

Kislev 5783 Year of Hakhel

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Resources

REGIONAL CHABAD CENTERS LIFECYCLE ASSISTANCE SHABBOS DETAILS

Men's Weekly Classes

Women's Weekly Classes

SUNDAY MORNING, 9:00AM I TALMUD I RABBI CHAIKIN
SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30AM I SMICHAS CHAVER I R' NOACH WINTERSTEIN
FRI AFTER MINCHA: A VORT FOR THE SHABBOS TABLE I R' SHOLOM STERN
SHABBOS MORNING CHASSIDUS, 9:00AM I DR. PORTER & CHAVRUSA
SHABBOS AFTERNOON 1/2 HR. BEFORE MINCHA, SICHA CLASS I R' NOACH W.

Daily Classes

SUNDAY- FRIDAY, 9:15AM I DAILY TANYA WITH THE RAV SUNDAY- THURSDAY, BEFORE MAARIV, DAILY RAMBAM WITH R' GERSHON KUZECKI

Teens Programs

BI-MONTHLY MOTZEI SHABBOS PROGRAM
ALTERNATING BOYS & GIRLS

Children's Programs

TUESDAY, 11:20AM I WOMEN'S TANYA (ZOOM) IRABBI FRIEDMAN TUESDAY, 8:30PM I WOMEN'S PARSHA (ZOOM) I RABBI CHAIKIN SHABBOS AFTERNOON, 4:30PM I MRS. ALEVSKY'S HOUSE

RCS: TO BELIEVE OR NOT TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF: HOW TO ACHIEVE SELF-MASTERY

WEEKLY SHABBOS PROGRAM, 10:00 AM-12:15PM CKIDS TORAH CLUB SUN: 9:30-11:30, WED & THURS: 5-6PM ROSH CHODESH RALLY & PRIZE STORE

EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE ROSH CHODESH

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HERE'S MY STORY- CLEVELAND EDITION



-Written by Sue Polster for ChabadCLE Kislev 5783

WHY CHABAD?

Decades ago, on a Shabbos morning, in the beginning of my journey to Shabbos observance, I stepped into an orthodox shul for the first time. No *Siddurim* or *Chumashim* had English. The *d'var Torah*, full of Hebrew expressions and references to the parsha, was over my head.

I had been invited for Shabbos lunch to a family I didn't know who had a daughter my age. The lunch was lovely, the family was gracious, but soon we were in a version of Jewish geography. Where was I from? Where did I grow up? Where did I go to school? Who were my family? When they realized I was from the neighborhood, had gone to public school and they wouldn't know my family, they said, "Wait a minute! You're saying your parents don't do this and you do!" They clearly thought I was crazy.

A few months later I attended the encounter for college students in Crown Heights. There were no Hebrew-English siddurim there either. And, ironically, the home I was placed into was not filled with the chassidic hospitality I had heard about. But I was surrounded by others like me—searchers after something we had not found in our assimilated American families. And nobody thought we were crazy.

I am filled with gratitude to the Lubavitcher Rebbe because he was clearly the only Jewish leader with the imagination and insight to see that *Yiddishkeit* could and would appeal to modern, educated, secular American Jews like me. The outreach movement was so new when I first went to Crown Heights, that I'm not even sure all the chassidim really believed it could succeed. They put in their effort, following the directives of the Rebbe, but I think they were as astonished as anyone at their success.

The reason Chabad has succeeded and continues to succeed is clear once one has even the most basic exposure to the concepts and ideals expressed in the Tanya.

One of the first ideas explained to me is how chassidim can connect with secular Jews without acting or even feeling superior. It's as simple as, 'don't judge until you've walked in someone's shoes.' But it was expressed as, "if I had your background, I would probably be much further from *Yiddishkeit* than you are, and if you had my background and education, you would probably have been a much better Jew than I am." And it was clear the person telling me this believed it.

Years later, other Jewish groups joined the outreach movement. They were doing *Kivruv Rachokim*—bringing near those who are far. While The Rebbe encouraged their efforts, he did not agree with this expression. He asserted that no Jews are far. We are all the children of Avraham, Yitzchok, and Yaakov. And no Jew should feel superior, just because he had the good fortune to be brought up in a Torah observant home.

I'm not equipped to give a Tanya shiur, but as we're entering the joyous month of Kislev, looking forward to celebrating Chanukah, we first celebrate Yud Tes Kislev, the Alter Rebbe's liberation from a Russian prison, also known as the New Year for Chassidus. Liberation allowed him to go on to compile the various ideas that became the Tanya, and to oversee its publication, which today has been translated into almost every language.

If we do nothing else this Kislev, let's all take another look at chapter 32 of Tanya, the "heart" of the Tanya. It's there we find the tools to actually take the mitzvah of "love your fellow as yourself," and put it into practice. The chapter explains away the difficulty of this *mitzvah*, no matter whom the "other" is and why loving him is such a challenge.

