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MAYOR GIULIANI, CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM 100 DAYS OF EDUCATION IN HONOR OF CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE REBBE MH"MM

RABBI SHMUEL M. BUTMAN OPENS CITY COUNCIL SESSION WITH SPECIAL PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE REBBE.



Offering thanks to G-d for His Benevolence. Rabbi Shmuel M. Butman, Director, Lubavitch Youth Organization, opening session of City Council in honor of the Rebbe. Standing for the prayer is Mark Green.

(New York, November 1, 2001) Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and the City Council proclaimed 100 Days of Education in honor of the Rebbe's Centennial year.

Mayor Giuliani noted in his proclamation that "[the Lubavitcher Rebbe] established more than 3,000 Lubavitch Centers in cities in Europe, Australia, Africa, Asia, and Israel, as well as in North America and South America, where they help people from

all walks of life enrich and strengthen their religious, educational, cultural and ethnical lives."

Mayor Giuliani also notes that New York City is taking pride that the

Lubavitch movement has its world headquarters in the city of New York since 1940.

In a special ceremony in City Hall Rabbi Shmuel M. Butman, Director, Lubavitch Youth

Organization, opened the session of the City Council with a special prayer in honor of the Rebbe. He noted that Psalm 100, which is now said in honor of the Rebbe's centennial year, speaks of the obligation to offer our thanks to G-d for all His benevolence in giving us, children, life, health, and sustenance.

Rabbi Butman also mentioned that in our liturgy every Shabbos we offer a special prayer for all those who serve the public faithfully, asking G-d to bestow His blessings upon them in all their endeavors in their public as well as in their private lives.



100 Days in honor of Rebbe. Council speaker Peter Valone presenting delegation of Lubavitch Youth Organization with proclamation in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

From R. Speaker Valone, Rabbi Shmuel M. Butman, Director, Lubavitch Youth Organization, Rabbi Dovid Raskin, Chairman, Lubavitch Youth Organization, Rabbi Yehoshua Dubrawsky, Member Executive Committee, Lubavitch Youth Organization.

R' CHAIM TZVI LIPSKER, A'H

Chaf-Ches Cheshvan marked the *Shloshim* of a pillar of the Chabad community in Petach Tikva for decades, R' Chaim Tzvi Lipsker, a'h.

On Isru Chag Sukkos of this year, Rabbi Lipsker participated in the *hanachas t'fillin* of his grandson. From there he went to the Merkas Chabad in Tel Aviv, where he served as principal of the Chabad *yeshiva* for young *baalei t'shuva*, Chazon Eliyahu. On the way to his office, he completed several telephone calls concerning *oifruf* arrangements for a student of the *yeshiva*. In his office he continued with the *oifruf* arrangements on the telephone, in the midst of which he had a stroke. He was rushed to the hospital where he lay unconscious for five days, finally succumbing on Chaf-Ches Tishrei at the age of 67.

R' Chaim Tzvi was born on 19 Shvat 5694 in Kutais, Georgia, to his parents, Rabbi Aryeh Leib and Malka, a'h. They named him after his grandfather, the *rav* of Poltava in the Ukraine. A few years after their marriage, R' Chaim Tzvi's parents were sent to Kutais by the Rebbe Rayatz, where they worked selflessly for the sake of Judaism in general and Chassidus in particular. R' Chaim Tzvi absorbed from his home life an atmosphere of *mesirus nefesh* and *hiskashrus* to the Rebbe.

In 5709, the family moved to Eretz Yisroel. They settled in Lud and were among the founders of Shikun Chabad in Lud. When Chabad Chassidim first began settling in Lud there were numerous difficulties, among which was significant opposition from leaders of the Histadrut and members of the Mapai party, both of whom attempted to thwart their presence in the city.

The Chabad *shul* was located in a house abandoned by Arabs during the War of Independence. One morning the Chassidim were surprised to discover a sign hanging over the *shul* that said "Moadon Histadrut" (Histadrut Club). R' Chaim Tzvi, then a young *bachur*, along with R' Yaakov Noach Strasburg, climbed up and removed the sign. Within a short time police arrived to arrest them, but the

bachurim protested. One policeman struck them and then made the arrests. Mrs. Malka Lipsker went to the police station and yelled, "The K.G.B. couldn't vanquish us in Russia, and you certainly won't be able to vanquish us!" After a time the *bachurim* were released.

