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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



Lag Ba’Omer, this year on Sunday, May 14, commemorates the passing of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, one of the foremost

sages of the Talmud and author of the Zohar, the primary text of the Kabbalah.

Rabbi Shimon's knowledge extended from the exoteric, legal realm of the Torah, to its deepest, mystical secrets.

Moreover, he was uniquely able to perceive these two areas of knowledge not as distinct, self-contained disciplines, but as one composite unit, the legal aspect being the body and the mystical element the soul of one integrated Torah.

This unity within the Torah, that Rabbi Shimon recognized, enabled him to perceive the Divine unity within our material world, and moreover, to have this unity expressed in actual fact as well as in the abstract.

He understood Torah study as all-encompassing, able to influence and control every aspect of our lives.

On Lag BaOmer, we seek to emulate this quality of Rabbi Shimon's. It is therefore customary for young yeshivah students to leave the halls of study and go out to the fields on this day.

Rabbi Shimon was able to unite

the deepest mystical elements of the Torah with the natural elements of the world. In emulation of him, children extend the atmosphere of the Yeshiva to encompass even the field, an area seemingly beyond the realm of Torah.

Rabbi Shimon taught that the underlying unity of Torah and worldliness should be expressed every day, not only once a year.

Rabbi Shimon was true to his own teachings.

The Talmud says of him, Toraso umanuso - "His profession was Torah." He devoted himself solely to Torah study, remaining completely uninvolved in worldly concerns.

Our Sages note that the Torah was given only to those - i.e., the Jews in the wilderness - who ate manna.

This statement is not intended to limit the number of people who have access to Torah study; it aims, instead, to teach us how we should approach it.

While our ancestors received their food from heaven, they did not have to worry about earning a living. With all their needs miraculously provided for, they were able to concentrate their energies on spiritual growth alone.

We, by contrast, do not

enjoy overt miracles, and must therefore spend a certain amount of time involved with worldly concerns.

Nonetheless, during the time we study Torah, all of our cares and worries for material affairs, should be set aside. In this manner, during the time we have designated for Torah study, we can approach the level of "those who ate manna," and emulate Rabbi Shimon's state of "Toraso umanuso."

The Alter Rebbe explains that fulfilling a mitzvah establishes an eternal union with the Divine. Thus, studying Torah even briefly with the undivided attentiveness of "those who ate manna," affirms us in a timeless bond with G-d at the level of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

Even after such study, when a person turns his attention to his material concerns, this inner connection is maintained. In the Era of the Redemption, the fusion between the material and the spiritual exemplified by Rabbi Shimon will be reflected throughout the world. And through spreading Rabbi Shimon's teachings, the coming of the Redemption can be hastened. May this take place speedily in our days.

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet

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PASSOVER 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

50 lbs of brisket consumed
 70 lbs of matzah crunched
 6 cases of wine / 3 cases of grape juice
 drunk by the Seders
 60 lbs of potatoes enjoyed by all
 130 people at the Community Seders
 80 people at the Feast of Moshiach
 70 additional people received Matzah at their homes or offices
 220 meals served
 6 sponsors
 1 great holiday

CHS FREEDOMAN MODEL SEDER



Chabad Hebrew School of the Arts held a model Seder on Sunday, April 2 to help prepare the children for Passover. Led by the Freed-o-Man, this interactive Model Seder taught all the 15 steps of the Seder through catchy

tunes, video presentations and exciting games, such as King Pharaoh Says, Hula Hoop Mah Nishtana, Wheel of Fortune, Musical Cups, and more. They tasted Matzah, Maror, made the Korech sandwich and

participated in a Game Show throughout the Model Seder. Students brought home matzah, lots of seder items, *haggadahs*, and a sack full of games to share the knowledge of Passover to their families and friends.



CTEEN RECAP

Teens gathered at The Chabad House on Tuesday, April 25 for Friendship Circle Library Night where they read and played with children who have special needs. They also enjoyed candy sushi, candy

connections, no contact meetings, and balloon sandwich, all themed to "In Love with Love." The upcoming and final CTeen event will be a Beach BBQ on Tuesday, May 23.



SURVIVAL OF A NATION—NEW JLI COURSE

Chabad Will Commemorate 50 Years since Israel's Six-Day War with JLI's latest course.