Each one of us has been on a journey that has led us to Chabad. As Avraham Avenu had to leave his father's house to find his purpose, many of us have done the same. Wait! You do this crazy shabbos and kosher and your parents didn't? Yep, that's us. Still crazy after all these years. *Baruch Hashem*.

To have your story featured email info@ChabadCLE.com subject line: Here's My Story

Reserve your seat for the Annual Yud Tes Kislev Seuda, celebrating Rosh Hashana of Chassidus on Tuesday, 19 Kislev - Dec 13, 2022, 8pm @ Waxman Chabad Center. @ChabadCLE.com/RSVP



"HAKHEL ES HA'AM - GATHER THE NATION: THE MEN, THE WOMEN & THE CHILDREN

Every seven years is a Hakhel year. In ancient times, during a Hakhel year, Jews would stream to Jerusalem to unite in the Holy Temple, and hear Torah from the king.

Today, you are the king. You have the power to unite Jews.

Host a Hakhel gathering, which can be lunch classes, social evenings, or book club meetings. Just gather together with members of the tribe to be together, learn Torah, give charity and be inspired.

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THE COMMUNITY













THANK YOU Aharon Neiman, Boruch Schwei & Rogers Park Band

HAKHELCLE TISHREI RECAP

THE MEN



THANK YOU Aaron Evenchik, Rabbi Shmuli Friedman, Mendele Friedman, Avi Lampert & Ari Lesser

THE WOMEN









THANK YOU Mrs. Chaikin, Mazal Cohen, Rachel Covitch, Cheryl Fox, Devora Klugman, Rivki Silver and the Choir

THE TEENS



THANK YOU Rabbi Manis Friedman Maverick & Tehilla Peters & Beachwood High School

THE CHILDREN





THANK YOU Rivky Friedman, Raizel Neiman & Ronit Roth



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CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Only attend an event at which the program is at your level of comprehension. If you're afraid you won't understand what's going on, or if you think there's nothing new there for you to learn or experience, you are wasting your time.

THE HAKHEL WAY

Hakhel is about being there.

Everyone was at Hakhel. Those with great minds to fathom every word. Those with big hearts to appreciate the experience. And, surprisingly, even young children, including newborns in their cradles, attended the Hakhel gathering.

Why? Because it wasn't only about what you heard or how you felt. It was about who you are. If you were a Jew, you had to be there, alongside all the rest of the Jewish people. It was an identity thing, personal and collective, both who you are and who we are, sinking deep into your bones. So perhaps it was the littlest ones, freed from the limits of intellect or self-awareness, who connected with this mitzvah on the deepest level.

HAKHEL TIP OF THE MONTH

This month, if you are invited to join a good gathering, just say yes. Be there, with your people.

-Taken from Chabad.org 2gatheras1 Hakhel Packet

THE COMMUNITY



THANK YOU Rabbi Chaikin, Haim & Devorah Leibowitz & Le'Chaim Restaurant

HAKHELCLE CHESHVAN RECAP

THE MEN



THANK YOU Eli Shomer, Meilach Muskal & The Chassidic Brotherhood

THE WOMEN

THANK YOU to all those who hosted Hakhel gatherings



THE TEENS



THANK YOU Dr. Porter, Eli Shomer, Nate & Rivkah Bergman

THE CHILDREN



THANK YOU Raizel Neiman, Lottie Ginsburg, Chana Neiman, Tzophia Francis & Sasha Ezan

CONTACT RABBI CHAIKIN TO HOST A COMMUNITY HAKHEL EVENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY

- -YUD TES KISLEV CELEBRATION- TUESDAY, DEC 13, 8PM
- -MENORAH PARADE- SUNDAY, DEC 18, 3 PM
- -MENORAH LIGHTING AT ETON- MONDAY, DEC 19, 6 PM
- -SHUL CHANUKAH PARTY- SUNDAY, DEC 25, 10:30 AM

GRAND YUD DALED KISLEV FARBRENGEN WITH THE CHASSIDIC BROTHERHOOD

WOMEN

COFFEE WITH MIRYAM- SUNDAY, DEC 3, 10:30 AM

TEEN BOYS

BI-MONTHLY MOTZEI SHABBOS PROGRAM

TEEN GIRLS

BI-MONTHLY MOTZEI SHABBOS PROGRAM

CHILDREN

- -WEEKLY SHABBOS PROGRAM
- -KISLEV RALLY- SUNDAY, DEC. 25

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UPCOMING CHASSIDIC HOLIDAYS ::

ROSH CHODESH KISLEV Rebbe's Recovery (1977)

For the first time since suffering a major heart attack five weeks earlier, on the eve of Shemini Atzeret, the Rebbe left his office in 770 Eastern Parkway and returned to his home, signaling his recovery. Chassidim all over rejoiced at the good news.

