

# Shluchos

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## Our Lifeline

דבר מלכות

When the Mittler Rebbe established a *yishuv* in Eretz Yisrael, he asked some of his Chassidim to move there. The Chassidim asked what would be with their Chassidus. In their present locations, they would periodically visit the Rebbe or, very rarely, the Rebbe would pass through their cities during his travels. Living in Eretz Yisrael, they would be too far for visits. The Rebbe answered that he would send them booklets of Chassidic *maamorim*.

This is still difficult to understand. These Chassidim would still be lacking the aspect of "And your eyes shall see your teacher" which is necessary when hearing words of Torah, as this helps to understand what is being taught. As the *Maamar Razal* says, "The reason I am sharp in my learning is because I saw R' Meir from behind and if I had seen him before me I would have been even sharper." And this concept, what seeing one's teacher accomplishes, is simple. Since we know that "A person's wisdom lights his face", the face of a *chochom* lights up when he says words of Torah. We also know that "Hashem did not create anything without reason." Therefore we must say that this light helps the listener to better comprehend what he is learning. We must also say that this doesn't only have an external affect but also an internal affect. Everything a person sees or hears helps with his *avodas Hashem* and so, understandably, seeing the light on his teacher's face helps internally with understanding what is being taught.

Were these Chassidim missing out on the benefits of seeing their Rebbe? This could be compared to "after growth". A long time after the planting was done, even more plants grow from the after growth of the original plant. It is difficult to determine the difference between the after growth and the original plant, a direct result of the planting. Similarly here, when the Chassidim remember and visualize how things were when they were by the Rebbe, they feel as though they are actually experiencing standing before the Rebbe.

Every concept is also found in the revealed Torah. In our situation, "One who says something in the name of the one who said it, it will seem as though the one who said it is standing before him." Even if he heard it long before, its effect is presently felt. One cannot compare one who sees the speaker before him to one who cannot. There is the known story regarding the Tzemach Tzedek, where a number of years after the passing of his grandfather, the Alter Rebbe, the Tzemach Tzedek sang the Alter Rebbe's *niggun*. He was on a level where "it was as though the one he heard it from was standing before him".

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לע"נ רחל לאה בת משה אליקים בריעה ע"ה

## מזל טוב



*We wish a hearty mazel tov to the following shluchim:*

### Boys

Rabbi Chaim Nochum and Tova Cunin, Los Angeles, CA  
 Rabbi Moshe and Chana Garelik, Brussels, Belgium  
 Rabbi Hillel and Chana Scop, Mill Valley, CA  
 Rabbi Benzion and Chani Shemtov, Chicago, IL

### Girls

Rabbi Levi Y. and Sara Feller, S. Paul, MN  
 Rabbi Mordechai and Blima Wollenberg, Cardiff, UK

### Twin Girls

Rabbi Berel and Ziporah Cohen, Blue Ash, OH

### ENGAGEMENTS

Rabbi Yehoshua Dov and Esther Chaiton, Johannesburg, S. Africa  
 Rabbi Michoel and Rochel Dina Gourarie, Sydney, Australia  
 Son Yaakov Chaiton to daughter Mushki Gourarie  
 Rabbi Shimon and Gildah Evers, Amersfoort, Holland  
 Son Elimelech to Chayale Halberstam, NY  
 Rabbi Yitzchok and Chana Mann, Oak Park, MI  
 Son Mendy to Chaya Mushka Huss, Canada  
 Rabbi Dovid and Devora Plotka, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 Son Yehoshua Avraham to Rivka Binstock, Israel  
 Rabbi Nachman and Clara Simon, Del Mar, NY  
 Son Zalmy Simon to Chani Schectman, WI  
 Rabbi Dovid and Shterna Sara Wilansky, Elizabeth, NY  
 Son Mendy to Rivky Elishevitz, NY

### CONDOLENCES

To Mrs. BatSheva Shemtov, Philadelphia, PA and Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff, Houston, TX, upon the loss of their mother Rebbetzin Menucha Lazaroff, ע"ה, NY  
 To Mrs. Esty Bluma Sputz, Montreal, Canada, and family upon the loss of their husband and father, Rabbi Yehuda Sputz, ע"ה  
 To Mrs. Dina Raichik, Kfar Chabad, Israel, and family, upon the loss of their husband and father, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Raichik, ע"ה

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים



## Our Guidance

On the 26th of Mar-Cheshvan 5717, the Rebbe responded to Rabbi Ezriel Chaiken of Agadier, Morocco.

