the Friday night meal, there were no lengthy speeches at that time. Dr. Tzvi Lang – who along with his wife, Chaya, are responsible for these Shabbatons as well as other Moshiach projects, like the unity *yom iyun* – said a few words about the strong faith of the Chassidim in the Rebbe's imminent *hisgalus*.

programs for girls led by Rivka Lazar.

After early Shabbos morning *shiurim* and *davening*, Rabbi Samuels spoke after *krias ha'Torah*. In his address to the crowd, he mentioned that the Shabbaton demonstrated the love of Chassidim for each other, expressed at this location where everyone gathered in order to share meals, learn, and *farbreng* together.

At 4:30 p.m., a unique segment of the program was presented by two talented speakers from very different backgrounds. The first speaker was Dr. Yaakov Moshe Moses, a *baal teshuva* from Cincinnati. He told his personal story about how *shliach* Rabbi Kalmanson was *mekarev* him. In return, he travels from one university to another to demonstrate to the students that the Torah has always been thousands of years ahead of science.

He spoke about changes in attitude in scientific circles in a number of areas, one of them concerning the opinion that the moon is actually increasing in size, an idea that science used to mock the very possibility of happening. He also spoke about genetic cloning, connecting that to *t'chiyas ha'meisim*. He presented the Torah viewpoint concerning evolution, as well. He noted that researchers at the University of Cincinnati, along with



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coordinators, formally greeted the guests. He said that this was the fourth year that the International Campaign was hosting this Moshiach Shabbos. He thanked everybody for coming as well as others who worked to organize the event, especially mentioning the hard work of Rabbi M.M. and Mrs. Mindy Zalmanov.

After a *dvar Torah* connecting the *sidra* to *Geula* given by *mashpia* Rabbi Sholom Charitonov, Chazan

In an interesting aside, besides the families who attended the Shabbos, there was also a contingent of outstanding girls from Beis Chaya Mushka of Crown Heights in attendance. They won the weekend as a prize for exceptional behavior, *tznius*, *yiras Shamayim*, *Chassidishkeit* and excellence in their studies.

There were also special programs for boys throughout Shabbos led by Menachem Tauber, and special

Later at the Shabbos lunch meal, one of the guests, R' Fishel Brownstein, got up and thanked Rabbi Butman on behalf of everyone present for the opportunity to participate in such an event. After the meal the men went to *farbreng* and the women had a question and answer session with Rabbi Samuels. The *farbrengen* took place with the presence of all the *mashpiim* and guests, with Rabbi Charitonov as the main speaker.

researchers around the world, have concluded that a superior intelligence is behind the secret of Creation!

Dr. Moses concluded by saying that the closer we get to *Geula*, the more the world becomes ready to accept the wisdom of Torah, taught at Sinai thousands of years ago. We just need to open our eyes to see the revolution *Melech HaMoshiach* is bringing about in the world, and

derive strength from it to bring about the finale.

The next speaker was the popular and articulate Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Jacobson. He first addressed the differences of opinion among us and stated that negative feelings for our brother Chassidim do not truly exist. Even when it seems as though they do, it's just superficial.

He illustrated this point with an

incident that took place twenty years ago on a long summer Shabbos afternoon. Two children stood on the corner of Eastern Parkway and Brooklyn Avenue and began squabbling. Words quickly led to hitting, and suddenly one of the children noticed the figure of the Rebbe heading their way. The Rebbe was going from his home on President Street towards the *beis midrash*.

With no time to consider what to

do, the children spontaneously hugged each other and used the fifty or so seconds remaining to them until the Rebbe would pass by to make up and become friends again. One of them began singing, "Ahm Yisroel Have No Fear," and the others joined in. The Rebbe passed by and motioned with his hand to encourage their singing. The children did so and continued to accompany the Rebbe towards 770.

Chassidim are always united. Sometimes this gets covered over and then suddenly, in front of the Rebbe, faced by the truth, the truth is revealed. We must remember what we truly think in our hearts about our brothers and sisters. If we succeed in revealing this inner feeling, we will be able to improve our behavior to each other.

