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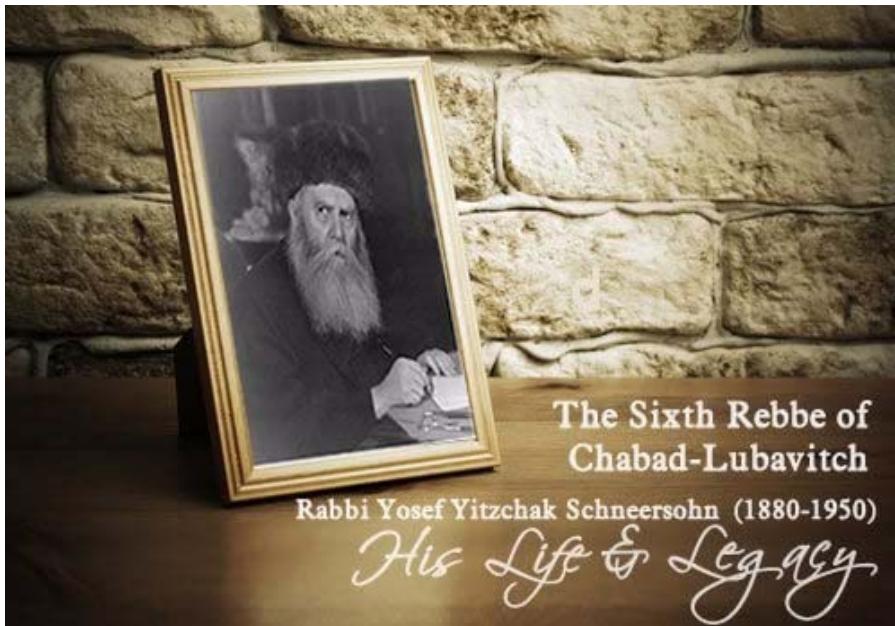


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Terumah

4 Adar, 5783

Sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe arrives in America (1940)



After a 12-day sea voyage, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn (1880-1950), disembarked at the New York harbor on the 9th of Adar II of 1940, following his miraculous rescue from Nazi-occupied Warsaw.

The life of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn spanned a period of unprecedented upheaval and transition for the Jewish people. Born in the summer of 1880, he grew up in the small village of Lubavitch, the historic center of Chabad, 300 miles west of Moscow. Under the patronage of his father, it was there that he established the Tomchei Temimim Yeshiva, equipping a new cadre of students with the knowledge, vision and conviction to perpetuate traditional Jewish life irrespective of the political and social unrest that would soon sweep across Russia and the world.

He assumed the leadership of Chabad in the chaotic aftermath of Russia's revolution and civil war, rallying and reorganizing his scattered and disorientated chassidim in the face of famine, disease and heightening religious persecution at the hands of the communist regime. Following his 1927 arrest he relocated to Warsaw and built a new educational and institutional infrastructure from scratch, only to see it destroyed at the hands of the Nazis in 1939. Arriving in New York, he immediately set out to build a new network of educational institutions and activists. Despite personal illness and frailty he made intensive efforts both to save Jews from the Nazi onslaught and to imbue a new generation of American Jews with the potent spirit of Chassidism.

(from <http://www.chabad.org/>)

Gifting Without Glory

The great Yeshivas Chachmei Lublin, the Rabbinical Academy of the Sages of Lublin, opened in 1930, between the two world wars. Under the leadership of Rabbi Meir Shapiro zt"l, the school built a magnificent building which still stands today (although it was ransacked and gutted by the Germans). Much of it is in use as a four-star hotel, though there are plans for a museum on Hassidism to also open there.

Soon after the new yeshiva opened, there was a meeting of leaders of yeshivos across Poland to discuss the dire funding crisis that many of them faced at that time. The media was invited to the meeting, in order to publicize and encourage support for their efforts to raise funds to continue. But a reporter pointedly asked Rabbi Zalman Sorotzkin zt"l, "Why did Rabbi Shapiro just raise and spend so much money to build his yeshiva in Lublin, when that same money could have been used to provide the sorely needed support that you are discussing, for all the existing yeshivos?" Rabbi Sorotzkin gave him the following answer:

In the Torah when Moses collected money for the building of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) there were three collections. The first two were obligatory: the collection for the daily operations of the Mishkan, and for the silver footing of the Mishkan walls. The third collection, for the bulk of the actual Mishkan, including its walls, roof, Holy Ark, Menorah, and Altar, was voluntary.


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Why was the building collection voluntary, while funding for daily operations was obligatory? If the Mishkan enabled the daily services and offerings to be presented, why was it necessary to compel people to donate? Wouldn't we expect donors to jump at the opportunity to help fund these offerings, such that there would be no need for a mandatory collection to cover the costs?

The answer, said Rabbi Sorotzkin, is that it is human nature to be attracted to big projects, like the grandeur of beautiful buildings and elegant furnishings. It is much easier to gather donations for these efforts, as compared to gifts for daily operations, where the donor cannot point to a physical component that he or she made possible. Indeed, Rabbi Shapiro himself had trouble collecting the funds to keep his magnificent building in operation, though that required much smaller sums than the cost to build it!

On a perhaps related matter, it is a good time to mention our annual fundraiser — the \$100K raffle campaign. While our websites and other services have been up and running for many years, it is the daily operations of our digital services that benefit our readers the most, and are also the most costly. Jewish inspiration and Torah study are the core mission of Project Genesis, and our consistent efforts to maintain our operations and disseminate more Torah to our readers can only continue with your support. Please give generously to our campaign, and may the Al-mighty respond to your generosity with many blessings of health and success!

(by Rabbi Mordechai Dixler from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

<p>Mr. Yechiel and Mrs. Rochelle Rubin are sponsoring Kiddush after davening this Shabbat in memory of the yahrzeit of Yechiel's mother Etel Ruchama Bas Yehoshua, whose yahrzeit is this Shabbat.</p>	
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Yahrzeits This Week:			
Laurie Margolies	4 Adar - Friday night / Shabbat	for father	Ze'ev ben Yitzchak
Yechiel Rubin	4 Adar - Friday night / Shabbat	for mother	Etel Ruchama bas Yehoshua
Howard Elbaum	6 Adar - Sunday night / Mlonday	for mother	Chaya bas Yisrael Pinchas

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DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE	
<p>Friday, 2/24 — 3 Adar Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. Shabbat Candles — 5:35 p.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:35 p.m.</p> <p>Shabbat, 2/25 — 4 Adar Shacharit — 9:00 a.m. Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:30 a.m. Minchah — 5:25 p.m. Shiur — after Minchah Ma'ariv — 6:36 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, 2/26 — 5 Adar Shacharit — 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, 2/27 — 6 Adar Shacharit — 6:50 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 2/28 — 7 Adar Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, 3/1 — 8 Adar Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, 3/2 — 9 Adar Shacharit — 6:50 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, 3/3 — 10 Adar Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. Shabbat Candles — 5:42 p.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:45 p.m.</p>