



Kids Connect

Chanukah Edition

A Newsletter For kids, By kids

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Hey Kids,

It's me, Captain Connect, I'm back once again to present to you this newsletter that is made for you kids, by YOU! The month of Chodesh Kislev is known as "A Chassidishe Chodesh" because there are many important dates on our Chabad calendar that take place in the month of Kislev. Kislev is the month of Geulah. It is a chassidishe month filled with celebration and farbrengens. In this month in addition to celebrating Chanukah, we celebrate the redemption from prison of the Alter Rebbe on Yud-Tes Kislev, the redemption from prison of the Mittler Rebbe on Yud Kislev, the Rebbe's and the Rebbetzin's wedding anniversary on Yud-Daled Kislev, the redemption of the Rebbe's Seforim (their return to 770) on Beis Kislev, and what's closest to us - the redemption of the Rebbe when he went home from 770 on Rosh Chodesh Kislev for the first time after suffering a heart attack on Shmini Atzeres. May be merit the ultimate redemption of the coming of Moshiach now!

-Captain Connect

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The Power of a Menorah

By: Chaya Mushkah Zirkind
Age 10, Fresno, California

As two joggers passed by my family's Chabad House, they stopped because of the Menorah that stands proudly in front of our property. They quietly knocked on the back door, inwardly wishing that there would be no answer, but wanting to know how someone would have the courage to display a Menorah in such a secular city.

As soon as my mother opened the door, she wished them a warm 'Good Yom Tov', being that it was Rosh Hashana, and then welcomed them in. They assured her that they would only stay a couple of minutes, which of course turned into a couple of hours. They related their whole sad story of how they strayed from Yiddishkeit. They told my mother that they lived nearby, they jog daily, passing our property

and never noticed the Menorah or Chabad House before.

My father soon returned home with all of us from Tashlich and happily blew the Shofar for them. The funny thing was that until that day, I never thought the Menorah could bring anybody back to Yiddishkeit. Just like a Menorah could spark ones Jewish feelings, by us living our daily lives as proud Jews, I realize how Shluchim have the zehus to change the world, one person at a time, to bring Moshiach Now!

Chanukah on Shlichus

Rochie Krinsky, Age 10
a Proud Shluchah in
Manchester, New Hampshire.

My family is on Shlichus in Manchester, New Hampshire. I will tell you a few things we did for Chanukah in the past years.

We live in a very cold place and every year people make ice sculptures. So one year my father decided to make an ice menorah. We were the first Chabad House to make the ice menorah, now people are doing it all over the world. That year we had the ice menorah at an outdoor ice skating rink with skating clowns, and Chanukah music and we served doughnuts and hot chocolate. We called it Chanukah Wonderland. It was so cold that the menorah stayed there without melting for the whole Chanukah and every night my father went to light it.

Another year we had Chanukah Legoland. The company donated boxes of Lego to us to use. Everyone had to make a Lego menorah, and everybody won a Lego prize for different categories. We had fun at the party with latkes and drinks and cookie painting.

Last year we had Chanukah in a rock climbing Gym. It was called Chanukah Heights and every body had fun climbing the rock walls, wearing a harness and trying to reach the ceiling. It

was hard to do but lots of fun. The owner is Jewish so he lit the menorah on the balcony. They had an upper level with a small empty room that we used as a kitchen. We had a table set up on the big balcony where we had chips, latkes and freshly made doughnuts.



Levi Gerber
age 10
Wynnewood, PA

POEM

Chanukah
Mussie Leverlov, age 9
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Here in Santa Fe we have a newspaper called 'The New Mexican'. It has a holiday contest. One time I decided to enter. I wrote a chanuka poem and I won! It was a big kiddush Hashem because it was the first time anything Jewish was part of the contest. And lots of people saw it. So here it is:

Every Chanukah night
The candles we light
Latkes sizzle
While children giggle
Draidel's spin
Nun Gimmel Hey Shin
And soon you will win chocolate gelt
Eat it or it will melt
We celebrate Chanukah every year
To remember the miracle that happend there!

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מתתיהו, מכבי, מנורה, יהודה, שמן, סביבון,
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WHAT BEING A LUBAVITCHER CHOSSID MEANS TO ME



It was so many special moments,
On Yomim Tovim and Chassidishe dates,
That we went to 770,
To receive from such a special hand,
A dollar for Brocho Vehatzlacha.