..ובמ"ש אודות הבית רבקה לילדות לכל היום, מובן הנחיצות של הענין אפילו אם יהי הראשית מצער, [אף שמוכן שצריך לסדר באופן שלא יגרום למחלוקת, ובודאי כמה אופנים להשקט החוששים לזה שרוצים להרוס את המוסד שלהם, ובפרט כפי שכותב גם הרב מצדד לייסד המוסד], וכבר נאמר והי' ראשיתך מצער וכפי' הבעש"ט עי"ז יהי' – ואחריתך ישגא מאד וידוע שיחות כ"ק מו"ח אדמו"ר כשמעמדים פנס ברחוב בחשכת הלילה מתקבצים סביביו, וק"ל. אגרות קודש י"ד: ק"ט

..Regarding that which he writes about [establishing] a full day Bais Rivkah, it's necessity is understood, even if 'your beginning will be small', [it is clear that the organization should be done without divisiveness, and certainly there are various ways to quiet those that are concerned that they [you] want to destroy their mosad]. It is stated 'and your beginning will be small' and according to the BSH" T-' then your end will experience great prosperity', as is known in the sichos of the Frierdige Rebbe, that when one sets up a lantern in a street in the darkness of the night, people surround it..

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Most Shluchim focus on servicing communities by fulfilling their constant spiritual needs. We provide them with Shabbos and Yom Tov meals, opportunities to eat in our *sukos*, make community *seedorim* and the like.

Chabad of South Wade, Florida functions on the premise that it is important to get the members of their community involved and become an integral part of the process. To that end, we can appreciate some examples of how their activities focus on doing just that. The ever present goal is to increase the Jewish education and skills of the families, thus enabling them to function independently in many Jewish areas of their lives.

### Examples:

1. **Sukos:** After the families purchase and build their own sukkos, they are encouraged to have block parties on *chol hamoed* and invite their neighbors to partake in this mitzvah.
2. **Airuv:** When the community had to make an *airuv*, an expert explained what type of street poles were acceptable to construct the *airuv*. Six families then graphed a map based on this information. This graph

was used as the basis for assigning the new *airuv* route.

3. **Mishloach Manos-** Families counted *mezuzos* within a three block radius of their homes. When the total count was in, *mishloach manos* were

prepared by everyone cooperatively. On Purim, each family walked from door to door in their personal area to deliver *mishloach manos*.

4. **Pesach seedorim-** After a mock *seder* was conducted on the Chabad premises, the families were then advised to make their own *seedorim*. Chabad then placed newcomers among those families.

**Note:** Oftentimes, instead of printed invitations, invites are given via email, phone or even in person. Here the focus is not on numbers to an event or even on building campaigns, but rather on educating and enabling the Jewish community to become independent in their everyday Yiddishkeit. Finally, as a ripple effect, the ultimate goal is for them to enable others to do the same.

### New! Pro Bono Counseling Service for Shluchos

A new pro bono service for Shluchos began mid September with great success.

Mrs. Shira Frank LSWC, has been counseling Shluchos (national and international) via the telephone, for one hour a week. This professional service includes a ½ hour first session per person, plus a follow up by phone or email.

On Mondays, resuming on Oct. 27th (after Sukos), Mrs. Frank will be available again between 8:30-9:30 EST, for family issues and parenting consultations.

All discussions are confidential, and your ID can remain anonymous, if you wish, by dialing \*67 prior to dialing her number.

Her office phone is 718-421-7182. Her email is [shirafranklcsw@gmail.com](mailto:shirafranklcsw@gmail.com)