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As our third decade nears completion we are filled with a sense of pride and gratitude. Pride in the beautiful community we have become and gratitude to you for partnering with us in this revolutionary endeavor. Your commitment and support is what enables us to reach out to every Jew in the region regardless of social status, background or affiliation.

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The Rabbi's Message



Chanukah is upon us once again.

It is an opportunity to connect to our ancestors of ancient times who battled to preserve our precious traditions. By commemorating the miracle of the oil that expressed G-d's love for His people, we celebrate our religious freedom and the right to be who we are.

At the heart of this festival is the kindling of the Chanukah Menorah. We do not merely light all eight candles every night. Rather, on the first night we light

one candle. On night two we add a second until the eighth night we have a fully lit Menorah.

The relevant message is clear: We must strive to constantly increase in light. Never be satisfied with past accomplishments. Each new day is a fresh opportunity to reach new heights.

Entering the fourth decade of Chabad in El Paso we are proud of our accomplishments but our vision is focused on the future. There is much opportunity and potential in our desert town. Join the ongoing revolution of Jewish identity and education. As individuals and as a community we are building a Jewish today and ensuring a Jewish tomorrow for our children.

May you and your family be blessed with a joyous and bright Chanukah.

Rabbi Yisrael Greenberg



From Our Mail Box



Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Greenberg,
Thank you for the excellent hospitality you provided during Yom Kippur services yesterday. Yom Kippur was always my father's favorite holiday. He thought of it as a Jewish strength that we ask G-d to forgive us for sins as a nation, assuming joint responsibility. He left the synagogue after the shofar telling us the Jews would return next year. You helped me remember those days.

Sincerely yours,
SE

Rabbi,
Thank you for allowing me and my father to join your congregation for the Rosh Hashanah Shacris and Shofar blowing. Please excuse any of our ignorant behavior; we've

never been in a shul before!

Your service has inspired us to continue growing in Torah and mitzvos and to maybe sometime return for another service at the Chabad center.

Sincerely,
E. and H.

Dear Rabbi Yisrael and Chana and Rabbi Levi and Shainy,

Thank you for the New Year's "Lekach" sweet honey cake and good wishes for the New Year 5776.

I hope the the coming year brings you and your families health and happiness.

I look forward to seeing you at only good and happy occasions, where we can enjoy life.

Again, my best to you all.
Fondly,
R.B.

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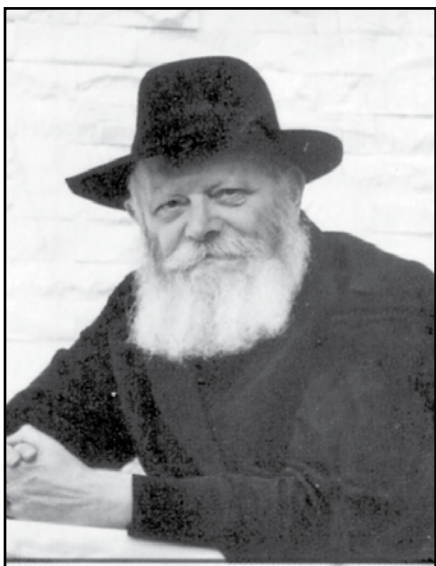
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A Holiday Message from The Lubavitcher Rebbe



The message of Chanukah is important and timely to all Jews, but even more so to Jews living in surroundings with comparatively little Jewish vitality and activity. It is precisely in such circumstance that Chanukah offers many a useful lesson. One such lesson I wish to make the subject of this message.

It is noteworthy that the Chanukah lights must be kindled after sunset, when it is dark outside, unlike the lights that were kindled in the Beth Hamikdosh [Holy Temple] much earlier, or the Sabbath lights kindled on Friday before sunset.

There is another difference: the Beth Hamikdosh - and the Sabbath-lights have their place indoors, while the place of Chanukah lights is at the entrance to the home (when Jews lived freely in their land, the place was outside the entrance). Finally, there is yet another distinction: in the former two cases the lights remain the same, while the Chanukah lights are increased every night.