Chaya and Chani Steinmetz,
14 and 13 years old
S. Paulo, Brazil

To be Tishrei with a holy Tzaddik, the Rebbe
Was so special and touching,
The lekach, the maamorim, the kos shel brocho,
All these were given by the Rebbe,
With a smile, with love and care.

The Rebbe's picture in my room,
The Pan before Tishrei,
The mitzvoim that I'm part of,
The Chitas and Sichos I learn,
Is what make me a Chossid.

Then came the moment,
That we were sent on Shlichus,
With a warm goodbye from the Rebbe
Each one to his special job.
We left our comfortable homes,
The closeness of the Rebbe.

The special feeling I got,
When on Chof Bais Shvat,
In Crown Heights I was standing,
One little me, among hundreds the same.

With great satisfaction and pride,
We embrace the precious job,
To walk the unknown path
To be part of the most wonderful family of all,
The family of the Rebbe's shluchim.

Children of shluchim,
Connected to each other,
Still not knowing one another.
That's when I realize,
That I am just one small piece,
Of this enormous puzzle.

Although I'm still young,
My memories are so vague,
But what I do have for sure,
Is a dollar from the Rebbe's holy hand.

Although we are physically so far,
Although sometimes we may feel lonely,
Although we yearn to be with the Rebbe
We know that this is our mission,
We know that this will bring Moshiach,
We know that this is the meaning
Of a real Lubavitcher Chossid.



TES AND YUD KISLEV

Chaya Posner, age 10
Boston, MA



TES AND YUD KISLEV ARE BOTH VERY IMPORTANT DAYS IN THE LIFE OF R' DOV BER OF LUBAVITCH. TES KISLEV IS BOTH HIS BIRTHDAY AND YARTZIET. R' DOV BER WAS THE SON OF R' SHNEUR ZALMAN, THE ALTER REBBE. HE WAS BORN IN LI'OZNA IN 5534 AND WAS NAMED AFTER THE MAGGID: R' DOV BER OF MEZERITCH. AFTER HIS FATHER PASSED AWAY DOV BER BECAME THE 2ND CHABAD REBBE, KNOWN AS THE MITTELER REBBE.

THE MITTELER REBBE WAS ARRESTED ON CHOF CHES TISHREI AFTER BEING REPORTED TO THE AUTHORITIES ON THE FICTITIOUS CHARGE OF SENDING MONEY TO ERETZ YISROEL TO AID THE ENEMIES OF THE CZAR. THE MITTELER REBBE WAS ABLE TO CONVINCED THE JUDGES THAT THE CHARGES WERE BASELESS AND THE MONEY HE SENT WAS FOR THE POOR. HE WAS RELEASED ON YUD KISLEV 5587. HE PASSED AWAY THE NEXT YEAR AT THE AGE OF 54 ON TES KISLEV. HE IS BURIED IN NIEZHIN.

B"H CHANUKAH

The Story of Chanukah

More than 2000 years ago Eretz Yisroel was under the rule of the Syrian Empire.

Antiochus III waged war against Egypt and took over Eretz Yisroel. In the beginning he was nice to the Yidden but after a while he put heavy taxes on them. When he died his son took over and continued oppressing the Jews.

The Yidden suffered both physically and spiritually. Many joined the Hellenists, serving the Greek idols.

A short time later the king died and his brother, Antiochus IV took over. He was known as the "Madman" and was a cruel and harsh king. He wanted everyone to follow one religion and so he tried to stop the Yidden serving Hashem and performing the Mitzvos. Antiochus confiscated Sifrei Torah and burned them. The Yidden were not allowed to keep Shabbos, make Brissim or keep Kosher. If they did they would get the death penalty. The story of Chana and her seven sons happened at that time.

Antiochus's men went from town to town and from village to village to force the yidden to serve Avodah Zora. When they arrived in the village of Modin where Matisyahu lived, they built an altar in the marketplace and tried to force Matisyahu to serve their idols. A Hellenist Jew came up to the altar and in his anger Mattisyahu killed him.

Matisyahu knew that Antiochus would be really angry when he heard what had happened and would send soldiers back to Modin, so they fled to the hills, taking many Jews with them to prepare to fight against the Syrian army.

Before his death, Matisyahu called his sons together and begged them to continue to fight, with their brother Yehuda as their leader.

Antiochus sent his General to fight against the Maccabees. Even though the Syrians were a stronger army with more men and equipment, they lost the battle. Antiochus sent a further group of soldiers, but they also lost. Antiochus realised that only a huge army would be able to defeat the Maccabees. So he sent an army of more than 40,000 men. Many fights were fought but in the end the Maccabees won the war.

