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*A new website displaying the art of Baruch Nachshon, artist from Chevron. * The first virtual exhibition is about Geula*

After much advance preparation, a new website was launched of artist Baruch Nachshon's paintings. The website promotes Nachshon's works and makes them available to the broadest possible audience.

For years, Nachshon has wanted to implement the task the Rebbe gave him "to correct the *chush ha'tziyur* (the talent for painting) in the world," undeniably a difficult task. "I received this job in *yechidus*, and since then I feel the weight of responsibility on me," said Nachshon to *Beis Moshiach*. "At that *yechidus*, the Rebbe gazed at me and said, 'Many generations have gone by and the *chush ha'tziyur* has not been corrected in a kosher manner. You will correct it. Your *neshama* came down to the

world in order to properly correct the *chush ha'tziyur*.'

"Since then, I have continuously worked to fulfill what the Rebbe said to me. All the guidance and directions I've received from the Rebbe over the years solidified for me the proper approach to art, especially art *al taharas ha'kodesh*. A lot of *kochos* are needed to carry this out, especially so as not to compromise on *halacha*.

"In the *z'chus* of the Rebbe's *brachos* I was able to disseminate thousands of paintings around the world, but until now, we did not have a framework in which to implement another directive of the Rebbe: "Your pictures ought to be in every Jewish home." I was so busy painting that I

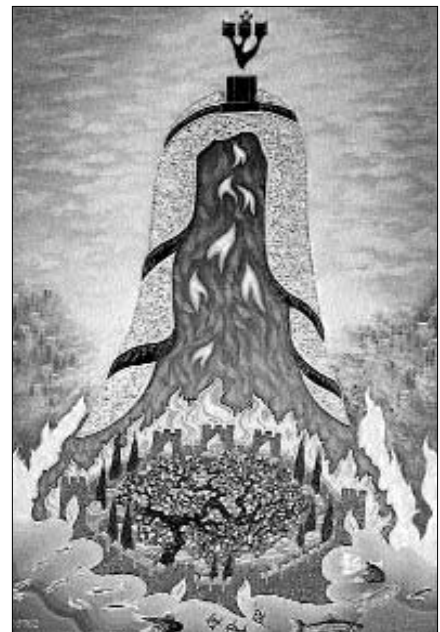
had hardly any time to deal with distribution. What I've managed to achieve, I credit the *shluchim* around the world, who helped me. Thanks to them, my paintings are in the homes of thousands of Jews. But I hadn't gotten to the stage where I could say I did everything I could so that my paintings would be available to all Jews.

"I decided to set up a special display on the Internet. Everybody can see the artwork on their computer screen, and can select the ones they want to buy. The website was put up with the help of my sons, Yitzchok and Yosef, who runs activities at the Chabad House of Kiryat Arba."

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The Rebbe visiting Baruch Nachshon's art exhibit in 5739



A picture from the *Geula* gallery

The Rebbe once attended an art exhibition given by Nachshon near 770. For forty minutes the Rebbe examined the pictures, made comments, and when he was about to leave he said that the exhibit had given him great *nachas*.

The plan is for the virtual exhibition to change every few months with a new series of pictures presented according to topic, with a detailed explanation of each picture according to *chassidus*. The site is extremely well done and is aimed at those who love Jewish art. Everybody can look at the pictures and enjoy them.

In a conversation we had with Yosef Nachshon, he said, "We thought about how to put up a website without gimmicks and special effects, one that quietly

conveys an atmosphere of artistry. We visited with experts of Internet sites for museums and art displays, and only then did we begin to come up with what we wanted for our site.



"The first display is about Moshiach and *Geula*. There are dozens of painting of the Beis

HaMikdash, Eliyahu announcing the *Geula*, *simchas ha'Geula*, etc.

"The website is in Hebrew and English, and we plan to add at least five more languages. The site's virtual store is in advanced stages of construction, and very soon anybody will be able to buy these paintings from anywhere in the world.

"Anyone who wants to use the paintings in books, brochures, invitations and gifts can do so legally only after receiving permission."

When we asked Baruch Nachshon about his dreams for the site he said, "*Halevai* we should be able to convey the message of Judaism through the paintings, which have explanations according to *chassidus*."

