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LIVING WITH MOSHIACH AROUND THE WORLD

GIMMEL TAMMUZ FARBRENGEN IN 770

A thousand *shluchim*, *tmimim* and *Anash* gathered on *motzoei Shabbos* Gimmel Tammuz to *farbrenge* in Beis Moshiach 770. The *farbrenge* was organized by Rabbi Yaakov Herzog, the *gabbaim* of the *beis midrash* and the International Campaign to Bring Moshiach. It was actually a continuation of the *farbrenge* that took place all Shabbos as *mashpiim*, *rabbanim*, and *shluchim* sat together and encouraged one another to intensify the work in preparing the world to greet Moshiach.

A video of the Rebbe from Y u d - B e i s Tammuz 5645 was shown, in which the Rebbe stresses the eternal life of the Rebbe in this world.

R a b b i Shmuel Samuels



emceed the event. He called upon Rabbi Avrohom Osdoba, member of the Crown Heights *beis din*, who explained that what we learn from Korach's mistake is the importance of *hiskashrus* to the Moshe Rabbeinu of the generation. Despite the current situation, we must strengthen our *hiskashrus* to the Rebbe and fulfill his directives, particularly in intensifying our anticipation and belief in the *besuras ha Geula*.

Rabbi Shneur Zalman Gurary said that Gimmel Tammuz ought to shake up every Chassid and inspire him to do all in his power to hasten the Rebbe's *hisgalus*.

Rabbi Sholom Mendel Simpson, the Rebbe's secretary, spoke about being in the midst of three dates associated with *Geula*: Chaf-Ches Sivan (when the Rebbe arrived in America from wartorn Europe),

G i m m e l Tammuz, the *ischalta d geula* of the Rebbe Rayatz (his release from jail), and Y u d - B e i s Tammuz (his release from K o s t r o m a). Then came G i m m e l Tammuz 5754.

But every Chassid knows, based on the Rebbe's *sichos*, that since these



Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Posner



Rabbi Sholom Mendel Simpson



Rabbi Shneur Zalman Gurary



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Rabbi Tzvi Telzner

three dates are associated with *Geula*, Gimmel Tammuz 5754 didn't change that. Not only is there no change, but the experience itself is part of the *Geula* process. Everything that happens to the *Nasi HaDor* is with his consent; since Gimmel Tammuz 5754 occurred with the Rebbe's consent, it cannot contradict the Rebbe's prophecy of *Geula* and proclamation that the *Nasi HaDor* is the Moshiach of the generation.

How can we grasp this intellectually? The lesson from the beginning of Parshas Chukas, which was the *Chitas* for Gimmel Tammuz, relates to the laws of the red heifer, which we cannot understand and may not question. Our job is to believe what the Rebbe told us: These

dates are connected with *Geula*, and we are in the generation and time of *Geula*, despite anything that seems contradictory. We cannot acknowledge the Satan and his claims, for we must forge on and publicize the *besuras ha Geula*.

Rabbi Tzvi Telzner of London related several stories about the Rebbe illustrating that even if a prophecy of the Rebbe took years to be fulfilled, whatever the Rebbe said did end up happening as he said it would. So too with the Rebbe's prophecies of *Geula* they will all be fulfilled, and we mustn't be ashamed before those who mock us.

Rabbi Y.Y. Segal of Migdal Ha Emek said that Chassidim and the

conduct of the Rebbeim stress that the goal is not to break the physicality of the world, but to refine it. That is why the Alter Rebbe suffered in jail, even though, as R. Boruch of Mezhibuzh said, he could have burned Petersburg with a wave of his hand.

As Chassidim we must not fall into despair. We must cry out to Hashem and the Rebbe and say: *Enough!* We've gone through enough in these seven years! At the same time, we must intensify our efforts in the mission of publicizing to the world that the *Nasi HaDor* is Melech HaMoshiach and the prophet of the generation.

HUNDREDS OF SHLUCHIM AT BANQUET OF SIXTH MOSHIACH CONGRESS



Rabbi Zushe Silberstein, *shliach* in Montreal



Rabbi Shmuel Cheifer

On Sunday night, Motzaei Gimmel Tammuz, following *Maariv* with the Rebbe MH M, the crowds who had arrived in 770 proceeded to Oholei Torah for the Banquet of the Sixth Moshiach Congress.