The lesson which seems to be indicated by the Chanukah lights is that besides lighting up the home (Sabbath lights) and the synagogue and Yeshiva (substituting for the Sanctuary of old), the Jew has the additional responsibility of lighting up the "outside," the whole environment. Moreover, when conditions are unfavorable (it is "dark" outside), it is then not enough to make a light and maintain it, though it is also an achievement in view of the darkness; but it is necessary to steadily increase the lights, through steadily growing efforts to spread the light of Torah and mitzvot, to illuminate not only one's home, but the whole environment as well...

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CHANUKAH AT CHABAD?

We invite you to celebrate with us!

Sunday, November 22:

We want y'all to be prepared for Chanukah in style. Once again, Home Depot (Mesa and Remcon) will be hosting a special Chanukah workshop. This time we will be creating Rocket Dreidels! Kids and adults alike will have a grand time with this novel craft. Piping hot latkes and joyous holiday music will round off this awesome event. See page 6 for details.

Wednesday, December 2:

The Jewish Women's Circle is proud to present a pre-Chanukah event for women: The Art of Gift Wrapping and Creative Bows. Discover tips from the pros to greatly enhance your gift

giving this Chanukah. A dessert buffet you don't want to miss and donut frying will round off the social evening. See page 8 for details

Sunday, December 6:

The event we are all waiting for! This year Chabad will be hosting the Chanukah Playland. Enjoy awesome inflatable ride by InterExtreme: Featuring the brand new Big Baller, Rock Mountain, Giant Double Lane Slide and more. Try your hands at various Chanukah themed arts and crafts projects as well as donut making & decorating. Of course there will be a grand outdoor Menorah lighting. BBQ style dinner will be for sale. See page 6 for details.

Wednesday, December 17:

Chabad will be hosting a Chanukah party for the residents of The Monte Vista senior living community.

Motzei Shabbat (Saturday Night) December 12th:

Join us for Maariv and Havdalah services followed by the lighting of the grand outdoor Menorah, a film and Chanukah refreshments.

Sunday, December 13:

Celebrate the last night of Chanukah at the eighth public menorah lighting and a sushi bar! 5:00pm

Total Dedication to Goodness Highlights Chabad-Lubavitch Annual Gala

A Hakhel gathering of inspiration for 5,200 at the International Conference of Emissaries

By Karen Schwartz

Gary Stein spent a weekend earlier this month learning about Chabad - in depth and in person. He left Vacaville, Calif., last week at the invitation of Rabbi Chaim Zaklos, co-director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Solano County, and the two made their way to New York City, joining a group of 5,200 Chabad rabbis and guests from 86 countries converging for the annual International Conference of Chabad-Lubavitch Emissaries (Kinus Hashluchim).

The conference, now in its 32nd year, offered a chance for the rabbis to recharge their batteries in an atmosphere of camaraderie and inspiration before returning to their communities. It also gave community members the opportunity to better appreciate the global impact of Chabad-Lubavitch and its underlying philosophy, and spend some quality time with fellow Jews from around the world.

Which is exactly what Stein, who participates in Shabbat dinners and attends guest lectures at his area Chabad center, was looking for: "I wanted to get more of an idea of the worldwide spirit of Chabad. It's hard to get that from someone just telling you about it."

"The highlight for me was being at the resting place of the Rebbe," said Stein, who was also moved by experiencing the "dedication of those gathered there. I've never seen anything like it."

This being a Hakhel year - a year focused on unity gatherings in rededication to Torah and mitzvot - made it especially important for the emissaries to come together.

The biblical Hakhel took place once every seven years at the conclusion of the Sabbatical (Shemittah) year, and brought Jewish men, women and children to the Temple in Jerusalem to be inspired by the Torah, which was read by the king. During Hakhel years past, the Rebbe would regularly urge Jews worldwide to assemble and inspire one another to increase in Torah observance and study.

The Rebbe's Hakhel message is both universal and personal: to unite everyone together to focus collectively on ever more Torah and mitzvot, as well as



Largest family photo: Over 2,000 Chabad Emissaries pose in front of Lubavitch World Headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway.



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Moshe Holtzberg, son of Rabbi Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg o.b.m. - the Chabad emissaries to Mumbai, India - recites psalm 114 at the International Convention.

encourage each individual to "bring together" his and her own mind and heart—to sync and unite their own actions with their intentions, with the unifying intent of serving G-d.

This unity and rededication was perhaps best exhibited at the Sunday-night gala dinner in the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal. The room swelled with people gathered to rejoice in community and the work of Chabad.