THE CHILD LIVED IN THE REBBE'S Z'CHUS

At a "Shabbos with Chabad" in Eilat, the following story was told by Guy of Hertzeliya:

"I'd like to share with you a miracle I had with the Rebbe. When my daughter Chaya Mushka was born, the doctors detected a serious problem with her heart. A few days after her birth, they decided to do an operation. My wife and I were beside ourselves. We made the decision for the surgery when we weren't at home and all we had with us was a *yoman* (diary) from dollars.

"My wife wrote the Rebbe a letter and put the letter in that booklet.

When she opened it, we read something the Rebbe said on 22 Shvat, the *yahrtzeit* of the Rebbetzin (whom are daughter is named after). The Rebbe gave someone two dollars and said, "*Kiflaim l'tushiya*" (double strength).

"A few hours later my wife met a Lubavitcher friend, and when she heard that our daughter was sick and needed an operation, she gave my wife a dollar from the Rebbe. 'It should be a *segula* until she's better,' she said.

"The next day, my wife went to a Yud-Alef Nissan *farbrengen* at the

Chabad House in Hertzeliya, at the end of which was a raffle for a dollar from the Rebbe. My wife was astonished when she won the raffle. When she came home, she said happily, 'Now the Rebbe gave me two dollars, *kiflaim l'tushiya*.'

"Two days later we went for another examination, and the doctors could not believe their eyes: The heart showed no problem whatsoever!"

With tears in his eyes, Guy pointed at the baby he held and said, "This baby is alive through the Rebbe's miracle."

R' MORDECHAI KOZLINER, A'H

The outstanding *chassid*, Rabbi Mordechai (Mottel) Kozliner, a'h, recently passed away at the age of 71. He suddenly lost consciousness on Shabbos morning, and was rushed to the Kaplan Hospital in Rechovot where he passed away. News of his passing after Shabbos came as a shock to his family, to the residents of Nachalat Har Chabad and to *Anash* in general.

R' Mottel was born on Acharon Shel Pesach 5690 (1930) in Nevel in the Ukraine, to his father, R' Chaim Shneur Zalman, a man of *mesirus nefesh*. He was always proud that his birth certificate stated his city of birth as the Chassidic town of Nevel.

R' Mottel studied secretly as a boy along with other children of Chassidim, with his grandfather, R' Chaim Elazar Gorelick. In 5695 his grandfather was imprisoned and exiled to Kazakhstan for being a *melamed*. R' Mottel's grandmother wanted to join her husband. So R' Mottel, a young boy at the time, was sent along to help her on the difficult trip from Russia to Kazakhstan.

When R' Mottel grew older, he learned in underground *yeshivos* with many of the great Chassidim, including R' Nissan Nemenov.

During World War II, he and many other Chassidim arrived in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, where it was a little quieter than other cities in wartime. At the war's end, he and his family went to Lvov in order to smuggle themselves over the border, but that plan did not work out. On a Shabbos morning in the winter of 5707, police came to arrest his parents. His mother Tzippa, a'h, was arrested, but his father, who wasn't home at the time, was saved. R'

Mottel, at that time only 16 years old, was also arrested for a few hours, but subsequently released.

When his family did not succeed in leaving Russia, they moved to Chernovitz. R' Mottel married Zelda Kopovsky and lived in Tashkent, where his mother-in-law lived.

R' Mottel was a true *chassid*, a



pnimi and a *baal mesirus nefesh*. While in Russia, he always sought out Jewish boys and convinced them to learn Torah secretly. He was also very involved in building *mikvaos* with great *mesirus nefesh*.

Two years before moving to Eretz Yisroel, R' Mottel began a special campaign of sending manuscripts to the Rebbe. He searched for *sifrei chassidus* and manuscripts unavailable on the market, and give them to any *chassid* who was able to leave Russia to deliver some of these writings to the Rebbe.

R' Mottel was himself able to leave Russia in the summer of 5731, at which time he too smuggled out many manuscripts to the Rebbe.

