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1. The halachah clearly states that children who make noise should not attend synagogue. But Chabad encourages children attending synagogue. And the Rebbe encouraged kids to hear the Shofar in shul on Rosh Hashanah.



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2. Hakhel explains Chabad's approach.

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3. Going to Jerusalem thrice yearly was only required for men—but Hakhel in Jerusalem every seven years was mandatory for everyone: men, women and children.



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4. The Jewish king would read to the people from a Torah scroll during Hakhel.



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5. The purpose of Hakhel was "to learn, to listen, and fear the Lord your G-d."



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6. If Hakhel was for everyone to hear the king's Torah reading, then why were children who make noise required? Better for parents if they stayed home!

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7. Maimonides: The purpose of Hakhel was to re-experience the Giving of the Torah.



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8. Question: Didn't the Jewish people already know the Ten Commandments?



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9. Answer: The Rebbe: Matan Torah was to create an unforgettable experience recounted from generation to generation—and Hakhel was to create an experience.



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10. Chabad embraces kids in shul so as to give them Jewish experiences.

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