An honored guest at the banquet was Moshe Holtzberg—the surviving child of Rabbi Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg, who were murdered in a November 2008 terror attack on their Chabad House in Mumbai, India. He lead the assembled in reciting a chapter of Psalms.

Moshe walked up to the stage assuredly and in a voice ringing with confidence read to a captive audience with nary a

dry eye in the room. His crisp words hung in the air and were followed by thunderous applause.

The keynote speaker was Rabbi Shloime Chein, co-director of the Rohr Chabad Student Center in Santa Cruz, Calif., who spoke movingly about how the work of a Chabad emissary couple is more than something they do for a living, but who they are.

"The Rebbe's standards are astonishing, both in the boundless energy and the utilization of every moment," he stated. "And this is a bracha the Rebbe gives us. By setting the standards so high, the Rebbe in effect empowers us to reach our own unfathomable heights. The more we live and breathe our shlichus, the more strength we discover within ourselves, allowing us to inspire Jews in ways that no one thought possible. This is the work ethic

- the very identity - the Rebbe imbued within the shaliach.

He credits much of his inspiration—both as a boy and an aspiring shaliach—to the Rebbe, and as such told some powerful childhood anecdotes that have remained with him.

Chein urged his fellow shluchim to redouble their efforts to spread Jewish awareness, joy and Torah knowledge despite any difficulties they may encounter.

"And together with the shaliach is the lay leader," he continued, glancing around the room at the many guests present. "The Rebbe insisted on calling you partners, rather than donors. A donor contributes to a cause outside of himself. A partner has a vested interest in the cause; it concerns him personally.

"I believe I echo the sentiments of every shliach and shlucha when I say, we feel blessed by this partnership. For your crucial support, we are eternally grateful. And of your abilities, we are in awe. You are able to influence frontiers beyond our reach. There are Jews, who for whatever reason, won't come to the rabbi's home for a Shabbat dinner or Hakhel gathering, but they feel honored to be invited to your Shabbat table or your Hakhel social. There are people who won't yet come to a Chabad center for a class, but they are delighted to attend a lunch-and-learn in your office.

"There are Jews for whom what the rabbi does might seem old-fashioned, but when you do it, it seems hip. With your talents, ambitions and accomplishments, you possess keys to doors that are still closed before us. You bring Abraham's mission and the Rebbe's calling to places only you can.

"And in truth," he emphasized, "this must become the modus operandi of each Jew. All around us, all the time, are opportunities to turn a serendipitous moment into a shared mitzvah. We must seize these opportunities."

In his talk, the rabbi drew from deep personal experiences of persistence in the face of adversity, which also was the topic of a video of how the Rebbe inspired and guided

Daily Study of Maimonides' Works

Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon, Talmudist, Halachist, physician, philosopher and communal leader, known in the Jewish world by the acronym "Rambam" and to the world at large as "Maimonides," is one of the most important figures in the history of Torah scholarship; on his gravestone were inscribed the words, "From Moses to Moses, none arose as Moses."

Today, many hospitals and schools across the globe are named after Maimonides; and to this day, students worldwide pore over his scholarly works.

Moshe was born in Cordoba, Spain, on the 14th of Nissan (the eve of Passover) of the year 4895 (1135 C.E.). His father Maimon, a direct descendant of King David, was a judge in the city's rabbinical court. His mother passed away when he was yet a small child, some suggesting that his younger siblings were born after Maimon remarried.

At the age of thirteen, his family was forced to flee Cordoba when a fanatic Islamic sect took control of the city; the Jews were attacked by rioters and many synagogues were destroyed.

Moshe and his family traveled from place to place looking where to relocate. Not finding anything suitable in Spain, he and his father and younger brother, David, moved to Fez, Morocco, for five years. In 4925 (1165 C.E.), he visited the land of Israel and then moved to Alexandria, Egypt. Later, he settled in Fustat, today known as Old Cairo, where he lived until his passing.

Maimonides' magnum opus is his codification of Jewish law, which he called Mishneh Torah, or "second to the Torah." The fourteen volume work is a logical systematic codification of Jewish law.

Prior to Maimonides, in order to know Jewish law, one would have to learn the entire Talmud. And since the Talmud itself as at times indecisive, often incorporating conflicting opinions on Jewish law, it was necessary to then study the various commentaries, which clarified the final law.



Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon - Moses Maimonides

The difficulty was, however, that the Talmudic rulings – as well as the aforementioned commentaries – were not organized in a strictly encyclopedic, logical fashion, making research extremely taxing. For example, in order to study the laws of Shabbat by exploring the Talmud, one needs to search through tens of tractates.

Maimonides was the first one to index the entire body of Oral Law – both Talmuds, the various halachic Midrashim, later works authored by the Geonim, and even kabbalistic texts – and compile it all in a logical and systematic fashion.

Maimonides codified the laws of Shabbat, holidays, prayer, dietary laws, and the laws that regulate the Jew's daily life. He also wrote a section on eating healthy, fitness, and mental health—teaching future learners that all our actions should be permeated with holiness and G-dliness. "The health and wellbeing of the body," he writes, "is part of

one's service of G-d."

The Mishneh Torah also incorporates the basics of Jewish thought and belief.

Another unique component of the volumes is that they are not limited to laws that pertain to our day and age, which constitute only a small part of the 613 biblical commandments, but also include laws that will pertain to the Messianic era, such as the laws of tithing, the Jubilee Year, and the Temple service.

In this area, Maimonides was more than a trailblazer; to this very day the Mishneh Torah remains the only work of this scope. No other work – authored beforehand or afterwards – covers the entire corpus of Jewish law. (Even the commentaries on Jewish law

authored before Maimonides omit the laws that were not germane at the time.)

In the spring of 1984, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of righteous memory, called for an innovative addition to the daily study schedule of every Jewish man, woman and child. He suggested that everyone study daily a portion of Maimonides' Mishneh Torah.

- The Rebbe suggested a three-track system: For those capable, a three chapter per-day schedule, completing the Mishneh Torah in slightly less than one year.

- For those who lack the time to study three chapters a day, a one chapter per-day program that lasts close to three years.

- For those whose level of scholarship doesn't allow for the study of Mishneh Torah, the Rebbe suggested that they study every day from Maimonides' Sefer Hamitzvot, the "Book of Commandments," those commandments being studied in great detail by those participating in the three chapter per-day regimen - concluding all 613 commandments in the same course of time.

This suggestion was enthusiastically accepted by tens of thousands, bringing Maimonides' works to unparalleled prominence.

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different shluchim who faced various challenges over the years. All of them wound up succeeding in their missions.

In Chein's case, his challenge was in fighting a rare autoimmune disease that he eventually overcame.

Meanwhile, Gary Stein said he appreciated the chance to spend time in Crown Heights, and felt that he will return

to California with a far better understanding and appreciation of the Rebbe and his teachings.

"I knew the Rebbe was very meaningful to Rabbi Zaklos," he said. "So I thought I should get to know more about him. Now I'm much more impressed with the depth of his influence on the Chabad community and the Jewish world."



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The Splattered Gem

On the 19th of Kislev of the year 5559 (1798), Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi - the founder of Chabad Chassidism – Known as the Alter Rebbe - was released from his imprisonment in the Peter-Paul fortress in Petersburg, where he was held for 53 days on charges that his teachings threatened the imperial authority of the Czar.

