

בס"ד

Appreciating  
Our  
**Rebbe**



הכנה לג' תמוז, תשע"ב  
Preparation for Gimmel Tammuz 5772

**חדר מנחם**

## The Reason for Creation

Do you know the 11<sup>th</sup> of the Twelve *Pesukim*?

וְזֶה כָּל הָאָדָם וְתַכְלִית בְּרִיאָתוֹ וּבְרִיאַת כָּל הָעוֹלָמוֹת  
עָלְיוֹנִים וְתַחְתּוֹנִים לְהִיּוֹת לוֹ דִּירָה זֶה בְּתַחְתּוֹנִים

*And this is all of man and the purpose of his creation and the creation of all the worlds—the high [spiritual] worlds and the low worlds—to be for Him [Hashem] this living place in this low world.*



### THE REBBE

The Rebbe has devoted his life to helping and saving his fellow Jews. Over the years, the Rebbe has given so much to so many people: his own chassidim, all of *klal Yisroel* and the whole world.

The Rebbe's gifts are special because they are not the kind that can be used up or forgotten. They are gifts that stay with us forever and help us become stronger and better.

Now, Gimmel Tammuz is here. What do you think the Rebbe would like as a present? We all know that ever since the Rebbe was a very young child there was one thing that has always been on his mind. There is one thing the Rebbe has always wanted. Yes! The best present we can give the Rebbe is to bring Moshiach NOW!



A collection of daily Torah thoughts  
on Moshiach  
and descriptions of some of the  
many gifts the Rebbe gave us.

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I read the papers and did the missions on these days:

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to make a הַזְקָלָה to do the something to help bring Moshiach.

## Hashem Prepares for Moshiach

The following פסוק from בְּרֵאשִׁית פ' says that when the world was created . . .

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֵף עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם

*And the spirit of Hashem was hovering on the face of the water.*

The בְּעַל הַטּוֹרִים says that these words have the same Gematria as "זוֹ הִיא רִחוּוֹ שֶׁל מְלֶכֶד הַמְּשִׁיחַ"—"this is the spirit of Moshiach." From this we see that right in the beginning of creation, Hashem was already preparing for Moshiach.



### THE GIFT OF YECHIDUS

*Yechidus* is a private meeting between the Rebbe and a chossid.

It is a very important and serious time when the Rebbe's attention is focused on a single person, and that person has a chance to ask the Rebbe about anything he wants.

Of course, a chossid prepares carefully for his special appointment alone with the Rebbe. Even many years after the *yechidus*, chassidim can remember every movement, every word that the Rebbe said to them.

After many years, so many people wanted a *yechidus* with the Rebbe that it became impossible for him to meet with everyone privately. Then . . . on the Rebbe's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday he began to hand out dollars for *tzedaka*.

Every Sunday thereafter, the Rebbe would stand for up to 5 or 6 hours giving out dollars to the thousands of people who walked by the hall just outside the Rebbe's office. All sorts of people came—men, women, children. Some were chassidim, some were not. A few were not even Jewish. Some people took the opportunity to ask a short question, and many needed a *brocha* for health, business success or *nachas* from their children. The Rebbe would listen, respond and give a personal *brocha* to everyone who came to meet him.

Usually the person would keep the dollar he received from the Rebbe's holy hand, and replace it with another dollar for *tzedaka*.

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to ask someone whom I know who had a *yechidus* and ask them to share their experience with me.

## Years for Dovid HaMelech

Before Adom HaRishon was created, Hashem showed him all the generations that would be in the future, and all the leaders of those generations. When he saw that Dovid HaMelech had no years to live, Adom "donated" 70 years of his life to him. In this way he was preparing for Moshiach, since Moshiach is from the descendants of Dovid HaMelech.



### THE GIFT OF FARBRENGENS

On *yom tov*, on *chassidische yomim tovim*, and eventually every Shabbos afternoon, the Rebbe would *farbrenge* in 770.

These were some of the most precious times when the



Rebbe would deliver a *sicha* to the chassidim on many topics—the *parsha*, Eretz Yisroel, *mitzvoyim*, Tzivos Hashem, how a chossid should behave, lessons in serving Hashem, ideas for bringing Torah and Mitzvos to every single Jew, and, of course, about Moshiach and the *geulah*.