The Maccabees returned to Yerushalayim, cleared all the idols out of the Beis Hamikdosh and built a new mizbeach, which was dedicated on Chof Hey Kislev.

The Syrians had stolen the Menorah so the Maccabees made a new one from a cheaper metal. When they wanted to light this Menorah they could only find a small jug of pure olive oil with the seal of the Kohen Godol on it as the Syrians had defiled and destroyed all the other ones. It was enough only to light for one day. Through a big Nes, it continued to burn for eight days, until new oil was made. This nes proved that Hashem was looking after the Yidden and helping them. That is why we celebrate Chanuka for eight days, lighting up the world with extra light each night, to publicise this great Nes.

Written by Avi Junik
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CHANUKAH and MOSHIACH

1) During the time of the Maccabees, the enemies of the Jews did not allow the Jews to observe Torah and Mitzvos. The victory of the Maccabees meant the end of golus. Now the Jews could learn Torah freely, and serve Hashem once more in the Beis Hamikdosh.

2) Today, the situation is very similar, for we too are in golus, with enemies who do not want us to keep Torah and Mitzvos. Spiritually, our enemy is the Yetzer Hora. When Moshiach comes, the Yetzer Hora will be defeated for good, and we will all be able to learn Torah freely and joyfully, and teach it to others.

3) Unfortunately, today we also face many physical enemies. Moshiach will enable us to defeat them too, with the strength of the Torah he will teach us.

4) In days of old, the Jews reclaimed the Holy Temple, cleansed it, and began the holy service again. When Moshiach comes, the Third Holy Temple will be built, and we will be able to serve Hashem again.

5) The miracle of Chanukah was not only military. It was also a miracle of light. The Jews discovered one little flask of oil, and it burned for eight days! In the heart of every Jew there is also 'a tiny drop of pure oil,' which is his or her belief in Hashem and in Torah. This can never be contaminated or made impure.

6) The Menorah which was in the Beis hamikdosh had seven branches, which represent all the different kinds of Jewish people. Just as the Cohen Gadol kindled the lights of the Menorah, so too, Moshiach will kindle the spark of Hashem in the heart of every Jew. He will awaken us from "the dream of exile," and lead us into the Geulah, the eternal redemption.

7) Just as the miracle of the Menorah showed everyone that Hashem runs the world in a miraculous way, so too, when Moshiach comes, even non-Jews will see that miracles are truly happening throughout the world all the time. They will desire to behave according to Hashem's wishes, and to learn about the wisdom of our holy Torah.

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Hey Kids!

We'd love to have your articles printed in our newsletter! Our next "Kids Connect" will probably be printed for Chaf Baïš Shevat.

The deadline for the Shevat issue is:

Tuesday, Rosh Chodesh Shevat, January 11, 2005

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Please include your name, age and location of Shlichus

**All children who submit an article will receive a special prize!*

Here are the articles that we would like for our Shevat newsletter:

- 1. Featured Chabad House**
- 2. Yud Shevat**
- 3. Tu B'Shevat**
- 4. Chof Baïš Shevat**
- 5. Coming to NY for the Kinus Hashluchos**
- 4. The Power of a Rebbe**
- 5. Kids Fun Page**

FEATURED CHABAD HOUSE



Devorah Leah Levin, age 8 Chabad Lubavitch of Kensington

Hi! My name is Devorah Leah Levin. I'm eight and a half years old and I'm a Shlucha in Kensington, NY. My family moved here on Shlichus in 1994. My father had many different offers for Shlichus all around the world, and when he wrote in to the Rebbe, the Rebbe circled "Kensington" and that's how we got our Shlichus. For the whole year before that, although we were still living in Crown Heights, we did many programs for the community in a public school in Kensington. On Lag Baomer, 1994, we moved in to our new Chabad House.

In Kensington, there are many different kinds of Yidden. There are many not-yet-Frum people, and many not-Lubavitchers. That's why we are here- to help them. Lots of people come to our Chabad House, and some call my mother "Rebbetzin!"