The evening was emceed by Rabbi Mendy Hendel, Director of the International Center to Greet Moshiach, who also organized the event. Rabbi Hendel pointed out that the original Gimmel Tammuz in Russia was the beginning of *Geula*, even though it appeared otherwise so, too, we must look at this day as the beginning of *Geula*. He began the evening with Torah, *t filla*, and *tzedaka*, as is customary.

The lights dimmed and on a large video screen appeared the holy visage of the Rebbe MH M in a few choice selections on Moshiach and *Geula*. The Rebbe's cry, *Ker ah velt haint!* resounded throughout the hall. This was followed by the Rebbe demanding, Do everything in your power to bring Moshiach Tzidkeinu! The last scenes were of the Rebbe encouraging the singing of *Yechi*.



R. Micheol Chazan

After the video, Rabbi L.Y. Shapiro, secretary of the *Badatz*, was called upon to say the Rebbe's chapter of *T hillim*, followed by a heartfelt proclamation of *Yechi*. Following this, special *pushkas* for the building project of the Hachnasas Orchim were passed around and the participants gave *tzedaka* with the intent of speeding up the *Geula*.

The next speaker was Rabbi Zushe Silberstein, *shliach* in Montreal,

Canada, who spoke about our unique mission in these times. Throughout all the years, everything we did was with the Rebbe's *kochos*. So too now, when the Rebbe says I have done what I have to do, it is entirely up to us!

When Avrohom Avinu was told to bring his only son as a sacrifice, which was totally contrary to logic, intellect, and even the clear promise from Hashem, he did not flinch. He knew that just as the word of Hashem is always right, so too now. He did not attempt to read other interpretations into what he was told, to discern some hidden agenda. He got up early in the morning and set out on the road, even saddling his donkey himself. Avrohom Avinu knew that the nature of a test is not to ask questions.

We are in a similar situation, and our job is not to ask questions and raise doubts. The last message we heard from the Rebbe is, *Yechi Adoneinu Moreinu V Rabbeinu Melech HaMoshiach Lolam Va ed!* and we have to publicize this to the entire



Shluchim and *Anash* at the closing session held in Oholei Menachem

world.

The whole problem is that we look at the Rebbe as an ordinary human being. If we were true Chassidim we would not hesitate we would act!

Words that come from the heart enter the heart, the emcee pointed out, then called upon R. Micheol Chazan, Chairman of the Vaad Hakohol of Crown Heights, who welcomed the crowd in the name of the local residents, and thanked the International Center for all it does for the community.

The next speaker was Rabbi Shmuel Cheifer from Kfar Chabad, who indicated that there wasn't much left to say after the heartfelt words of Rabbi Silberstein. In the beginning of the sixties, I was with the Rebbe for Shavuot, and the Rebbe spoke passionately about the Jews left in Russia and asked that everyone say *I chaim* for the Jews of Russia. Apparently the Rebbe was not satisfied with the response, and the Rebbe screamed from the depths of his heart: Why don't they say *I chaim* for the Jews of Russia? This was an auspicious time and they could have

helped a large number of Jews cross the Iron Curtain! The Rebbe screamed and cried for a long time, and said repeatedly that this had been an auspicious time.

Awhile later I was in France, and I met the legendary *mashpia*, Reb Nissan Nemenov, *a.h.* I asked Reb Nissan what the Rebbe wanted from us at that *farbrengen*. How should we have known that it was such a propitious time? Reb Nissan told me then that when Chassidim are truly connected to the Rebbe, they know exactly what the Rebbe wants from them without having to be told.

We need to know what the Rebbe expects from us, and not, G-d forbid, to miss the point. We must publicize the prophecy of the Rebbe.

The emcee thanked Rabbi Cheifer for his words of *chizuk* and called upon Rabbi Zalman Liberov to address the assembly. With his characteristic fiery intensity Rabbi Liberov spoke at length about the significance of the day, and that we can witness today how the Rebbe is alive and well. He then went on to address the main point of such a gathering that it lead to practical action. He proffered the practical suggestion that every *shliach* who is based in an area that has a community of *Anash* should



From right to left: Rabbis Sholom Eidelman, Levi Yitzchok Shapiro, Shmuel Cheifer, and Moshe Morosov



Donation table for the new Hachnasas Orchim project



Rabbi Shneur Zalman Liberov



Rabbi Menachem Mendel HaKohen Hendel

encourage each individual to adopt a street or even a large apartment building as their personal project.

