

NEWS

LIVING WITH MOSHIACH AROUND THE WORLD

MARKING THE YARTZEIT OF RABBI YEHUDA KALMAN MARLOW

770 was packed with *Anash* and *tmimim* who came to pay their respects on the *yartzeit* of the *Mara D'asra*, Rabbi Yehuda Kalman Marlow, *a'h*. The evening was marked not only by speeches about the past, not only by a show of

respect to a true *talmid chacham* taken from our midst, but for the most part by encouraging reports about the good deeds and great projects the *rav* wanted to see happen.

Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Garelik, a close friend of the *rav*, emceed the

evening. Rabbi Avrohom Osdoba opened the program by speaking about the fatal flaw of the spies. What was their great sin? That they mixed their own opinions into the *shlichus* they had received from Moshe Rabbeinu. They decided the Jewish people would not be able to enter Eretz Yisroel despite what Moshe said. Involving their own limited intellect was their downfall.

In addition to all his other qualities, Rabbi Marlow, *a'h* excelled in his *bittul* to the *Nasi HaDor*. His *hiskashrus* and *bittul* to the Rebbe was well known.

Rabbi Garelik said, "We must learn proper *hiskashrus* and true *bittul* to the Rebbe from his conduct. May this hasten our true Redemption and 'arise and sing those who dwell in the dust,' and he among them."

Rabbi Y.Y. Marlow, son of the *rav*, made a *siyum* on *Meseches Sanhedrin*.

Rabbi Garelik mentioned the





(From right to left) R' Chanina Sperlin, R' Refael Wilschansky, R' Michoel Chazan, R' Nachom Volosov, R' Y.S. Kalmanson, R' Yaakov Swei, R' Shlomo Matusof, R' Y.Y. Marlow, R' S.Z. Gurary, R' A. Osdoba

mitvzaim established in the community *l'ilui nishmas* the *rav*. One of them is "*shoneh halachos*," learning *Shulchan Aruch HaRav* every day. Every Friday the "Community Council News" includes a calendar of the *shiur yomi*. This project is in addition to the *mitvzaim* that were held in the schools. The reason so

much effort has been made in organizing *mitvzaim* to learn *halacha* is because the *rav* constantly noted the importance of learning practical, daily *halachos*.

Rabbi Marlow took great pleasure in the historic project unfolding before our eyes on the corner of Kingston and Eastern Parkway, the

construction of the Jewish Children's Museum of Tzivos Hashem. The *rav* would look out his office window at the construction site and derived great *nachas* from the sight.

The highlight of the evening's program was the report given by the director of the International Chabad Center to Greet Moshiach, Rabbi

CHIDON FOR YESHIVAS EREV "YEHUDA KALMAN"

The Yeshivas Erev "Yehuda Kalman" of Crown Heights, which numbers 250 boys, has been learning *hilchos Shabbos* the past few months, focusing on approximately one hundred selected *halachos*. The boys were tested in the presence of their parents and *mechanchim*.

Eighteen counselors worked with the boys. The hard work paid off when fifty boys were chosen in the first round as representatives in the public *chidon* that took place on Rabbi Marlow's *yahrtzeit*. *Rabbanim* and judges officiating at the *chidon* found it hard to pick a *chassan* due to the



children's extraordinary proficiency in the material.

On 23 Sivan there was a *siyum* for those who participate in the Yeshivas Erev. Rabbi Sholom Geisinsky praised the children for their efforts. The *siyum* and test were under the auspices of the Igud Menahelai HaYeshivos, organized by Rabbi Chaim Boruch Brody, and directed by Rabbi Hershel Lustig, principal of Oholei Torah, Rabbi Y.Y. Simpson, principal of Lubavitcher Yeshiva on Crown St., Rabbi Shmuel Dechter, principal of Lubavitcher Yeshiva on Ocean Parkway, and Rabbi Leibel Newman.

"TIFERES YEHUDA KALMAN"

Many people knew Rabbi Marlow: *lamdanim*, Chassidim, *rabbanim*, Crown Heights residents, women and children, and people around the world, many of whom were not Chabad Chassidim. Thousands of people could identify Rabbi Marlow, but his personality and qualities were unknown to most of them.

