

# Vov Tishrei

# Yartzeit of Rebbetzin Chana

**OKAY KIDS, LET'S GO!** Today, our trip isn't across the ocean. We're going to a city where many of you have been there, probably many times. We're going to Brooklyn, New York. In 1965, about 40 years ago, on Vov Tishrei, Rebbetzin Chana, the Rebbe's mother passed away. The Rebbetzin lived in New York for the last 17 years of her life. But what happened before that? Let's learn a little about her life:

Rebbetzin Chana's husband, R' Levi Yitzchak, was a very great Rav. He lived in the city of Yekatrinsk, but he was really Rav over the whole Ukraine. Rebbetzin Chana helped her husband a lot in the 30 years that he was Rav. She spoke Russian very well and she got along with everyone she met.

Sadly, R' Levi Yitzchak, was arrested by the KGB and sent into exile to a place called Chile (pronounced Chi-lee). Rebbetzin Chana decided that she would join her husband in exile. She traveled for 5 days until she was reunited with her husband. They lived together in a muddy, dirty hovel, that they shared with another couple and their baby.

On 2 Nissan, R' Levi Yitzchak wanted to write some Chasidus in honor of the Rashab's Yartzeit, but he had no ink or paper. Rebbetzin Chana saw how much this bothered her husband, so she traveled to a nearby city and managed to get two notebooks and some powder for ink. When that ran out, she made



her own ink by cooking herbs from the field, and R' Levi wrote his Chiddushim in the margins of the Seforim that he had with him.

After R' Levi passed away, the Chassidim helped smuggle Rebbetzin Chana out of Russia. When she left, she took her husband's writings with her, and they were later printed.

Rebbetzin Chana was a Tzadik. She was a true Aishes Chayil. In her own quiet way, she made a difference just like her husband. She stood by her husband even in the harshest conditions, she stayed with him until the end. Rebbetzin Chana, she is the mother of our Rebbe, and she is an example for all of us.

## HER NAME: CHANA

Rebbetzin Chana's name stands for the 3 Mitzvos of a woman:

חלה  
Keeping all the food in the house, Kosher



נדה  
Raising a Jewish family



הדלקת נרות  
Filling the house with the light of Torah and Mitzvos



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## THE REBBE SAYS:

A girl can't become an "Akeres Habayis" overnight. It's a very serious and responsible job, which you need to train for, and the whole chinuch of a girl should be centered around this. She need to know, that her main job is to marry, and build a home, a home where Jewish children will grow up and follow in the ways of the Torah and Mitzvos!! (Hisvaduyos, Vov Tishrei 5645)

## MISSION: MAKE YOUR OWN YIDISHE HOME!!

Design the empty house, the way a Jewish home should be!! Try to include as many mitzvos as possible—especially the 3 Mitzvos of the name Chana!! Scan your finished home, or take a picture of it, and sent it to us!!