In our Chabad House, we have many exciting programs for every Yom Tov. It's so much fun being on Shlichus because we get to have such a good time at all the different Yomim Tovim! On Rosh Hashana and Shavuot, we have an Ice Cream Party so that the kids in the community could hear the Shofar/Aseres Hadibros. This year about 180 kids came to our Rosh Hashana Ice Cream Party! On Sukkos we have SukkaLand- the kids get to do all kinds of Sukkos activities and games. On Chanukah, we put up two Public Menorahs- 1 in front of our Chabad House and last year we put up a new one on a bridge that goes over a highway- it's pretty amazing because thousands of people (literally) see it lit every evening on their way into Brooklyn from work in Manhattan. We also have a big children's program- we call it a Chanukah Family Festival, similar to SukkaLand, but with Chanukah activities. On Purim we have a Purim Party and Contest with the children and a big Seuda with many members of our community, in the Shul. For all of these programs, we kids help out with putting up flyers all over- on the poles, in buildings, handing them out to people who pass by, giving them out in Public Schools, and setting up for the actual programs. Sometimes we help by just staying out of the way! On Pesach, we have a big Communal Seder in the Shul with lots of people and it's packed. Every night, my sisters and I - even my little baby brother!- get up on our chairs in front of everyone and take turns saying Kaddesh, Urchatz etc. and the Mah Nishtana. By Urchatz and Rachtza we help the people wash their hands and the second time, say the Brocha with them. When we finish their Seder, we start our own, and by the time we finish ours, it's about 6:00 in the morning!

Throughout the day -and night- my parents are very busy with the people who come to my house and call on the phone. But B"H, we really are Zoche to see the results of their hard work: Today, we B"H have many members of our community who are really Frum and some are even real Lubavitchers.

This is the life that I live here on Shlichus in Kensington, NY. Even though I'm just eight years old, I know that I have a very important part here in helping my parents light up Kensington to be able to greet Moshiach Now!

Happy Birthday

Kislev

1 Kislev

Esther Simon, Teaneck, NJ

2 Kislev

Menachem Mendel Adler, Palm Harbor, FL
Chana Engel, East Brighton, Australia

4 Kislev

Miriam Cohen, Ginnof Shomron, Israel
Menachem Mendel Raskin, Larnaca, Cyprus

6 Kislev

Menachem Mendel Alfein, Winnipeg, Canada
Menachem Mendel Schtroks, Surrey, Canada

7 Kislev

Esther Menucha Blum, NY, NY
Shneur Zalman Scop, Mill Valley, CA

8 Kislev

Rivky Steifel, Moncton, Canada
Menachem Mendel Vorst, Rotterdam, The
Netherlands
Mushky Wineberg, Overland Park, KS

9 Kislev

Dovber Zev Jaffe, Brisbane, Australia

10 Kislev

Deena Reidingsfeld

11 Kislev

Shferna Epstein, Chicago, IL
Yasaf Greenbaum, Los Angeles, CA

12 Kislev

Levi Yitzchok Ceiflin, Montreal, Canada
Shneur Zalman Cunin, Pacific Palisades, CA
Lieba Fischer, Augusta, GA

14 Kislev

Esther Miriam Kalmanson, Mason, OH
Shmulik Kaplan, Thornhill, Canada
Menachem Mendel Rosenblum, West Orange, NJ
Menachem Mendel Sudak, London, England

5 Kislev

Mendy Cohen, Montreal, Canada
Alexander Finman, Oak Park, MI

17 Kislev

Menachem Mendel Recht, Torrance, CA

18 Kislev

Yosef Chaim Vorovitch, Toronto, Canada

19 Kislev

Shloima Gerber, Wynnewood, PA
Toby Mintz, Aspen, Costa Rica
Shaina Rofkman, Toledo, OH
Mendel Shemtov, Tucson, AZ

20 Kislev

Leah Shemtov, Tucson, AZ
Mendel Sherman, Merion Station, PA
Baila Frummet Zwiebel, Ashland, OR

21 Kislev

Raizy Lew, Westcliff, England

22 Kislev

Chaya Mushka Ellport, Carlsbad, CA
Chavie Kahanov, Jacksonville, FL
Chaya Posner, Boston, MA
Menachem Mendel Smoller, San Diego, CA

24 Kislev

Menucha Fox, Doncaster, Australia
Achinoam Kohen, Swampscott, MA
Moshe Spalter, S. Jose, Costa Rica
David Teichfel, Berlin, Germany

26 Kislev

Yankel Bergsfein, Buffalo Grove, IL
Menachem Mendel Mann, Miami Beach, FL

27 Kislev

Mussia Kievan, Liverpool, England
Joel Serebryanski, Surfers Paradise, Australia

29 Kislev

Chana Pearl Weiss, Sherman Oaks, CA



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