In honor of his first *yahrtzeit*, his close *talmidim* decided to publish a special book in his memory, a book that would describe his life and to the extent possible his *yiras Shamayim*, his *hiskashrus* and *bittul* to the Rebbe MH"M, and his tremendous scholarship and devotion to Torah.



The book begins with a *sicha* about the role of the *rabbanim* and goes on to other pertinent information about the Crown Heights *beis din*. Rabbi Marlow's son writes about his father, and 24 *rabbanim* from around the world submitted *halachic* treatises. There is an English section briefly relating Rabbi Marlow's biography. The English section has many practical aspects, including a list of *brachos* on 500 food items which Rabbi Marlow *paskened*. *Halachos* dealing with common issues that occur on Shabbos are included, and there is a brief synopsis of the *halachos* of *dash*, *s'chita*, and *mefarek* (threshing, squeezing, and extracting) from Rabbi Shimon Raitchik of Los Angeles.

M.M. Hendel. "The *rav* spoke about the fact that the community doesn't have an official guesthouse to host all the guests who come to Crown Heights throughout the year. Although Crown Heights' hospitality is famous throughout the world, it cannot handle the growing number of guests who come to the Rebbe, particularly during Tishrei.

Everybody knows what the Hachnasas Orchim organization

under the International Chabad Center to Greet Moshiach has done on behalf of the guests. However, except for two apartments made available by Rabbi Shneur Zalman Gurary, at present there are hardly any apartments exclusively for guests. If a couple or family wants to stay in these apartments, they have to reserve it half a year in advance.

Agreeing with the majority of community members, Rabbi Marlow

believed the situation needed improvement. After numerous meetings and after gaining the commitments of a number of generous individuals, Hachnasas Orchim now turns to the community with the request that each family takes part in this endeavor.

Rabbi Hendel presented a proposal in which those who sign an ongoing commitment to provide \$25 a month for at least 31 months, for a



Rabbi M.M. Hendel



Rabbi Y.Y. Marlow



Rabbi Yitzchok Raitport

sum totaling \$770, would be entered into a raffle of exclusive prizes, the first prize being \$100,000 cash!

The new building will be called "Beis Yehuda Kalman" in honor of the *rav*, and will be located a minute's walk away from 770. The ground floor will serve as a giant kitchen capable of supplying thousands of meals a day. Meals will be free for guests.

The next speaker was Rabbi Yitzchok Raitport, who made a *siyum* on *Hilchos Beis HaBechira*, which was concluded by those studying three chapters a day of Rambam. Rabbi Raitport referred to the Midrash about Hashem descending upon each

of the seventy *zekeinim*. This Midrash offers a lesson to every *rav* and spiritual leader who might wonder why he should bother taking on the yoke of *rabbanus*. He may feel that rendering judgments takes precious time away from his own learning. The Midrash describes how Hashem helps him in his work, a fact that is encouraging to realize. The Midrash gives us a completely new perspective about what a *rav* is all about, and Rabbi Marlow reflected this to perfection in his tireless devotion to the community - a true *rav*.

The final speaker, Rabbi Nissan Mangel, described how Rabbi Marlow exemplified five qualities mentioned

in the Gemara that are associated with a *talmid chacham*. A ten-minute video was shown of Rabbi Marlow, which included his speech at the unity rally to greet Moshiach at Yad Eliyahu Stadium in Tel Aviv on Beis Nissan 5755. Rabbi Marlow had flown to Eretz Yisroel especially for the event, emphasizing that he came in order to represent the Crown Heights community, who wanted to strengthen their brothers in Eretz Yisroel in their faith that the Rebbe is *chai v'kayam*. He proclaimed with the audience in the name of the Crown Heights community: "*Yechi Adoneinu Moreinu V'Rabbeinu Melech HaMoshiach l'olam Va'ed.*"

CHABAD HOUSES IN YESHA DISTRIBUTE SIFREI CHITAS AND PUSHKAS

Chabad houses in Yehuda, Shomron, and Gaza are busy with a campaign to bring a *Chitas* and *pushka* to every home and family throughout Yesha. Thousands of *sifrei Chitas* and *pushkas* have been distributed thus far at a very reasonable price. This project was initiated by Rabbi Yitzchok Yonasan Cohen, *shliach* in Karmeit Tzur and Alon Shvut.