After *Mincha*, everybody sat down to sing *niggunim* and learn Chassidus. There was barely any time to rest between the *shiurim*, the *davening*, meals, lectures, and *farbrengens*. Even after Shabbos was over there was no time to rest, for after watching videos of the Rebbe, the *Melaveh Malka* program began.

Rabbi Butman opened the program, which was broadcast live over his weekly radio program, "Moshiach in the Air." He described the wonderful Shabbos they had just experienced and conveyed the spirit of *achdus* and anticipation for Moshiach's coming.

Rabbi Jacobson addressed the practical question of how to hold on to the inspiration and transmit it to our children. He mentioned the Rebbe's *sicha* addressing the question of how to hasten the *Geula*: "Learn *nigleh*, learn Chassidus, *daven* with the *tzibur*, and truly scream "Ad masai!" The point is to transform the fiery *emuna* into practical daily activities.

Rabbi Shloma Majeski summed

**EVEN IF IT COSTS A LOT OF MONEY**

One of the participants discussed an interesting answer he received from the Rebbe through the *Igros Kodesh*. He had invited his daughter and son-in-law to attend the Shabbos, but had been uncertain as to whether to attend it himself.

"I wrote to the Rebbe and when I opened the *Igros Kodesh*, I was amazed to see how the Rebbe had written about the importance of a *Chassidische farbrengen* and the need to participate in it: 1) even if it's for a short time, and 2) even if it costs a lot of money. So here we are!"

up the weekend on Sunday by discussing how all the ideas and suggestions could be practically implemented, and most importantly



Rabbi Shmuel Samuels

– how to live with the inspiration and carry along one's family into the joy and preparations of *kabbalas pnei Moshiach*: "There are certain facts



Rabbi Shmuel Butman



that are clear. Our generation is the last generation of *Galus* and the first of *Geula*. The Rebbe is the *Nasi HaDor* and the *Nasi* is the Moshiach of the generation. There is a prophet among us and we must publicize his prophecy. Precisely how to explain this to the people we meet, what words to use, etc., is according to one's personal judgment, depending on the circumstances. We must not forget the essential point of it all: to do as much as we possibly can to prepare the world to greet the Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach."



Rabbi Shloma Majeski



Rabbi Y.Y. Jacobson

**CORRECTION:**

**CORRECTIONS AND OMISSIONS OF THE ARTICLE "FEMININE NOT FEMINIST: ENTERING THE LAND WITH JOY" N'Shei U'Bnos Chabad Forty-Sixth Annual Convention in Crown Heights**

Thursday evening speaker: Mrs. Chana Slonim from Brazil. Thursday evening *farbrengen* by Mrs. Sara Tova Best. Friday afternoon chairlady, Mrs. Chana Bracha Metzger of Chabad-Lubavitch of Midtown Manhattan. Friday afternoon speaker, Mrs. Shimona Tzukernik. Friday evening speaker, Rabbi S. Bluming. Shabbos Seuda speaker, Mrs. Nechama Heber. Motzei Shabbos Machon Chana Representative, Chana Raizel Kaufman. Sunday morning workshop entitled Maximizing our Physical/Spiritual Health Potential presented by Dr. W. Levine, Alternative Medicine, Brooklyn. Mrs. Chana Popack of N'shei U'Bnos Chabad led the convention in reciting the Rebbe's kapit'l Tehillim at the main banquet on Sunday afternoon.

# SUCCESSFUL KINUS OF BACHURIM-SHLUCHIM TO ERETZ YISROEL IN TZFAS

Motzaei Shabbos Parshas BaMidbar concluded a highly successful and uplifting *Kinus HaShluchim* for the *shluchim* in Yeshivas in Eretz Yisroel. The *shluchim* were sent this year from Oholei Torah, Morristown and Montreal and are in Kfar Chabad, Toras Emes (Yerushalayim), Bnei Brak, and Tzfas. The *kinus* was hosted by the Tzfas *shluchim* and was planned for Shabbos BaMidbar to coincide with *Shabbos Achdus*.