The emcee expressed the gratitude felt by all for Rabbi Liberov's down-to-earth suggestion, and proceeded to introduce the next item on the agenda. This was a specially produced video depicting the horrors of the current war going on in Eretz Yisroel. The terrible and painful images left the crowd stunned, and Rabbi Yekutiel Rapp, one of those in the forefront of all matters pertaining to *shleimus ha Aretz*, cried out: Look what is happening in the Holy Land, we must all take action and bring the words of the Rebbe to the people. His heartfelt words left a deep and profound impression on all present.

Up to the microphone stepped Rabbi Yitzchok Springer, *mashgiach* in 770, and a devoted soldier to all of



Rabbi Yitzchok Springer

the Rebbe's activities. He called upon everyone to proclaim after him three times: We protest! followed by *Yechi*, which is the only real solution.

The final speaker was Rabbi Akiva Wagner, *rosh yeshiva* of Tomchei Tmimim of Toronto, who discussed the connection between the Torah portion of the week and Gimmel

Tammuz. He concluded by saying that the answer to all questions and doubts is true *hiskashrus* to the Rebbe MH M *shlita*.

The event left a tremendous impact on all the participants, who in the following days returned to their places of *shlichus* to carry out the final mission.

YOM SH KULO MOSHIACH - IN PARIS

In addition to many Gimmel Tammuz *farbrengens*, Rabbi Dovid Shmuel Zavay, director of the Chabad House in Neuilly, organized a *Yom Sh Kulo Moshiach*. The comprehensive program included learning, lectures, and *farbrengens*.

On Sunday, Gimmel Tammuz, the marathon program continued from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. Participants studied the *maamer V Ata Tetzaveh* and *davened Shacharis*. For the remainder of the morning, participants learned *b chavrusa* with dozens of *bachurim* from Tomchei Tmimim in Brunoy such relevant topics as *inyanei Moshiach* and *Geula*, *nigleh* and Chassidus, in-depth study of the tractate Sanhedrin, *hilchos Melachim* of the Rambam, and *sichos kodesh*.

A parallel program for women included learning *sichos* with R. Emanuel Tubakna and Rebbetzin Perla Nemenov.

In the afternoon there were lectures on *inyanei Moshiach* and *Geula*. Rabbi Yechiel M.M. Kalmanson, *rosh yeshivas* Tomchei Tmimim in Brunoy, spoke on the topic of anticipating Moshiach at every moment; Rabbi Pinchas Pashtar spoke about *shleimus ha Aretz*; Mr. Yitzchok Touaty, educator and journalist, spoke about the generation of Moshiach.

The afternoon speakers were followed by a distinguished roster of individuals who responded to



The crowd listening attentively to the speeches



Anash and Tmimim learning b'chavrusa

questions from the participants. The guest of honor was Rabbi Hillel Pevsner, *rav* and *av beis din* of the *rabbanei Chabad* of France. Rabbi Pevsner discussed how to correctly identify Moshiach according to the *halachos* laid out by the Rambam in *Yad HaChazaka*. He also discussed the manner in which the Rebbe epitomizes these signs, and he encouraged the hundreds of Jews to continue in their strong faith in the imminent coming of the Rebbe MH M.

After a festive meal and two additional speakers, there was a *farbrengen* with *niggunim* and musical accompaniment.



R. Shlomo Brodowitz speaking



Rabbi Pinchas Pashtar speaking



Journalist Mr. Yitzchok Touaty



Rabbi Hillel Pevsner speaking



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GATHERING TO PROTEST THE ABANDONMENT OF JEWS IN ERETZ YISROEL

A protest gathering on behalf of *shleimus ha aretz* took place in Bnei Brak with dozens of *rabbanim*, *mashpiim*, *shluchim*, and communal figures. All speakers protested governmental restraint in response to attacks on Jews in Eretz Yisroel, a policy that endangers the lives of millions of Jews, particularly those living in Yesha.