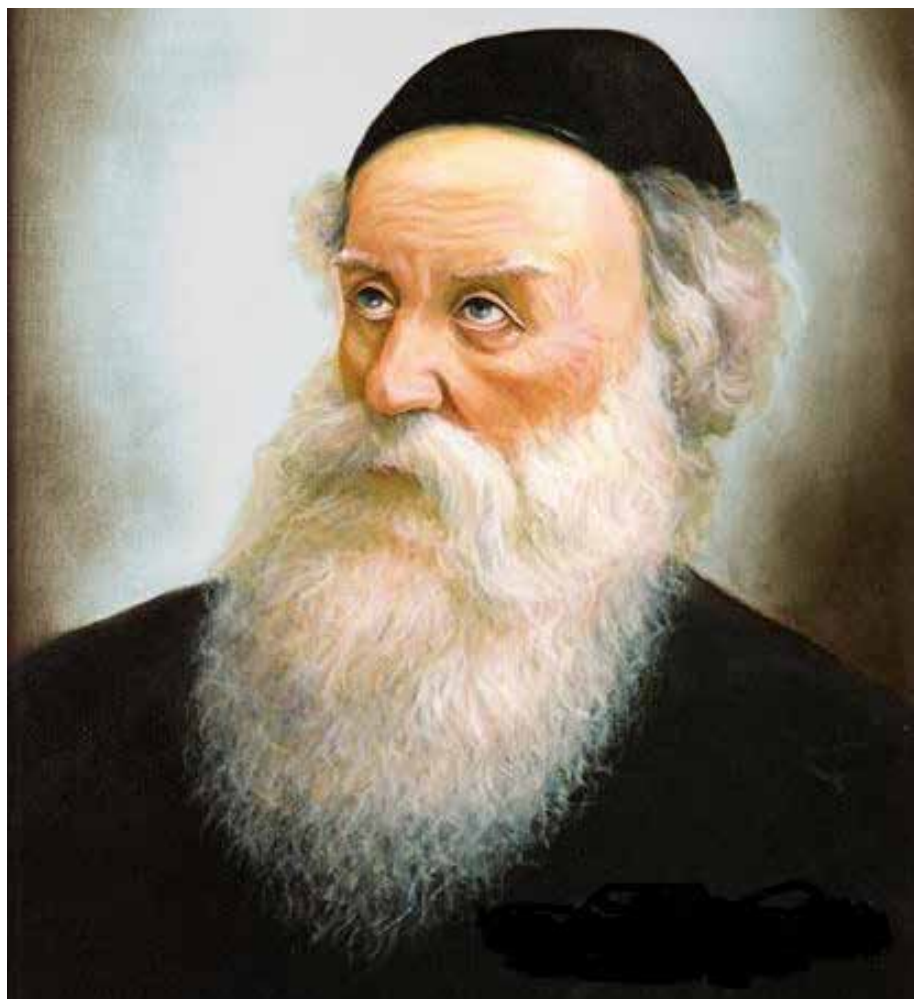
More than a personal liberation, this was a watershed event in the history of Chassidism heralding a new era in the revelation of the “inner soul” of Torah, and is celebrated to this day as “The Rosh Hashanah of Chassidism.” In honor of the 19 of Kislev (celebrated this year December 1) we present to you a story of the Alter Rebbe.

Among the disciples of Rabbi DovBer of Mezeritch (the second leader of the chassidic movement, d. 1772) were many who argued that the sanctity of the esoteric teachings revealed by their master must be safeguarded and shared only with a select few. Others, chief amongst them Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, were of the opinion that they must be circulated as widely as possible. They transcribed Rabbi DovBer's teachings, made many copies, and actively distributed them to the wider Jewish community.

One day, one of these transcriptions was discovered languishing in a mound of garbage. The sight of this caused great pain to all of Rabbi DovBer's disciples, and renewed the critique of those who cheapened their master's holy words with their indiscriminate distribution. Rabbi Schneur Zalman responded with a parable:

“Once upon a time,” he began his tale, “there was a mighty king who had an only son. Wishing his son to grow in wisdom and might, he sent him off to explore faraway lands and far-flung islands. There the prince was to learn the nature of foreign plants and animals, and brave dangerous terrain to capture exotic beasts and birds.

“One day, the news reached the king that his son, who was then on a faraway island, had



Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi - The Alter Rebbe - Founder Of Chabad

fallen gravely ill, and that the doctors were unable to find a cure for his illness. A call was issued throughout the land, offering great reward. But all the great doctors, all the famed scholars, were silenced, for they knew no remedy or cure for the illness of the prince.

“Then there arrived a man who knew of a proven remedy for the illness of the prince. He described a certain precious

stone which, if one would grind it to the finest of powders, mix it with a superb wine, and give it to the prince to drink—he would be cured.

“This gem, however, was extremely rare, and could not be obtained anywhere in the kingdom and beyond. The only specimen in existence was the centerpiece of the royal crown of the king. Removing this gem would mean destroying the crown—the king's most

precious possession and the ultimate symbol of his sovereignty.

“At first, the king's ministers were overjoyed to discover the gem. But as soon as they realized that by removing the stone from the crown—the very one with which their king was crowned—its entire glory would fade, they were extremely distressed. Nonetheless, they were forced to inform the king that the gem had been found.

“The king was overjoyed. He commanded that the gem be extracted and ground to a fine powder, and that the potion for his son be quickly prepared.