The *shluchim* arrived in Tzfas on Friday, and upon arrival had the opportunity to go to the Arizal's *mikva* and visit the various *kivrei tzaddikim* in the area. After an official picture was taken with all the *kvutzos* together, they took a walking tour in Tzfas to the *shuls* of the Arizal, Alshich, Reb Yosef Karo, and the famous Abuhav Shul, named after the Spanish Kabbalist, Rav Yitzchak Abuhav. The legend is that the *shul* "flew" to Tzfas from Spain after his passing.

The *shluchim* then *davened* Mincha and *Kabbalas Shabbos* in the *yeshiva gedola zal*. The Tzfas *yeshiva* is Chabad's biggest in the world (250 *talmidim*), and you can imagine the *lebedikeit* in the singing and dancing *l'chavod* the *shluchim* that Shabbos!

The *shluchim* ate the *seudos Shabbos* in the *yeshiva* dining room together with the *bachurim*. As anticipated, the meal turned into a *farbrengen* at which all the *shluchim* spoke, sharing incidents and ideas that have come out of their experiences in *shlichus*. *Shliach* Yossi Newfield also said a *maamer* for his 21st birthday, which is was the third of Sivan.

On Shabbos morning, *Chassidus* and *davening* were followed by a special *farbrengen* with the *rosh yeshiva*, Rabbi



The *bachurim-shluchim* pose for a group photo



Rav Levi Bistritsky at the podium

Wilschansky, at which he discussed the Tzfas approach to *Mivtza Moshiach*. Rabbi Wilschansky drew parallels to the situation today from the Rebbe's directives for *Chassidim* to declare "*Didan Natzach*" during the *s'farim* case even before we had won.

After the *farbrengen*, the *shluchim* walked to Kiryas Chabad for *seudos Shabbos* at the homes of various *baalei batim*. The organizers wish to thank the Chitrik, Tilles, Raskin, Kaplan, Landau, Marzel, and Levkivker families for their

hospitality.

On Shabbos afternoon after the *seudos*, the *shluchim* joined together for a very inspiring *farbrengen* with Rabbi Aharon Laizer Ceitlin, a well-known personality, one of the Rebbe's first *shluchim* to Tzfas. He spoke about his personal experience on *shlichus* and some very interesting miracle stories with the Rebbe.

After the *farbrengen*, *seider nigunim* and *Maariv* were held in the *yeshiva ketana Tzeirei HaShluchim*. A special

video of the Rebbe was then shown, with *ketaim* from a *kinus ha'shluchim* with the Rebbe.

The main event and official closing of the *kinus* was held at Rabbi Gavriel Marzel's Chabad House of the old city. The event was attended by the *rav ha'roshi* of Tzfas, Rav Levi Bistritsky and Rabbi Chaim Kaplan, son and *memaleh mokom* of head *shliach* Rabbi A.L. Kaplan, a'h, and the whole *yeshiva gedola hanhala*, under the leadership of *rosh yeshiva* Rabbi Y.Y. Wilschansky. All spoke about the importance of *shlichus*

and the responsibility it brings, as well as relating stories from their own experiences as *bachur-shluchim*.

Representatives from each *kvutza* also spoke: Avi Tawil from Tzfas, Chaim Shoul Brook from Bnei Brak, Tzvi Rimler from Toras Emes and Moishe Steiner from Kfar Chabad. At the conclusion of the *kinus*, the emcee, Eli Feldman, *shliach* to Tzfas, announced the *hachlata* of the *kinus* to divide up *Seifer HaMaamarim Meluket* between the various *kvutzos*. *Chelek Vav* was taken by special guests of the *kinus*

- the *shluchim* to Simferopol in the Crimea, Ukraine.

A *t'shura* was given out, and each *shliach* was presented by Rav Moshe Orenshtain, *mashpia*, with a *kuntres* of the Rebbe's *sichos* on Tzfas. The *kuntres* was given out *l'ilui nishmas* Saadia Shmuel Liberow (whose birthday would have been the day of the *kinus*), donated by his uncle, Shimon Liberow, *shliach* in Tzfas.

May we merit to reunite with our *meshaleiach* now!