After each *sicha* the chassidim would sing a *niggun* and people would make a *l'chaim* to the Rebbe. The Rebbe might also say a chassidic *ma'amor*—a very holy and in-depth teaching of chassidus. When he would do so, everyone in 770 would stand respectfully during its duration. Whenever we learn a *sicha* or a *ma'amor*—or any teaching of the Rebbe—we become very close and connected to our Rebbe.

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to turn our Shabbos table into a *farbrengen*, share a story, sing a *niggun*, and share a Moshiach *dvar Torah*.

## *Polish the Buttons*

Everything we need to do to bring Moshiach is already done.

All that is left is to polish the buttons of our uniforms (צ'ופוצען די קנעפלאך), so that we will be ready to go out and greet *Moshiach Tzidkeinu*.

*This is a saying of the Frierdiker Rebbe that the Rebbe would repeat and stress many, many times. The Rebbe also said that since it has been a long time from when the Frierdiker Rebbe said this, and we have been polishing the buttons for decades, surely we are finished with this job as well. The buttons are already clean and Moshiach must come NOW!*



### **THE GIFT OF LEKACH**

*Lekach* means honey cake. It is a custom on Erev Yom Kippur to ask for *lekach* from someone else. That way, if it was decided in *shamayim* that a person would have to beg, he has already “begged” for *lekach*.

The Rebbe would personally give out *lekach* to his chassidim at various times, along with a *brocha* for a good and sweet year.

People who got *lekach* would share it with their family members and friends who were not able to be in Crown Heights for Tishrei.

Every small crumb of the Rebbe’s *lekach* was precious.



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to do something “sweet” today, such as wishing people “Good Shabbos”, or speaking to a relative, like my bubby and zaidy, to see how they are doing.

## *The Job of Dor HaShvee'ee*

In the Rebbe’s first *ma’amor*—*Basi l’Gani*—he explained that just like Moshe Rabbeinu was the seventh from Avrohom Avinu, and he was the one who brought down the Torah and built the Mishkan, so Hashem could be revealed in this, so too, are we the seventh generation from the Alter Rebbe, and it is the job of our generation to bring about the coming Moshiach.



### **THE GIFT OF “AZKIR AL HA’TZION” AND SPECIAL SEFORIM**

One of the answers the Rebbe often gave to a person’s letter was “*Azkir al Hatzion*.”

This meant that the Rebbe would take the person’s letter with him and mention the person’s problem or request at the Ohel of the Frierdiker Rebbe.

Before going to the Ohel the Rebbe would put on his silk *sertuk*, go to the mikvah, and take only a drink, but no food, that day. The Rebbe spent many hours standing at the Ohel, davening for *klal Yisroel*, sometimes crying as he read their letters.

After returning from the Ohel the Rebbe might say a *sicha* and give out dollars. At times the Rebbe would give out *seforim* that he wanted the chassidim to have . . . standing for hours late into the night without having eaten anything.

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to give extra *tzedaka*, seeing how important this special mitzvah was to the Rebbe.

## Send Moshiach

When Hashem was talking to Moshe Rabbeinu at the סִנְיָה—the burning bush, and He was convincing Moshe Rabbeinu to go and redeem the *Yidden* from Mitzrayim, Moshe Rabbeinu responded, “שֶׁלַח נָא בְיַד אֲתָשְׁלַח.”

“Since I am not going to take the *Yidden* into *Eretz Yisroel* and be the final Moshiach, please send Moshiach right away now.”

*The Rebbe explains that because Moshe Rabbeinu asked this, Hashem granted his request and therefore we find in the Medrash that there is a connection between Moshe Rabbeinu and Moshiach, as it says,*  
 “מִשָּׁה הוּא גּוֹאֵל רְאִשׁוֹן הוּא גּוֹאֵל אַחֲרוֹן.”

### THE \$100 BILL

During World War II, many Jews running away from the Nazis arrived in France. Among them were the Rebbe and his wife, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka.

These poor Jews had run away from their homes. They had no place to stay. The French hotel owners didn't want their hotels to be full of Jews. They made a rule that only if a person could show a \$100 bill would they give him a room.

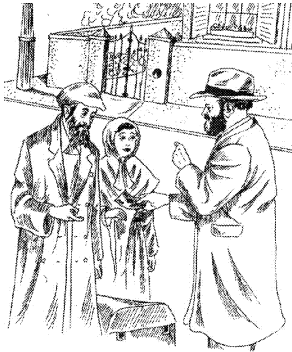
Of course, most of the Jews didn't have that much money, so they had to place to sleep.