Eventually, that brutal policeman found his way to Judaism and lived in Bnei Brak. He would often attend the Rebbe's *farbrengens*. One day the two met in an emotional encounter, thus closing the circle.

R' Chaim Tzvi studied in Tomchei T'mimim in Tel Aviv and Lud, married Shifra Sternberg, and subsequently served in the army. For over a decade he served in the I.D.F. in senior positions, participating in wars and special campaigns in defense of the Jewish people living in the Holy Land.

In 5716, when R' Chaim Tzvi served in Sinai, he was severely wounded by Fedayeen terrorists. Upon his recovery he went back to the army and served in logistical positions for battle units.

R' Chaim Tzvi left the army with a rank of major, but during the Yom Kippur War, as a reservist, he went up in rank to lieutenant colonel. In the reserves he served as commander of a quartermaster unit responsible for setting up a supply center on the frontlines. In this position he set up and ran supply centers, including one in the Fayid area on the western shore of the Suez Canal during the Yom Kippur War and one deep inside conquered territory in Lebanon during the Peace in Galilee campaign.

During his duty, R' Chaim Tzvi fulfilled the Rebbe's directive to print the *Tanya* on the western side of the Suez Canal. In all his positions he did a great deal for *hafatzas ha'Yahadus* and *hafatzas ha'maayanos*. Many of his subordinates remember the officer with a beard who was a tremendous role model.

After being released from the army, R' Chaim Tzvi continued to be involved in Israel's security. He was a





Demonstrating
for *shleimus*
ha'Aretz



R. Chaim Tzvi Lipsker, printing the
Tanya at the military base in Fayid.
On the right is Rabbi Nissan Mindel
and on the left is Rabbi Shlomo
Maidanchik

member of a forum of officers for security and peace, and he lectured throughout the country on *shleimus ha'Aretz*. He received great encouragement from the Rebbe for this work. In a number of private audiences he had with the Rebbe, the Rebbe spoke to him repeatedly about his obligation as a senior officer to work on behalf of *shleimus ha'Aretz*.

In the final decade of his life, R' Chaim Tzvi devoted himself to education, first serving as director of Yeshivas Noam Menachem, headed by Rabbi Yeshaya Weber, and then running Yeshiva Chazon Eliyahu in Tel Aviv. He worked devotedly in this *yeshiva*, until his passing, for students taking their first steps in *Yiddishkeit*.

For decades R' Chaim Tzvi ran the Chabad *kehilla* in Petach Tikva alongside the *rav* of the *kehilla*, Rabbi Dovid Chanzin. He served as *gabbai* and the *baal t'filla* in the Chabad *shul*, putting in great effort to expand the *shul* in all ways. His work also involved all aspects of the community; he was one of the founders of *mosdos chinuch Chabad* in the city. Many members of the Chabad *kehilla* feel the deep void of his passing.

In 5729, R' Chaim Tzvi went to the Rebbe. Chassidim in Petach Tikva had sent him with a joint *pa'n*. When he entered for *yechidus* he presented the *pa'n* to the Rebbe.

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much *nachas*. The *yechidus* lasted over forty-five minutes, during which the Rebbe spoke a great deal about R' Chaim Tzvi's obligation to use his position as senior officer in the reserves on behalf of *shleimus ha'Aretz*.

Many members of *anash* of Petach Tikva and around the world participated in R' Chaim Tzvi's funeral. Among those in attendance were Rabbi Dovid Chanzin, secretary of the *beis din rabbanei Chabad*, Rabbi Yitzchok Yehuda Yaroslavsky, the *rav* of Cholon, Rabbi Yochonon Gurary, and *shliach* in Tel Aviv, Rabbi Yosef Gerlitzky.

R' Chaim Tzvi Lipsker is survived by sons and daughters who are involved in *hafatzas ha'maayanos*.