The *mitvza* was organized and aided by the N'shei Chabad of Crown Heights. Hearing about the countless murderous attacks against

Jews on the roads of Yesha, they decided to get involved in this project of *shmira* - protecting the lives of the

citizens of Yesha.

The *mitvza* began after the murder of Dr. Shmuel Gliss of Karmeit Tzur. A few days later, Rabbi Shai Amar, *shliach* in Golden Beach, offered Rabbi Cohen his help. Rabbi Cohen was thrilled at the offer and within a short time 120 *sifrei Chitas* arrived. Rabbi Cohen distributed them free to all the residents of Karmeit Tzur *l'ilui nishmas* Dr. Gliss. Now, all the residents of Karmeit Tzur keep a *Chitas*

in their car for protection. As a result, many of them have begun learning the daily *shiurei Chitas*. Dr. Gliss' widow warmly thanked the organizers of the *mitvza*, *shluchim* Yitzchok Cohen and Shai Amar.

The terrible situation in Yesha initiated a chain reaction and other Chabad houses in Yesha expressed an interest. That's how a joint project of eight Chabad houses in Efrat, Mitzpeh Yericho, Alon Moreh, Karnei Shomron, Kiryat Arba, Atniel, and Matteh Binyamin, and Karmeit Tzur came to be. These Chabad houses began buying *sifrei Chitas* at half price. They include a *pushka* with a sticker which has information about the Chabad house in the area. Additional *sifrei Chitas* are purchased with the money that comes in from the sale of *Chitas*.

Many people have said that they feel encouraged by the fact that Jews across the sea are interested in supporting them. The *shluchim* are also pleased and find that people turn to the Chabad house for an encouraging word and to ask for a *bracha* through the *Igros Kodesh*.

A SPECIAL MEETING IN KISHINEV

Rabbi Zalman Abelski, chief Rabbi of Kishinev and Moldavia, and Rabbi Sholom Ber Freiman, *shliach* to Moldavia, met with the new president of Moldavia, Mr. Vladimir Varunin, representative of the communist party. Mr. Varunin wanted to hear Rabbi Abelski's views of religion and what is going on in Moldavia. They also discussed ways to improve the lot of the Jewish community. Mr. Varunin promised his help.



RABBI BORUCH SHIMON SCHNEERSON, ZT'L ROSH YESHIVAS "KOCHAV M'YAAKOV" - TCHEBIN

The Torah world is bereft upon the passing of Rabbi Boruch Shimon Schneerson, *zt'l*, *rosh yeshivas* Kochav M'Yaakov - Tchebin, member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah of Agudas Yisroel and one of the senior *roshei yeshivos* of the generation, who raised thousands of students.

The *gaon* was born in Krakow to Rabbi Yosef Moshe Schneerson, a descendent (son after son) of the Tzemach Tzedek. He was named Boruch after the father of the Alter Rebbe. His mother said that she saw a light in the house upon his birth and was confident that her son would become great in Torah.

Boruch was recognized as a talented youngster. For his *bar mitzva* he traveled to Rabbi Yisachar Dov, the Belzer Rebbe, who greeted him warmly and told the *gabbaim* to give him *Maftir* - something unheard of - and he became the talk of the town.

In his youth, Boruch traveled to learn with the extraordinary *gaon* Rabbi Chaim of Radomshila, who was known as an awesome *lamdan* and *yerei Shamayim*. By then, R' Boruch had become known as an incredible genius and was wondrously proficient in Torah. The *dayanim* of Cracow awarded him *smicha* for *rabbanus*.

With the outbreak of World War II, R' Boruch escaped to Russia, where he sat in a little village and learned uninterruptedly for five months. When the Communist authorities learned about him, they sent him to jail for a year. He remained another year in Siberia, where he became critically ill with typhus. At the point of death, he dreamed about the Belzer Rebbe, who told him to grab onto his belt to be saved, and that is what R' Boruch did.

R' Boruch spent five difficult years in Russia. He suffered terribly and underwent bitter trials. He was sick and had to stay in a hospital, where there were

other Jews who refrained from identifying themselves as Jews due to the danger involved. One day, a sick Jewish man in the bed next to R' Boruch noticed that he had covered himself with a sheet and was talking to himself. He surmised that the man must be *davening*, and was therefore Jewish. They established an ongoing learning session together in *Meseches Brachos*, with R' Boruch learning the entire tractate by heart!