“But at that moment, terrible news reached the royal palace: the prince's condition had so deteriorated that his lips were sealed. So ill was the prince that he could take nothing, not even liquids, into his mouth. The experts and scholars assembled at the palace were certain that, under the circumstances, the king would surely direct that the stone not be ground, so that the splendor of the royal crown could be preserved.

“How astounded they were to hear the king instructing them to hurry and crush the gem and to prepare the potion as swiftly as possible, and to pour it into the mouth of the prince. ‘Grind, pour, squander the entire gemstone,’ said the king. ‘Who knows? Perhaps a single drop will enter the mouth of my son, and he will be healed!’”

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The Lights In The Window

A small wooden house stood on the side of the steep mountain as though hiding in its shadow. As far as the eye could see, were the majestic Carpathian Mountains. The Divine creation was visible in all its glory.

A young couple lived in this house. They had married only a few months before, and now they were building their lives quietly and peacefully.

The wife was called Rachel and the husband was called Yisrael. When he became the Rebbe of the Jewish people, he was called Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov. Despite his youth, his appearance and demeanor reflected profound wisdom and understanding. His eyes always radiated joy, and his face bespoke a deep tranquility.

His young wife Rochel was content, and this was despite the fact that she hardly ever saw her husband. Throughout the week, Yisrael left home and walked through the forests that covered the Carpathian mountains. He would leave Sunday morning and return Friday afternoon, before Shabbat. Rochel was happy because she knew her husband was an outstanding tzadik, a holy man. Most people didn't know this. She knew, though her husband hid it from others. The time for his greatness to be revealed to the world had not yet arrived.

It was the height of winter and snow fell and covered all in its white blanket. It was almost Chanuka, the holiday of light, joy, and warmth.

On Sunday Yisrael went out as



he usually did. Before leaving, he said to Rachel, "With G-d's help, I hope to return with nightfall of the first night of Chanuka in order to light the menorah. But if, G-d forbid, I tarry and don't come till night, don't wait for me. Light the menorah yourself so as not to delay this great mitzva (commandment)."

The days passed quickly. In a few minutes it would be nightfall and the first Chanuka light would be lit in all Jewish homes. Yisrael had set out to return home much earlier but his progress home had been slow. Though dusk was approaching, the light of the joy of a mitzva illuminated his visage.

Yisrael's high boots sank deeply into the snow. The thick stick cleared the path before him. A fur hat, like the peasant farmers wore, was on his head. The bitter cold and the piercing mountain winds whipped his face.

The forest paths disappeared and the tangle of branches became

ever thicker. Yisrael found himself walking in circles, but he maintained his trust in G-d.

The hour grew late and the time for lighting the menorah had long since passed. Yisrael so wanted to light the menorah at the proper time. He knew that each year, at the time that the menorah is lit, the "hidden light," the light of Moshiach, is revealed. But something, some force, seemed to block Yisrael's way.

A strange heaviness took hold of Yisrael. He found it difficult to continue walking against the howling wind. He finally sat down on a rock that stood among the trees. Yisrael sat there, exhausted. Another two minutes went by and he fell asleep. The shrieking wind and the sound of the trees branches moving above awoke him from his slumber. To his surprise it seemed to him that he could see a figure approaching.

Yisrael saw a figure in white, holding a large candle, walking towards him. The figure came closer

and he could see a tall, distinguished looking Jew with a white beard framing his shining face.

"Who are you?" asked Yisrael. The man smiled and said, "I am Matityahu the Priest from Modiin, a Hasmonean."

Yisrael blinked his eyes and the man was no longer nearby but far, far ahead. He quickly got up in order to follow the man with the candle. The flame danced on, the winds powerless to extinguish it. Yisrael walking without knowing how much time had elapsed, until he finally began to recognize his surroundings. He noticed some familiar signs, roads that he had frequented. In another few minutes, he identified the paths that led to his house.

From a distance, he could see a tiny flame in the window of his house. A pure flame that had been kindled by his wife. Despite the severe cold, she stood in the doorway, outside the house, wrapped in her heavy coat and fur hat. She was relieved and overjoyed to see her husband finally approaching. It was long past midnight and she had been worried.

Yisrael looked right and left, but there was no trace of the man who had led him home.