Upon arriving in Eretz Yisroel, R' Mottel was appointed *mashpia* in Tomchei T'mimim in Kiryat Gat. At the beginning of 5732, he got an order from Rabbi Chadakov to open a branch of Tomchei T'mimim in Nachalat Har Chabad for immigrant children. Rabbi Binyamin Gorodetzky, the Rebbe's representative, provided the main push to make it a reality. In order to do his work properly, R' Mottel moved to Nachalat Har Chabad.

How symbolic that R' Mottel's residence until his final day was situated such that his windows overlooked the *yeshiva*. He dedicated his life to the *yeshiva* and he cared about the success of each student. For many years, immigrant children from impoverished homes learned in the *yeshiva*. In recent years, a *yeshiva* was opened for new immigrants with the same curriculum and schedule as any other Tomchei T'mimim *yeshiva* in the world.

R' Mottel was a *chassid* and *mekushar* to the Rebbe. He fought to correct the law of *Mihu Yehudi* and for *shleimus ha'Aretz*. He met with *rabbanim* and *Admurim* for these causes.

R' Mottel was also very hospitable. He hosted one person who had become a *baal t'shuva* in his house for three years!

R' Mottel was a walking treasury of Chassidic stories. He knew the stories of many Chassidim, starting with the Chassidim of the Alter Rebbe until the present time. At *farbrengens* he would relate stories

about various Chassidim. In general, R' Mottel's *farbrengens* were famous. He would weave together stories of the Rebbeim with *divrei chassidus* which he explained in his unique manner.

Those who participated in R' Mottel's last *farbrengen* say it was a special *farbrengen*. During the afternoon of Chaf Kislev, a few days before his sudden death, R' Mottel *farbrenged* with *talmidim* of Tomchei T'mimim and *Anash*. R' Mottel was very happy and took a lot of *l'chaims*. After the *farbrengen*, somebody asked him why he was so happy, and R' Mottel answered with a smile, "At the *farbrengen* I was reminded of a *farbrengen* in Russia in which *ziknei ha'Chassidim farbrenged*. These memories made me very happy."

R' Mottel's *levaya* left from Yeshivas Tomchei T'mimim, which he had run for so many years, and passed the main *shul* of Nachalat Har Chabad on the way to Har HaMenuchos. His neighbor and friend, Rabbi Levi Pressman, spoke words of parting, and in a voice choked with tears mentioned the two elders who were *melamdin* whose

students were sent to learn in Tomchei T'mimim in Lubavitch, thus giving the Rebbe Rashab much *nachas*. These were the father, R' Chaim Shneur Zalman Kozliner, who was especially close to the Rebbe Rayatz, and the second *melamed* was his son, R' Mottel, who was *moser nefesh* for *chinuch* wherever he lived,



whether in Chernovitz or Tashkent.

When the *levaya* reached Yerushalayim, his *mechutan* R' Shmuel Elazar Halperin spoke. "R' Mottel had a special *mesirus nefesh*; indeed the entire family were *baalei mesirus nefesh*. Until his last day, R' Mottel cared about every student in

his *yeshiva*. We pray that his sons succeed in enlarging the *yeshiva* which was founded to give *nachas ruach* to the Rebbe."

Hundreds of Lubavitcher Chassidim participated in his funeral from all over the country, among them: Rabbi Leibel Groner; Rabbi Moshe Havlin, rav of Kiryat Gat; Rabbi M.M. Gluckowsky, rav in Rechovot; Rabbi Y.Y. Yaroslavsky, secretary of the Beis Din Rabbanei Chabad; Rabbi Boaz Yurkowitz, rav in Lud; Rabbi Shlomo Maidanchik, director of Aguch; and many others.

R' Mottel left seven children – five daughters and two sons. His sons are Rabbi Avrohom Kozliner of Crown Heights and Rabbi Shmuel Elazar Kozliner of Kiryat Gat. His daughters: Mrs. Chaya Stroks of London, Mrs.

Sarah Halperin of Nachalat Har Chabad, Mrs. Duba Raskin of Kfar Chabad, Mrs. Miriam Moskal of Florida, and Mrs. Rivka Lifshitz of Florida. Rabbi Kozliner is also survived by his wife, and his two sisters, Mrs. Devora (Vara) Boroshansky and Mrs. Dreiza Levin.

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