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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



We are now in the month of Cheshvan which we call *mar-bitter* since that is the month in

which the flood occurred. The Torah tells the story of Noah and the flood. Although some sages say that the story demonstrates Noah’s greatness, most, especially these days, agree that this story shows Noah in a negative light.

In Noahide times, G-d became disgusted with the people of the world and decided to destroy it leaving just one family to perpetuate the human race.

When Noah heard G-d’s plan, he found himself in a dilemma – how should he react? One way is to do what he actually did – accept the inevitable and begin building the Ark. The other option would be to do what Moses does later in history.

When G-d wanted to destroy the Jewish people for worshipping the Golden Calf and begin a new nation

with Moses. Moses, though, gives G-d an ultimatum, “Either forgive the Jews or kill me along with them.”

Should Noah have challenged G-d and said – “No, it’s all of us or none of us!” and risk the future of the world altogether? Perhaps he should have tried to save at least a part of the world so that it might continue to exist.

When G-d told Noah that he would be saved, Noah wasn’t immune to the suffering everyone else would endure. He wasn’t simply selfish, caring only about himself, Noah genuinely worried for the perpetuation of all of the world’s species. Commentaries explain that for the entire year that Noah was in the ark, neither he nor his family had any sleep for they were constantly busy tending to the animals.

Noah worked so hard to keep the animals healthy that he himself became quite ill, often spitting up blood from the physical exertion.

Noah dedicated himself entirely to the mission of saving the world. It was his sincere concern for the continuation of the world that did not allow him to take the risk that Moses took.

Life is full of dilemmas. For example, you want your family to become more observant, but you don’t know if pressuring them will bring them to do more *mitzvahs* or will it backfire and turn them off from Judaism entirely. What does one do in such situations?

There is a saying that *Chassidim* wish each other at *Chassidic* gatherings: They say, “*L’chaim*, may our choices be in accordance with G-d’s will.”

This is a very telling blessing. There are always two ways a person can go and one can never be quite sure which way is the right way. All we can do is pray and wish that our choices end up coinciding with G-d’s will.

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet

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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.



SUBS IN THE SUKKAH

Subs in the Sukkah took place on Sunday October 8 with a huge crowd of adults and children alike who came to

celebrate, eat in the Sukkah and have the opportunity to shake Lulav and Etrog. A dance party, edible sukkah station, moon

bounce, music, and delicious food made this an exciting party for all. Special thanks to our volunteers who helped with the program.



C TEEN SUKKAH HOP

CTeen hopped in the Sukkahs of Chabad, Rabbi Mendy & Chanie, CTeen Omer Danenberg, and

the Neeman family. They enjoyed various Sukkah themed activities at each Sukkah. Thank you the Jewish Federa-

of Sarasota-Manatee for co-sponsoring CTeen this year. For more information about CTeen, contact Chabad.



SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH RECAP

Overflow crowds, lively atmospheres, and delicious foods characterized Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah holidays this year.

Congregants came in droves for an evening of dancing in honor of the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah. The festivities began at 7:30 pm and went on until late in the night.

dancing. On Friday, October 13, the festivities resumed in the morning with a huge crowd dancing, schmoozing, farbrenging” and dining, which continued for hours!



On Wednesday, October 11, many people attended the Shemini Atzeret festival services, danced with the Torah, and enjoyed a lavish Kiddush dinner in the Sukkah sponsored by two anonymous donors.

The excitement and glee on the children’s faces as they created edible Torahs, participated in the dancing, and received stuffed Torahs, flags, and goody bags were precious to behold.

It was heartening to see adults and children alike get in the spirit of the holiday.



Highlighting the holiday was the annual “Dancing with The Torah Celebration” on Thursday, October 12 sponsored by Steve and Tatiana Shimonov.

The dancing was lively and the joy in the air was palpable. A delicious buffet and bar provided everyone with even more fuel to continue

Many good resolutions were made in the spirit of joy and unity that this holiday represents.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the holidays happen.

HISTORIC MIKVAH IN MANATEE COUNTY



For centuries, Jewish women have kept the mystical commandment of going to a Mikvah - a Jewish ritual bath symbolizing rebirth and renewal in life's cycles.

At times, women took incredible risks and sacrifice to protect the sacredness of the Mikvah, even in the most forbidding of conditions, such as in the besieged Masada in Israel. Today, the Mikvah is not only accessible, it is enhanced with state-of-the-art spa and salon amenities, creating a relaxing and rejuvenating escape

coupled with an uplifting experience for the soul.

Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch is excited to build the

first Mikvah in Manatee County. Chabad's new Mikvah will be a first-class experience.

An incredible team is joining together to bring the Mikvah facilities up from the ground, taking care that every detail will contribute to its spiritual tranquility. With the talent and dedication of Haus Design Studio, the facilities were drawn up in the finest form. The construction will be carried out by Kauffman Construction; the design by the very talented Wendy Claussen.