From that day on, the Rebbe redoubled his efforts on behalf of the Jewish nation and all of humanity, and for the dissemination of Torah and chassidism. From then on, the first of Kislev is celebrated as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing.

Birth & Passing of R. Dovber of Lubavitch (1773; 1827)

Kislev 9 is both the birthday and day of passing of Rabbi DovBer of Lubavitch, son of and successor to the founder of Chabad Chassidism, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi. Rabbi DovBer was known for his unique style of "broadening rivers" -- his teachings were the intellectual rivers to his father's wellspring, lending breadth and depth to the principles set down by Rabbi Schneur Zalman.

Born in Liozna, White Russia in 1773, Rabbi DovBer was named after Rabbi Schneur Zalman's mentor and teacher, Rabbi DovBer of Mezeritch, who had passed away on Kislev 19 of the previous year. Rabbi DovBer assumed the leadership of Chabad upon his father's passing in 1812. In 1813 he settled in the town of Lubavitch, which was to serve as the movement's headquarters for the next 102 years. In 1826, he was arrested on charges that his teachings threatened the imperial authority of the Czar, but was subsequently exonerated.

Rabbi DovBer passed away on his 54th birthday in 1827, a day before the first anniversary of his liberation

YUD KISLEV

Liberation of R. DovBer (1826)

In 1826, Rabbi DovBer of Lubavitch (see calendar entry for yesterday, Kislev 9) was arrested on charges that his teachings threatened the imperial authority of the Czar, but was subsequently exonerated. The date of his release, Kislev 10, is celebrated amongst Chabad Chassidim as a "festival of liberation." Tachanun (confession of sins) is omitted from the day's prayers, farbrengens are held, and Rabbi DovBer's teachings are studied.

YUD DALED KISLEV

Rebbe's Marriage (1928)

On the 14th of Kislev, 1928, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, married Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneersohn (1901-1988), the middle daughter of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn (1880-1950), the sixth Rebbe of Chabad-Lubavitch. The wedding was held in

Warsaw, Poland, at the Lubavitcher Yeshivah, Tomchei Temimim.

Upon Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak's passing in 1950, Rabbi Menachem Mendel succeeded his father-in-law as the Rebbe of Chabad-Lubavitch. On the 14th of Kislev of 1953, at a farbrengen (Chassidic gathering) marking his 25th wedding anniversary, the Rebbe said to his Chassidim: "This is the day that bound me to you, and you to me.

YUD TES KISLEV- The Rosh Hashanah of Chassidism

Passing of Maggid (1772)
Rabbi DovBer, known as "The Maggid of Mezeritch", was the disciple of, and successor to, the founder of Chassidism, Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov.
Rabbi DovBer led the Chassidic movement from 1761 until his passing on Kislev 19, 1772.

Liberation of R. Schneur Zalman of Liadi (1798)

On the 19th of Kislev of the year 5559 from creation (1798), Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi -- a leading disciple of Rabbi DovBer of Mezeritch (see previous entry) and the founder of Chabad Chassidism -- 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."

CHOF KISLEV- The Rosh Hashanah of Chassidism

CHOF KISLEV- The Rosh Hashanan of Chassidism

Tanya Published (1796)

The first printing of the "bible of Chassidism", the Tanya, the magnum opus of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of Chabad.

"Rosh Hashanah of Chassidism"

The Rosh Hashanah ("new year") of Chassidism, marking the liberation of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi and the subsequent blossoming of Chabad Chassidism, is celebrated for two days, Kislev 19-20. (The Rebbe was released from prison on the 19th, but his full freedom was only obtained late in the evening -- Kislev 20 on the Jewish Calendar.) The two days are celebrated with farbrengens (Chassidic gatherings) and an increased commitment to the ways and teachings of Chassidism. Tachnun (supplication) and similar prayers are omitted. For more information and links, see entries for vesterday Kislev 19.



A Women's Hakhel gathering Sunday, December 4 - 10 Kislev, 5783 10:30 AM



In loving memory of Marcia Waxman OBM, Miriam bas Ze'ev Velvel at the home of Yocheved Polonsky 23165 Timberlane Dr., Beachwood

Donations to Chabad Women appreciated in memory of Marcia Waxman RSVP and donate at ChabadCLE.com/Donate

Miryam Swerdlov is an internationally renowned speaker who has captured the hearts of many women with her laugh-out-loud humor. She has taught Jewish History at Yeshiva High Schools for more than 30 years and directs a camp for American teenagers in Israel every summer.



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MEN'S TRIP: IN HONOR OF YUD SHEVAT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

WOMEN'S TRIP: IN HONOR OF CHOF-BEIS SHVAT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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Gift a Menorah

will send our custom Menorah commentary, and the tools to someone who can use it. We celebrate the mitzvah of Send a Menorah kit to kit with instructions, Menorah! Chanukah begins Sunday evening, December 18, 2022 and continues through Monday, December 26, 2022. Contact Rabbi Chaikin to get involved.