A few minutes later, the Baal Shem Tov was standing in front of his tin menorah. He prepared the wicks, poured the oil, and with lofty, mystical intentions, he recited the blessings. When he finished reciting the poetic songs that follow the lighting, dawn began to break over the snowy Carpathian Mountains.

No Yeast Donut Holes

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| Ingredients: | 2 Tablespoons sugar |
| 5 cups vegetable oil, for frying | 4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 1 cup milk | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 large egg | 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted |
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | |

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| Directions: | Once the oil has reached 350°F, use a small ice cream scoop to drop about 1 tablespoon scoops of dough into the oil. Fry the doughnut holes, flipping them in the oil, for about 2 minutes or until they're golden brown. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the doughnut holes to a paper towel-lined baking sheet. |
| In a small bowl, whisk together the milk and the egg. | |
| In a separate medium bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir the milk-egg mixture into the dry ingredients, then stir in the melted butter, mixing until a soft dough forms. | |

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10 Tevet

On the 10th day of the Jewish month of Tevet, in the year 3336 from Creation (425 BCE), the armies of the Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem. Thirty months later—on 9 Tammuz 3338—the city walls were breached, and on 9 Av of that year the Holy Temple was destroyed. The Jewish people were exiled to Babylonia for 70 years.

The 10th of Tevet (this year, December 22) is observed as a day of fasting, mourning and repentance. We refrain from food and drink from daybreak to nightfall and add selichot and other special supplements to our prayers. More recently, 10 Tevet was chosen to also serve as a “general kaddish day” for the victims of the Holocaust, many of whose day of martyrdom is unknown.

Ongoing Programs at Chabad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Shacharit 9:00am Chabad Hebrew School - 10:00am - 12:00pm Maariv 7:00pm	Shacharit 7:00am Maariv 7:00pm	Shacharit 8:30am Downtown Talmud Class 12:00 noon - 1:00pm Maariv 7:00pm Torah Studies 7:30pm
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharit 8:30am Maariv 7:00pm Women's Nigh Out Class for Women 7:30pm - 8:30pm	Shacharit 7:00am Bi-Monthly Lunch and Learn 12:00pm Maariv 7:00pm	Shacharit 8:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm
Shabbat		
Shacharit 9:30 am • Followed by A Sit Down Kiddush • Mincha will follow the Kiddush Childrens Program 11:00am • Maariv, Havdalah and film after Shabbat		

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If you would like to set up a private study session,
please call 584-8218.

The Festival of Chanukah



Chanukah -- the eight-day festival of light that begins on the eve of Kislev 25 -- celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, of purity over adulteration, of spirituality over materiality.

More than twenty-one centuries ago, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who sought to forcefully Hellenize the people of Israel.

The cruel King Antiochus forced the Greek pantheon of idol worship on Israel in 164 B.C.E. He appointed apostates who adopted Greek names, dress and thought to reduce the holy Torah to mere literature, rather than Divine truth.

But many Jews remained loyal to the Torah, so the angry Antiochus sent soldiers to attack them and to enforce his rules. The Greeks forbade Jewish practice, but the faithful Jews defied their ban on Torah study, circumcision and Shabbat.

Heroic Jews like Chana and her seven sons refused to bow to a Greek idol, and the elderly Matisyahu from Modin and his five sons the 'Maccabees' revolted against the oppression and prevailed over the mighty Greeks.

Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G-d.

When they sought to light the Temple's menorah they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the

Greeks. Miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah. At the heart of the festival is the nightly Menorah lighting: a single flame on the first night, two on the second evening, and so on till the eighth night of Chanukah, when all eight lights are kindled.

This year, we usher in Chanukah by lighting the first candle on Wednesday, December 16th at 5:04 pm.

The Menorah's 8 lights must be of equal height, all in a row. To differentiate it from the other Chanukah candles, the Shamash 'servant' candle is placed a little higher or lower.

Most Menorahs use candles, while some prefer olive oil with wicks that can be purchased or homemade by twisting a puff of absorbent cotton into a 2-3 inch string.

An electric menorah does not fulfill the Mitzvah obligation, but may be placed in addition to a candle or oil menorah to promote Chanukah awareness.

A holiday of renewal and rededication, Chanukah promotes Jewish heritage. Children should light their own Menorahs.

