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Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch is an organization that provides social, educational, recreational, and religious programming. Chabad is a place where every Jew, affiliated or unaffiliated, observant or non-observant, can come and feel comfortable. We believe that regardless of educational background or affiliation, it is the inalienable right of every Jewish person to learn and participate in our heritage, which belongs to us equally.

**MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI**

Jews are strictly forbidden to eat any leavened foods on Passover. Bread is replaced by “Matzah” – flat baked wafers made only of flour and water. Jews the world over take scrupulous care to avoid eating even the smallest particle of Chometz over Passover. The characteristic of leavened dough (Chometz) is that it rises and swells, symbolizing pride and boastfulness. A Matzah, on the other hand, is thin and flat, suggesting meekness and humility. Passover teaches us that “Chometz” – arrogance – is the very antithesis of the ideal of Torah. When an arrogant man is confronted with the obligation of performing a mitzvah that demands a measure of self-sacrifice, (for example, charity, which involves sharing his possessions with his less fortunate fellow) he avoids fulfilling his obligation. He reasons: “I am wealthy because I deserve it. In fact, I am entitled to more than I presently possess, so why should I give some of it away?” Moreover, the egotism of the arrogant person deprives him of the ability to discern the worthiness

of his neighbor and he smugly concludes that the other is truly far below his level. According to his logic the cause of this neighbor’s poverty is readily understood: “That pauper surely does not deserve any better!” “Now,” he thinks to himself, “if G-d sees fit, and rightly so, that this man be poor, should I interfere and help him?” Such egotistical reasoning leads the haughty individual to do more and more evil. Yet, he will never perceive the evil of his actions and repent of them. For even when he is forced to concede that his actions are improper, he finds various causes “beyond his control” that prevailed upon him to act as he did. Moreover, even when he cannot find any excuses to satisfy his conscience, nevertheless, “Self-love covers all transgressions.” He may be a spiteful evil-doer who cannot invent, through any stretch of the imagination, any line of reasoning to justify his behavior, yet self-love blinds his eyes and covers his evil. The humble man, on the other hand, has quite the reverse attitude, both with regard to his fulfilling the

Mitzvahs as well as to his repentance of improper acts in the past. Using the mitzvah of Tzedakah (charity) once again as an example: the humble man compares himself with his fellow-Jew in the proper light. He thinks to himself: “Am I truthfully better than he? Do I deserve my better fortune?” This analysis, made objectively, rouses him to sympathize with his fellow-Jew and to render him assistance. Moreover, when the unassuming person acts improperly, he does not attempt to justify his incorrect behavior. On the contrary, his sincere self-analysis prompts him to do “Teshuvah,” to honestly repent of his improper actions. Each year, on Passover, we are commended by the Torah to rid our domain of all traces of “Chometz.” We must seek to rid ourselves of every particle of the ‘spiritual Chometz’ – arrogance – so that we are able to clearly perceive our own faults and our fellow’s good qualities.

A Kosher and Happy Passover to all!

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet



PURIM IN MOROCCO

Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch celebrated Purim in Morocco on Sunday, March 12 with close to one hundred and fifty people. Attendees enjoyed sitting in a Moroccan tent, with camel rides, megillah reading, comedy with Dr. Shapiro and Rabbi Mendy, a moon bounce, henna painting, delicious Moroccan food, (prepared by Ruthy Hyatt), lively Moroccan music and dancing, and more! Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, cook, clean up, thus contributing to an exciting Purim for the community.



PURIM GIFT BOX

Over 250 Purim Gift boxes (*mishloach manot*) were distributed throughout the community to bring the joy of Purim to all.



PURIM MASQUERADE PARTY

A Purim Masquerade Party launched the Purim festivities at Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch on Saturday night, March 11. Attendees heard the megillah, dressed up for Purim, listened to Purim music, and enjoyed various Purim treats. Special thanks to Jerry & Judy Zivic for sponsoring this event.





PURIM IN THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

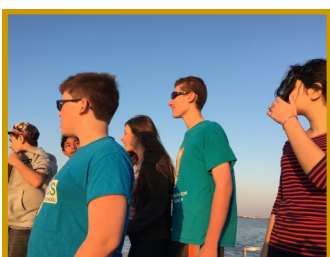
Chabad Hebrew School of The Arts held Purim in The Chocolate Factory on Sunday, March 5. Students and their families prepared delicious chocolate themed Mishloach Manot (food gifts) to give to family and friends on Purim.



C TEEN BOATING



Teens enjoyed an exciting “Expresso Yourself” CTeen event which included a boating trip, hamentaschen s’mores, and giving out hot cocoa to the homeless. Save the date for Tuesday, April 23 for CTeen’s “In Love With Love” at The Chabad House.



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THE MEAL OF MOSHIACH

It is a custom established by the Baal Shem Tov that on the last day of Pesach, we eat a special meal, the Moshiach Seudah, complete with matzah, wine, and Chassidic songs. The Seuda will be led by Rabbi Mendy Bukiet

Tuesday, APRIL 18-22 Nissan
at **The Chabad House**
5712 Lorraine Road

FREE! Sponsor: \$180
6:30 PM - All are welcome to join!