One fateful week in June 1967 re-drew the map of the Middle East. Fifty years later, Israel continues to face numerous existential threats. Beginning Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 pm, Rabbi Mendy Bukiet of Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch will offer a fascinating new six-session course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) called *Survival of a Nation: Exploring Israel Through the Lens of the Six-Day War*.

Commemorating 50 years since the Six-Day War, the course invites participants to experience a captivating account of what was at the time considered by many to be the most improbable and astonishing victory in all of military history.

"Traditionally, Jews maintain a fervent allegiance to Israel and also lobby against human rights violations

around the globe" said Rabbi Mendy Bukiet. "This course explores the compatibility of these two values, examining Jewish perspectives on controversial human rights accusations leveled against Israel."

If Judaism is a religion of ideas, why do Jews care so much about land? Why does Israel perpetually raise the ire of the entire world? And what are the ethics of preemptive strikes and collateral damage? The course also inquires how Israel might protect itself against an enemy that uses human shields, and explores Jewish positions about Israel's moral obligation concerning territories captured in the Six-Day War.

"In *Survival of a Nation* modern history meets contemporary controversy," explained Rabbi Zalman Abraham of JLI's Brooklyn headquarters, "The thrilling historic narrative raises questions about morality and the prospect of peace in the Middle East that began--or were highlighted during--the

Six-Day war and remain unresolved."

Like all JLI programs, this course is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Interested students may call 941-752-3030 or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and for other course-related information. Scholarships are available. This course is sponsored by the Sarasota Manatee Jewish Federation and ZOA of Sarasota Manatee. JLI courses are presented in Lakewood Ranch in conjunction with Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch.



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SHAVUOT SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Tuesday, May 30

Evening Services: 9:00 pm
Shavuot All Nighter: 9:30 pm

Wednesday, May 31

Morning Services: 9:30 am
Ten Commandments and
Dairy Fest: 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 1,

Morning Services: 9:30 am
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ONGOING PROGRAMS

All events take place at The Chabad House.

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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.

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. Children will enjoy a cupcake birthday party and participate in the Jewish customs surrounding birthdays.

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. This course is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee & ZOA. Scholarships available.

Torah & Tea

Tuesdays, 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, 9:30 -10:15 am

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 - Joy Revealed

Tuesday, May 9, 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.

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Sunday mornings, May 7, 14, & 21, 9:30 am - noon

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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, May 7, 7:30 pm: 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.

Sunday, May 14, 9:30-9:50am: CHS Mother's Day - Muffins & Moms

Hey - Moms and Dads - Let your children show you how much they love you and join CHS for Muffins & Moms.

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 21, 9:30 am: CHS Art Show Finale

Come and take pride in the Chabad Hebrew School of the Arts achievements with a special lunch, Art Show, Aleph Champ Award ceremony, student and mentor awards, teacher appreciation, student presentations, fabulous prizes, games, and lots more!

Wednesday, May 31, 9:30 pm: Shavuot All Nighter

All Night Learning Session beginning at 10:00 pm accompanied by Kiddush and dinner buffet to be served at the home of Rabbi Mendy & Chanie Bukiet. Free

Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 pm: Shavuot Dairy Fest

Hear the Ten Commandments and enjoy games and excitement for the whole family. Enjoy a mouth-watering dairy buffet featuring lasagna, pasta's, cheesecakes, salad, bar, quiches, ice cream, and more. RSVP May 25. Admission is free. Sponsor: \$500.

NEW!!! Sunday, June 4, 7:30 pm: Mikvah Education Night

Come learn all about the Mikvah with presentations by both Rabbi Mendy & Chanie Bukiet on the beauty, significance, and the fascinating construction process of a Mikvah. Understand the relevance of this Mitzvah to the entire community and see why thousands of communities across the globe boast Mikvahs. FREE. Refreshments will be served.



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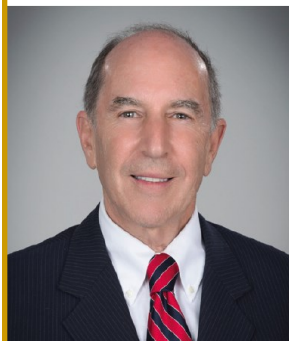
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