When he was freed from Siberia R' Boruch went to Buchara, where he met the man who was destined to be his father-in-law, the *gaon* of Tchebin, *zt'l*, who had known him back in Lublin. The *tenaim* were made even under those difficult conditions.

R' Boruch Shimon Schneerson was one of the *gedolei ha'dor* who was especially close to the Rebbe MH"M. In 1948 he wrote an article about the Kehos publishing house, devoting many paragraphs describing his high regard for the work of the Rebbe, the son-in-law of the Rebbe Rayatz. He wrote how amazing it was that the Rebbe had recently arrived in America, yet had grasped the American mentality and penetrated to the depths of the souls of the younger generation as well as the old.

R' Boruch visited Chabad *yeshivos* in Yerushalayim, tested the *talmidim*, and reported to the Rebbe. In a letter dated 20 Nisan

5717, the Rebbe thanks him for the report.

R' Boruch's first visit to the Rebbe was in 5727. He reported that the Rebbe had spoken to him at length about the need for *talmidim* in *yeshivos* to establish fixed times to study Chassidus. On his next visit, the Rebbe spoke to him about the merits of a Shabbos generator that had been built in Kfar Chabad. The Rebbe asked him to encourage other neighborhoods and *mosdos Torah* to obtain one for their own use.

R' Boruch signed a proclamation encouraging



Mivtza T'fillin and participated in many Chabad events, like the *kinus ha'Torah* on Chaf Av 5744 in Kfar Chabad in memory of the Rebbe's father. At that time he said: "Many people wonder about Chabad's success and its development in Eretz Yisroel and around the world. *Chazal* revealed the secret to us: 'Whoever fulfills the Torah in poverty will, in the end, fulfill it in wealth.' Chabad Chassidim have in the past fulfilled and still do fulfill the Torah in poverty, especially those behind the Iron Curtain, with *mesirus nefesh* and under the most trying conditions. They, led by the holy Rebbeim, were the pioneers who went before the camp who guarded the holy spark. Nobody else deserves the fulfillment of Torah in wealth like they do."

R' Boruch testified that while he was in Russia he saw the *mesirus nefesh* of the Chassidim who were

sanctified and purified with *yisurim* and remained steadfast in their observance and *emuna*, all with the Rebbe's *ko'ach*. Four years ago, at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Tomchei Tmimim in Kfar Chabad, he noted: "Tomchei Tmimim underwent extremely difficult times in Russia. The *talmidim* learned Torah *lishma* day and night with *mesirus nefesh*, without expectation of greatness or reward."

R' Boruch Schneerson fell sick in recent months and returned his *neshama* On High on Shabbos Parshas Shlach. Thousands of *talmidim* and Chassidim participated in his funeral. He was laid to rest on Har HaMenuchos in the section of *rabbanim*, near the *tziyun* of his father-in-law.

WATER IN THE DESERT

The largest concentration of Jews in Ocean City, Maryland is the Israeli community which has been established there for years. In the last five years there has been a slow and steady revolution taking place among the *chevra* living there.

The energetic *shliach*, Rabbi Noam Cohen and his wife Kochava, founded an active *shul* and provide many Torah classes on a variety of topics. Thus far, dozens of lectures have been delivered by guest lecturers and *mashpiim*. There have been Shabbatons and *farbrengens*, all with authentic Jewish warmth.

"This place was a real spiritual desert," said Rabbi Cohen to *Beis Moshiach*, "and

every bit of progress, every project of *hafatzas ha'maayanos* is an accomplishment."

In the last two months a *bar mitzva* preparatory class was formed which the parents are thrilled about. Now with the summer season upon us, this tourist attraction is busy with

hundreds of thousands of visitors. The Chabad house has begun building a *mikva* as the nearest *mikva* is a three and a half hour drive away.

A significant portion of the funding has been provided by the Sibuni family who are ardent friends of Chabad and who help them in all their projects. Rabbi Gershon Grossbaum, *shliach* in Minnesota, is the *halachic* advisor, and Yigal Shatil is the experienced contractor who is building the *mikva*. "Now that we're completing the *mikva* and are enlarging the circle of those who observe the laws of family purity, *Yiddishkeit* here will look altogether different," concludes Rabbi Cohen.