Rabbi Yisrael Dubraskin of Kfar Chabad emceed the event. He defined the purpose of the gathering to protest the government's restraint in response to the murder of its citizens. The first speaker was Knesset Member Michael Kleiner, who said that it is strong faith that enables people to take the proper position regarding *shleimus ha aretz*. He said action should be taken without regard for pleasing other nations. We must do what we have to do and leave the rest to Hashem.

Rabbi M.M. Gluckowsky of Rechovot spoke about the pain the Rebbe expressed whenever he spoke about what could happen if the government would begin giving away land. He also quoted the Rebbe regarding the danger the Jews in Yesha would experience, particularly those in Chevron.

Boruch Marzel of Chevron spoke about a recent phenomenon in which many of those from the Center, and even the Left, are expressing that their views of the situation are changing. They are beginning to see that the mirage of peace has only been a cover-up for the murder of Jews and the conquering of Eretz Yisroel.

Marzel spoke about the bravery

SCANDAL: MEKUBAL AND CHASSID RABBI YITZCHOK GINSBERG IS ACCUSED OF INCITEMENT TO RACISM

The government and its enforcement arm is not able to fight terror because it's busy, busy with other things like prosecuting Rabbi Yitzchok Ginsberg, *rosh yeshivas Kever Yosef* and *rosh yeshivas Sholom al Yisrael* in Yericho,

for incitement to racism. The government's legal advisor, who is religious and wears a *kippa*, announced recently that he instructed police to open a criminal investigation over incitement to racism against Rabbi Ginsberg. Rabbi Ginsberg has a previous arrest for speaking out against the government's policy of restraint in response to Arab attack. At that time he had called upon Jews to defend themselves in any way possible, as it says, When somebody arises to kill you, rise up to kill him.

Rabbi Ginsberg recently published a new book, *Tzav HaShaa Tipul Shoresh*, a description of developments as they unfolded in Eretz Yisroel, and a presentation of workable solutions based on *halacha* and the Rebbe's *sichos*. The police have begun an investigation of Rabbi Ginsberg instead of focusing on closing breaches on roads between the cities of the Sharon, Tol Kerem and Kalkilia, from which terrorists and murderers penetrate into the heartland.

and the Jewish pride of those living settlement, the Jews told their Arab neighbors that the shooting is just as dangerous for them. The message



R. Volpe (speaking), Rabbi Avrohom Ben Shimon, Rabbi Ashkenazi, Rabbi S. Z. Gafni, Rabbi Zimroni Tzik, Rabbi Yeshaya Hertzal, Rabbi Zev Kesselman



Rabbi Dovid Chanzin arrives at the protest gathering



The father of Chaim Yehuda Shoham tells about the events from the time of the attack until the funeral

has penetrated the months-long non-stop shooting suddenly ceased. He also described the desecration of the old Jewish cemetery in which Rebbetzin Menucha Rochel is buried. The cemetery has been desecrated 17 times in recent months and no one has said or done anything in protest.

Rabbi Dovid Chanzin, one of the *ziknei rabbanei Chabad* who is a rare sight at events, came to protest the abandonment of Jewish lives in Eretz Yisroel. He said that today everybody sees what the terrorists objectives are. Rabbi Chanzin called for increased *hafatza* of Torah and Chassidus.

Rabbi Sholom Dov Ber Volpe spoke about the disgrace resulting from the government's stance. He declared his view that no government will help us; only Melech HaMoshiach can redeem the Jewish people from its *tzaros*.

Rabbi Mordechai Shmuel Ashkenazi spoke about the obligation to protest, as stated in the *Shulchan Aruch*, and mentioned the Rebbe's foresight of what the future held if the government refused to act according to *Shulchan Aruch* in this dangerous situation.

A video was shown of the Rebbe insisting that it is forbidden to give

away land to our enemies.

Towards the end of the evening, the father of five-month-old Chaim Yehuda Shoham (murdered by a rock that smashed his head), spoke about what has occurred since the attack. He called for Jews to strengthen their trust in Hashem and strengthen *hafatzas Torah* and *mitzvos*.

Rabbi Dovid Nachshon of the Chabad Mobile Mitzva Tanks spoke about the *emuna* that the Rebbe is Moshiach, and that the only way to redeem our present difficult situation is to follow the Rebbe's directives.

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