Special thanks to

Peter Pike, Esq. and Bob Schmidt, manager Manatee County Planning Division for all their help as well. The Ladies Mikvah Fundraising Committee has met to ensure that the Mikvah Project comes to fruition knowing that the true reward will be in the many Jewish women who will benefit from their work.

Thank you to Chanie Bukiet, Wendy Claussen, Ruthy Hyatt, Rick Rubin, Linda Schwartz, Colleen Shapiro, Susi Steenbarger, Lauren Vallone, and Laura Weinshel for their invaluable assistance.

The Mikvah Project is now in its final stages of permitting. Chabad anticipates breaking ground early in 2018.

The support, partnership, and interest of the Jewish Community of Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch, as well as that of Mikvah USA, has been hailed a critical contribution to the new Mikvah, and a constant inspiration during the lengthy process. Dedication opportunities are still available and more information is available at

www.chabadofbradenton/mikvah.

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet, Director of Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch invites everyone to take part in this historic project, saying "The Mikvah is a cornerstone of the community and will bring much blessings to all those involved in it."



CLUB CHAI

Join Club Chai!
There are now 74 Club Chai member families who provide monthly sustenance to Chabad in multiples of 18 (Chai-Life).

Be a partner in our valuable work and community!

A monthly donation in any amount gets you into the club.

Contact Chabad for more information at 752-3030.



A warm welcome to our new Club Chai Members:

- Barry & Barbara Dolin**
- Box & Maxine Greenberg**
- Craig & Carol Harris**
- Eve Landman**

CHAI **18** CLUB

Club Chai members are cordially invited to the annual

Club Chai Appreciation Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
AT 7:30 PM

AT THE CHABAD HOUSE
5712 LORRAINE ROAD

Dinner will be served.

Club Chai members' generous support gives monthly sustenance to Chabad and provides life –"Chai" to Chabad.

Chabad treasures this opportunity to express its heartfelt appreciation.

Please RSVP by November 2nd to Rabbi Mendy or Chanie Bukiet at 941-752-3030 or info@chabadofbradenton.com.

This event is by open to Club Chai members only.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

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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.

Weekly Shabbat Services

Friday night, 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.

Chabad Hebrew School of the Arts

Sunday mornings, November 5, 12 & 19, 9:30 am-noon

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

CKids Shabbat Club

Saturday mornings, 11:00 am - Noon

Includes prayer, games, and songs for children ages 3-12, and is followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

Babyccino

Sundays, November 5, 12 & 19, 9:30 am-10:15 am

This 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. Suggested donation is \$10 per class or \$250 annually.

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

RCS: Pause and Affect – A Shabbat Outlook

Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 pm - The Gift of Rest

Women are invited to join RCS's latest course "Pause and Affect", a Shabbat Outlook. The first class, entitled "A Gift of Rest" will include inspiration and meaning of Shabbat and how we can bring some restfulness in our daily lives. Course fee is \$75 (textbooks included) or \$18 per class. JWC members are entitled to a \$5 discount.

JLI – Great Debates in History

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7:30 pm

Join Chabad for the newest JLI course featuring six of the biggest debates that rocked the Jewish world including: sectarians and their opposition to rabbinic Judaism; whether Judaism can survive without a land; how to balance faith and reason; the Chassidic movement and its opponents; and whether Judaism is better served as a private enterprise, or through proud, public display. Course Cost: \$75 – textbook included.

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Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 pm: CTeen – Heritage, Homeland and Hummus

Teens will be doing a mock symposium, making camouflage cupcakes, preparing falafels with expert falafel maker, Yoav Cohen.

Teens will be challenged with questions on responses to terrorism and preparing tiles for bomb shelters in Israel and discussing Israel's Right to the Land. This event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee. Annual membership is \$180 and includes all events, trips and dinners excluding the International Shabbaton.

Sunday, November 12, 7:30 pm: Club Chai Appreciation Reception

Chabad treasures this opportunity to express its heartfelt appreciation to its Club Chai Members with the Club Chai Reception taking place at The Chabad House. Dinner will be served. This event is open to Club Chai Members only.

Saturday, November 25, 6:45 pm: CKids Club Havdalah Family Game Night

Light up family game night with a Havdallah ceremony and rocket balloon light show. Create your own "Guess Who game" with fun, snapchat-inspired filters **starring** you and your friends. Join in for some delicious artisanal popcorn making and play today's most popular games with a Jewish twist. Cost: \$10. FREE to CHS students!

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 pm: Chanukah Israel Celebration

Join Chabad at the annual Chanukah Celebration & Menorah Lighting held at Lakewood Ranch Main Street featuring an Israel Charity Box Menorah, Freylach Band Concert, Falafel with Yoav and Kosher BBQ, Kona's Ice Truck, Doughnut Decorating, Latke Bike, and Hot Latkes. Fun activities to include Face Painting, Judah the Maccabee, Dreidel Moonbounce, Chanukah Art, Storytime Booth, raffles, and more. This event is sponsored by Lakewood Ranch Main Street and The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee. Admission is free. Nominal food fees do apply. Help sponsor this event for \$500. Become a "Pillar of Light" and sponsor one charity box for \$360.



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