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Torah & Tea

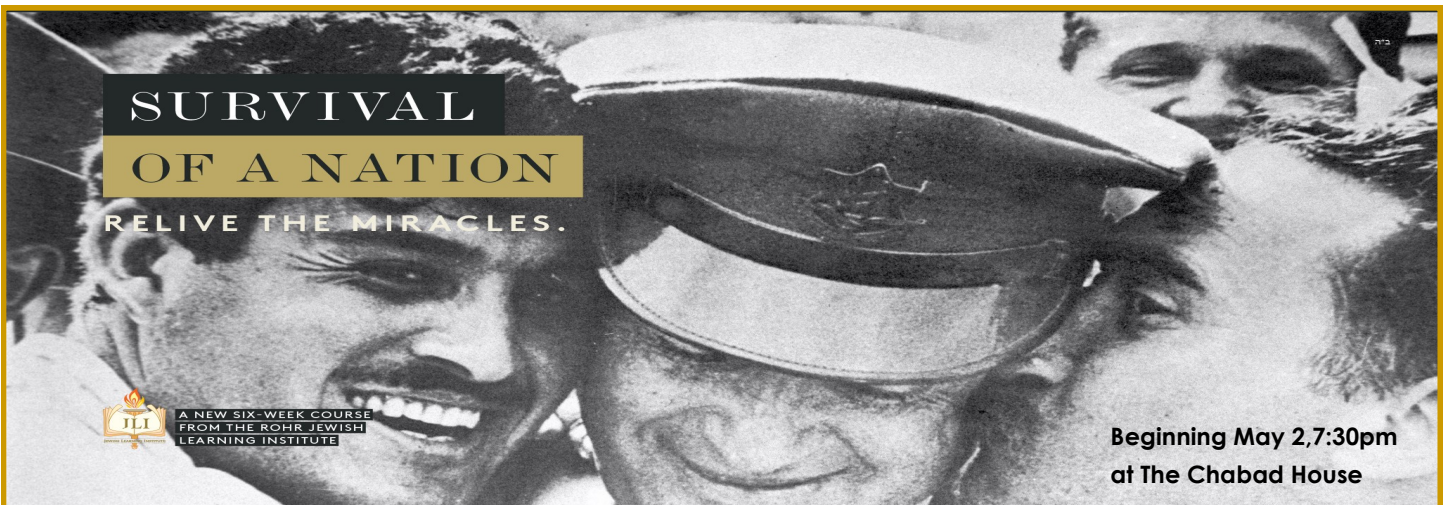
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 A NEW SIX-WEEK COURSE FROM THE ROHR JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE

PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

14 Nissan - Monday, April 10

Erev Pesach

Siyum of the Firstborn: 8:00 am

Eat Chometz until: 11:22 am

Burn Chometz by: 12:26 pm

Candle Lighting Time: 7:34 pm

Chabad Seder: 7:30 pm

15 Nissan – Tuesday, April 11

PASSOVER

Morning Services: 9:30 am

Light Candles after: 8:28 pm

Evening Services: 9:00 pm

Passover Seder: 9:30 pm

16 Nissan – Wednesday, April 12

PASSOVER

Morning Services: 9:30 am

Omer: Day One

Holiday ends: 8:28 pm

17 Nissan – Thursday, April 13

PASSOVER – Intermediary Day

Omer: Day Two

18 Nissan – Friday, April 14

PASSOVER -- Intermediary Day

Omer: Day Three

Light Candles: 7:36 pm

Evening Services: 7:00 pm

19 Nissan – Shabbat, April 15

PASSOVER -- Intermediary Day

Omer: Day Four

Morning Services: 9:30 am

Shabbat Ends: 8:30 pm

20 Nissan – Sunday, April 16

PASSOVER -- Intermediary Day

Omer: Day Five

Light Candles: 7:37 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

21 Nissan – Monday, April 17

PASSOVER – Seventh Day

Omer: Day Six

Morning Services: 9:30 am

Light Candles after 8:31 pm

Evening Services: 8:30 pm

22 Nissan: Tuesday, April 18

PASSOVER – Last Day

Morning Services: 9:30 am

Yizkor Memorial Services: 11:00 am

Kabbalistic Seder: 6:30 pm

Omer: Day Seven

Holiday Ends: 8:32 pm

All services will take place at The Chabad House. Please don't forget to sell your chometz before Passover.

The forms can be downloaded from the Chabad website or picked up at Chabad. Forms can also be mailed to your home at your request. Please contact Chabad at 941-752-3030.

Check out the Chabad website for all your Passover needs including Shmurah Matzah, Seder plates, Haggadahs, and more.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

All events take place at The Chabad House.

Talmud Classes

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm

Explore the Talmud and its laws in its original text. No prior knowledge of the Talmud or Hebrew is necessary. Book fee: \$45.