In the absence of a designed Menorah, any metal containers may be used, making sure there is no fire hazard. During the Holocaust and Communist oppression, Jews improvised Menorahs from hollowed potatoes filled with margarine or fat. Israeli soldiers have used spent ammunition canisters lined in a row as their Menorah.

On the first night, the flame on the Menorah's extreme right is lit. Another flame is added to the left of the previous flame each succeeding night. The new flame is lit first, followed by the flame to its right, and so on, until all eight flames are kindled.

The Menorahs are placed at the

doorpost across the mezuzah and some place it at the window facing the street. Kindled at sunset or nightfall, the candles should burn at least half an hour after dark.

On Friday, December 11th, the Chanukah lights are kindled before the Shabbat candle lighting time. (Shabbat begins once the Shabbat candles are lit, so it is forbidden to light the Menorah later.) Saturday night, the Chanukah candles are lit after the "Havdalah" ceremony bids farewell to Shabbat. See calendar below for Shabbat times.

It is customary to sit by the Menorah, tell stories and sing songs. We do not benefit directly from the light of the candles, only from the shamash or regular lights in the room.

Women refrain from household chores during the half-hour that the lights burn, honoring the brave Jewish heroines who played crucial roles in the Chanukah story.

PRAYERS

"Hallel" is recited in the morning prayers. We add "Al Hanissim" in the Amida and during the Grace after meals.

We give Chanukah "Gelt" to children, encouraging them to donate some to charity. Gifts of books, games or toys are also given in addition to the 'Gelt' coins tradition.

The Draydel spinner with Hebrew letters on its four sides is available in metal, plastic or wood in various colors and sizes. The Syrian Greeks forbade Torah study, but the Jews defied the ban and learned in hiding. If Greek soldiers discovered a Torah class, the children would disguise their studies by pretending they were just playing a Draydel game.

HOLIDAY FOODS

Recalling the Chanukah Oil Miracle, it is customary to eat fried foods: potato Latke pancakes and Sufganiot doughnuts.

Dairy specialties recall the heroine Judith who charmed her way into the enemy camp, and gained the confidence of Heliornos,

a vicious Greek general. She served him salty cheese followed by wine to quench his thirst. As he slept, Judith seized his sword and slew him. Realizing that their head had fallen his soldiers ran off in confusion and the Jews were saved.

Before lighting the Menorah the first night, first kindle the Shamash 'servant' candle, and recite the following three blessings. Each additional night recite the first two blessings only.

BLESSINGS

1) Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech
Ha-olom A-sheh Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sav Ve-tzi-va-nu Le-had-lik Ner Cha-nu-kah.
Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us by His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the light of Chanukah.

2) Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech
Ha-olom She-o-so Ni-sim La-avo-sei-nu
Ba-yom-mim Ha-heim Biz-man Ha-zeh.
Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, Who made miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this time.

(The following blessing is recited the first time you kindle the Menorah.)

3) Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi E-lo-hei-nu me-lech
Ha-olom She-heh-che-yoh-nu Ve-ki-yi-mo-nu Ve-he-ge-o-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.
Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, Who kept us alive and preserved us, and enabled us to reach this time.

We light an additional candle each night of Chanukah, leading up to the lighting of all eight candles on Sunday night, December 13th.

**Earliest Time
for Chanukah Candlelighting
(except Friday & Saturday)
is after sunset - 5:03pm**

Chabad-Lubavitch Chanukah Calendar

Sunday, December 6	Chanukah Playland Inflatable Rides, Arts and Crafts and more! 2:00pm Public Menorah Lighting 5:45pm See page 6 for details	Thursday, December 10	Public Menorah Lighting at Chabad 7:00pm
Monday, December 7	Public Menorah Lighting at Chabad 7:00pm	Friday, December 11	Public Menorah Lighting at Chabad 3:30pm Light Chanukah Candles before lighting Shabbat candles Light Shabbat Candles 4:45pm
Tuesday, December 8	Public Menorah Lighting at Chabad 7:00pm Special Chanukah Class..... 7:30 pm	Saturday, December 12	Light Chanukah Candles after 5:43pm Public Menorah Lighting at Chabad 6:30pm.
Wednesday, December 9	Chanukah Party at the Monte Vista 4:00pm Public Menorah Lighting at Chabad 7:00pm.	Sunday, December 13	Menorah Lighting and Sushi Bar 5:00pm. See page 2 for details

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