But there was a man who owned just a single \$100 bill. He used to stand in the street and lend it to any poor Jew who need it to get into a hotel. Then he would take back the bill and look for someone else to help.

That man was the Rebbe.

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to do something extra kind to a neighbor, friend or family member.



## Talk About Moshiach

The words that Yaakov Avinu used to say, that the rulers will come from Shevet Yehuda until Moshiach, are עַד כִּי יָבֵא מְשִׁיחַ.

*The Friediker Rebbe explains that מְשִׁיחַ is the Gematria of מְשִׁיחַ, and יָבֵא has the same Gematria as יָבֵא. Moshe was the first redeemer of the *Yidden*, and Moshiach is the last one. How do we get from מְשִׁיחַ (שִׁיחַ) to מְשִׁיחַ? The answer: through יָבֵא. This tells us that the way to bring Moshiach is through מְשִׁיחַ, especially the מְשִׁיחַ that comes from speaking about Moshiach. It is important that we all speak about Moshiach.*

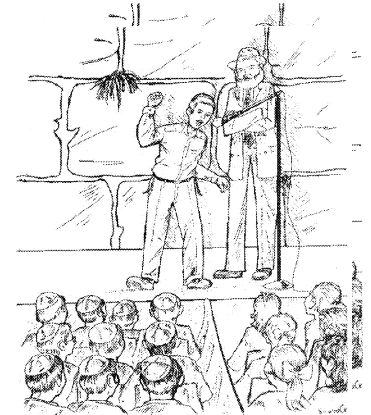
### THE GIFT OF RALLIES

When the Rebbe wanted to speak specifically to the children, there would be a rally in 770. Boys and girls under Bar and Bas Mitzvah age were invited to sit downstairs in 770 in separate sections, accompanied by leaders and/or teachers.

When the Rebbe came in, he would first daven Mincha. Then a few little children would be chosen to recite the 12 Pesukim, which the Rebbe always said along with them. The child who said the final *possuk* always ended with a loud “*yechi*,” with all the children answering as loud as they possibly could!

The Rebbe smiled a great deal during these rallies, especially at the very smallest Tzivos Hashem soldiers. Everyone could tell that the Rebbe was proud of his young chassidim and expected a lot from them.

After speaking to the children the Rebbe usually gave out dimes for them to use for *tzedaka*.



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to help out with my younger brothers and sisters at home, or do something else to help my mother or father.

## Hints to the Future

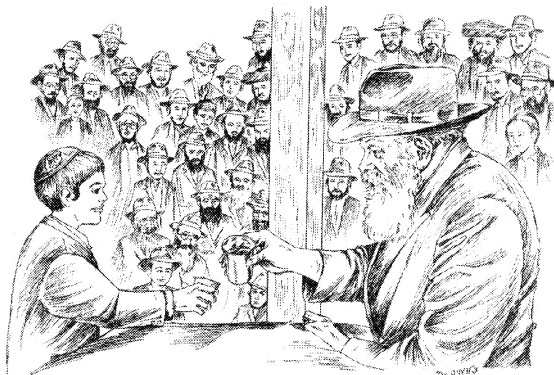
In the *pesukim* that speak about the **בְּרִית בְּיַד הַבְּתָרִים** and describe the darkness that descended upon Avrohom and the animals that were used, there are many *medrashim* and *meforshim* that explain that Hashem was hinting to Avrohom about the four **לְיָוֵט** that the Yidden will be in and that Moshiach will come and redeem us from this last **לְיָוֵט**. From this we see that at the time that Hashem promised Avrohom there would be a Jewish nation, He also told him about Moshiach's coming.



### THE GIFT OF KOS SHEL BROCHA

The *yom tov* farbrengens of Pesach, Rosh Hashana, Shavuos and Succos, would end when it was already dark outside, and the Rebbe would make *havdalah*. After drinking the wine, he would leave a small amount in the *becher*.

As the bocherim would sing lively *niggunim*, the Rebbe would pour wine from his *becher*—*kos shel brocho*—for each chossid that passed by. The Rebbe's *becher* was filled over and over again, as hundreds of people jammed together in a huge line that stretched all around 770.



Fathers brought their children—even newborn babies—to get a bit of the wine and to be close to the Rebbe. Often the Rebbe would swing his left hand to encourage the joyful singing. Many people added the *kos shel brocha* to their bottles of wine or grape juice at home.