Torah Studies

Saturday mornings, 9:00-9:30 am

Participate in a fascinating class on the Torah portion of the week. Discover the mystical meanings and lessons behind ancient stories. Admission is free.

Havdallah & Shmooze

Saturdays, half hour after Shabbat's Conclusion (sundown)

Havdallah followed by a Schmooze including questions on any topic in Judaism answered by Rabbi Mendy. Admission is free.

Weekly Shabbat Services

Friday nights, 7:00 pm, Saturday mornings, 9:30 am

Enjoy warm, family friendly services at The Chabad House. Saturday morning services are followed by a delicious buffet Kiddush.

CKids Shabbat Club

Saturday mornings, 11:00 am-noon

Includes prayer, games, songs, and is followed by a Kiddush luncheon. Shabbat Birthday Club will take place on April 29. Children will enjoy a cupcake birthday party and participate in the Jewish customs surrounding birthdays.

Chabad Hebrew School of the Arts

Sunday mornings, April 2, 23, & 30, 9:30 am - noon

Give your child the experience of a lifetime at CHS featuring an outstanding curriculum, professional and warm teachers, hands-on lessons, CKids motivational system, and an innovative Hebrew reading Aleph Champ program.

Torah & Tea

Tuesdays, April 4 & 25, 11:00 am-noon

Join Chanie Bukiet in her home for a weekly dose of delicious tea and refreshments and learn about Tanya; mystical psychology of the soul. Admission is free. Sponsor a class for \$25.

Babyccino

Sundays, April 2, 23, & 30, 9:30 am-10:15 am

This new exciting program at Chabad ventures out into a place where motherhood and childhood happily intersect, creating and offering ways to engage both parents and children at the same time. Babyccino provides a chic meet for mod moms and their tots and features centers for creative art and expression, Judaic discovery, music and movement, sensory stimulation, dramatic play, parallel play, and social interaction. Cost \$10 per class or \$250 annually.

RCS: Simple Truths - To Love Another

Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 pm

Women are invited to join RCS's latest course "Simple Truths."

Come learn pivotal Jewish insights for a more centered living at the Chabad House. Simple Truths will help guide you through life's many bumps and struggles. Join us for a refreshing look on how to handle everyday simple questions. Course fee is \$75 (textbooks included) or \$18 per class. JWC members are entitled to a \$5 discount.

JLI: Survival of a Nation

Six Wednesdays, beginning May 3, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Explore Israel through the Lens of the Six Day War. Relive the miracles, debate the controversies, and explore ancient and contemporary insights into this conflict and its delicate complexities. Course Cost: \$75 - textbook included.

For more information on any of the above ongoing events, call Rabbi Mendy Bukiet at 941-752-3030 or e-mail info@chabadofbradenton.com.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, contact Chabad at 941-752-3030, info@chabadofbradenton.com, or visit www.chabadofbradenton.com.

Sunday, April 2, 11:00-noon: FreedoMan Model Seder

Learn all about the holiday of Pesach and the traditions of the Seder with our Lego Passover FreedoMan at this interactive and lively Model Seder. Admission is \$10 and free to CHS students and families / Sponsor \$180.

Monday, April 10, 7:30 pm: Interactive Passover Seder.

Join Chabad at the Chabad House for an enchanting Passover Seder. Relive the exodus, discover the eternal meaning of Haggadah and enjoy a community Seder complete with hand-baked Matzah, wine, and a wonderful dinner spiced with unique traditional customs. Adults \$50, Child \$36. Sponsor the Seder for \$500. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Tuesday, April 11: 9:30 pm: Traditional Family Seder

Join Rabbi Mendy at his family at their traditional Seder which will take place at The Chabad House. Adults \$50, Child \$36. Sponsor the Seder for \$500. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 pm: Kabbalistic Passover Feast

Celebrate the conclusion of Passover at the Chabad House with a Kabbalistic festive gathering. Attendees will have the opportunity to drink the four cups of wine and partake of the Matzah customarily eaten at this time. A light buffet will be served. RSVP. Admission is free. Sponsor this event for \$180.

Sunday, May 14, 12:00 pm: Lag Ba'Omer Celebration

Celebrate Lag Ba'Omer at The Chabad property with a grand bonfire, music, falafel with Yoav, Kosher BBQ, marshmallow roasting, bungee jump, rock climbing, moon bounce, and more! Admission is free. Nominal food fees to apply! Sponsor: \$250

Sunday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.: The Chabad Book Club

Enjoy a lively book club discussion with Rabbi Mendy & Chanie Bukiet at the home of Ron and Ruth Hyatt (call and reserve for address). The Book featured will be "Samarkand – the Underground with Far-Reaching Impact," by Rabbi Hillel Zaltzman. The book (originally in Hebrew and recently translated) tells of the Chassidic underground in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, with the far-reaching impact it had on other Jews. It is a non-fiction documentary that gives an uplifting view of Jewish survival and Soviet history from the inside. Admission is free.

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