

# NEWS

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## HAKHEL MAIN THEME AT 46<sup>TH</sup> LYO CONVENTION

The 46<sup>th</sup> International Gathering of Tzeirei Agudas Chabad (Lubavitch Youth Organization) took place under the slogan of “Kahal Gadol Yashuvu Heina” (A Great Congregation will Return Here).

Rabbi Moshe Pesach Goldman, secretary of Agudas Chabad, opened the session and welcomed the participants. He introduced the chairman of the meeting, Rabbi Shmuel Butman, director of the L.Y.O. Rabbi Butman noted that the special theme of the year was already set forth by the Rebbe – to arrange gatherings of Torah, *t’filla* and *tz’daka* with men, women, and children.



Rabbi Yitzchok Gansburg (speaking), Rabbi Shmuel Butman, and Rabbi Tzvi Hirsch Gansburg



(From right to left) R’ Raskin, R’ Goldman, R’ Kastel, R’ Butman, R’ T. H. Gansburg



Rabbi Moshe Pesach Goldman (right), Rabbi Dovid Raskin (left)

“We see how the Rebbe foresaw everything. He directed us to follow a specific objective in *Hakhel* programming. As it says: ‘When you cry out, your gatherings shall bring you salvation’ – an antidote to our present intolerable situation,” said Rabbi Butman. “Generating a *shturm* about *Hakhel* gatherings throughout the world was the main focus of the

gathering, a *shturm* that will lead to the merit of the great *Hakhel* of, ‘A great congregation (*kahal*) will return here,’ with the coming of Moshiach.”

Rabbi Butman gave an account of the Sukkos *mitvza* operations that included constructing *sukkos* for public use, expanding outreach with mobile *sukkos* on wheels, and

providing the opportunity for the public to *bentch arba minim* throughout the city, all in conjunction with the Igud Talmidei HaT’mimim.

Rabbi Dovid Raskin, chairman of Tzeirei Agudas Chabad, briefly detailed the work performed by the LYO the past year and disclosed the organization’s plans for the coming year. Rabbi Raskin said that our job is to increase the radiance of the spiritual illumination of *mitzvos* throughout the world. “Those who had the privilege of seeing the Rebbe’s work from the beginning of his *nesius* saw that the Rebbe’s plans encompass the world as a whole and every Jew as an individual. Since we are moments before the *Geula*, we have to make sure to include every Jew,” Rabbi Raskin emphasized.

Rabbi Moshe Eliyahu Gerlitzky described the Rebbe’s first *farbrengen* in Otvotsk, Poland seventy years ago at a Simchas Beis HaShoeiva 5692. The Rebbe began at 8:30 p.m., and the entire night he discussed one topic after another in *nigleh*, *chassidus*, and *kabbala* until 6:00 a.m.!

Rabbi Yitzchok Gansburg spoke on his own behalf and on behalf of his brother, R’ Tzvi Gansburg, decades-long member of the *hanhala* of the International Tzeirei Agudas Chabad, who came to Crown Heights specifically to participate in this international gathering. R’ Tzvi Gansburg described the tremendous privilege in being a member of the *hanhala* of Tzach and to take part in the Rebbe’s work. Rabbi Yitzchok Gansburg spoke about the call of the hour, maintaining that come what may, we must go forward until we achieve the *hisgalus* of Melech HaMoshiach.

Rabbi Kasriel Kastel, director of programming of Tzach, reported about the work done in all branches



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throughout the year, including the *p'gishos* with Chabad and the annual Simchas Beis HaShoeiva celebrations organized in many different cities.

Reports were also heard from *shluchim* around the world about their efforts concerning the founding and expansion of *yeshivos*, schools and Chabad Houses, about activities designed to increase public awareness of the Rebbe's views on the topic of *shleimus ha'Aretz*, and about their activities intended to promote the coming and revelation of the Rebbe M"HM now.

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