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to go to [chabad.org](http://chabad.org) and watch one of the videos on *kos shel brocha*.

## Adom, David, Moshiach

The name of **מֹשִׁיָּח** has three letters, which stand for “Adom,” “David” and “Moshiach.” From this we see that in the name of Adom HaRishon there is already a hint to Moshiach. One explanation is that Moshiach will bring to completion the purpose of the creation of man.

*There is a posuk about Moshiach that say that Moshiach will be very great,*

**הִנֵּה יִשְׁכִּיל עַבְדֵי יְהוָה וְנִשְׂא וְגָבַהּ מְאֹד**

*The word **מְאֹד** (very much) is also made of the same letters as **מֹשִׁיָּח**. But in this posuk the “ח” that stands for Moshiach is first.*

*Moshiach will be on a higher level than **מֹשִׁיָּח** and **דָּוִד**.*



### THE REBBE'S REACH

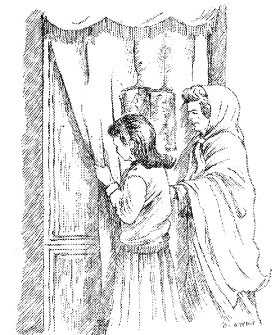
Far away in Australia there was a blind Jewish girl. Her parents sent her to the only school for the blind in their city—a religious school that wasn't Jewish. The priest in charge said she could come for free if she would convert to their religion. Otherwise, her parents would have to pay a lot of money for tuition.

The girl's parents felt they had no choice. Their daughter would have to convert.

But the girl herself wasn't sure it was the right thing to do. She went to shul and davened to Hashem to send her a sign to help her decide. Just then a rabbi came over to her. “I am looking for Egyptian Jews who need help,” he said. “My family came from Egypt many years ago,” answered the girl in surprise, “and you must be the sign I prayed for. Now I know I must remain a Jew! How did you know I needed help?”

The rabbi answered, “Far away in New York there is a great rabbi, a Jewish leader who cares about each and every Jew. He sent me to this city to take care of some Egyptian Jews, and so I looked for you.”

That great leader was the Rebbe.



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to learn for at least 10 minutes to give *nachas* to the Rebbe.

## *The Special Light*

When the waters of the Great Flood started going down, Noach sent out a bird to see if the land was dry, so he could come out from the *teyva*.

In truth, Noach was not going to leave the *teyva* until Hashem told him to. But he still sent the bird to show Hashem that he was doing whatever he could do from his part.

*The lesson for us is that we have to do whatever we can to show Hashem that we are ready to go out of golus. This is similar to saying “Ad mosai” and “We want Moshiach now!”*



### THE GIFT OF LETTERS

Every day the post office brought sacks and sacks of mail to Lubavitch Headquarters in Brooklyn at 770 Eastern Parkway. Hundreds of letters were addressed simply to “The Rebbe.”



People wrote with all kinds of important questions. They asked for the Rebbe’s *brocha* and advice before getting married, going on *shlichus*, or having a medical procedure. Some letters were from people who needed help. Others were full of good news about the birth of a child, or from a person who began to put on *tefillin*, or started lighting Shabbos candles—and wanted the Rebbe to know.

It took hours to read the letters, to answer them and to sign them. People who have letters from the Rebbe keep them and treasure them.

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to write a *pidyon nefesh* (פדיון) to the Rebbe and fax it to **718-723-4444**.

## *A Hint for Techi'as HaMaysim*

After the *Yidden* came out of the Yam Suf, they sang the *shira*. When the Torah writes about in *Az Yashir*, we find something interesting. Instead of saying that the *Yidden* sang, it says “אָז יִשֵּׁר” —which means “he **will** sing.”

*Rashi explains that this is a hint to Techi'as HaMaysim, that once again Moshe Rabbeinu and the Yidden of his time will again sing a praise to Hashem when they wake up at the time of Techiyas HaMaysim.*



### INTO THE SEA

The Rebbe’s family once spent a summer Balaclava, a city by the shore of the Black Sea in Crimea.

One day, as they were walking near the water, they heard someone shout, “A child is drowning!” A young boy had gone out alone in a small boat, and the boat had tipped over in the deep part of the ocean.

Another boy jumped into the water, swam out to the boat and rescued the child.

Hurrying to the scene, the Rebbe’s mother discovered that the “hero” was none other than her nine-year-old son.

That brave boy was the Rebbe.



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to share this story with someone in honor of Gimmel Tammuz.