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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

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The *Megilla*, which we read on Purim, describes how Mordechai refused to bow down to the wicked Haman. Our Sages tell us that it is because Mordechai refused to bow down that he was called "Mordechai HaYehudi" He was given this title even though he was not from the tribe of Yehuda (Judah), but rather from the tribe of Benjamin.

"Yehuda" is from the word "*hoda'ah*," meaning "to acknowledge." The Talmud states that when a person rejects idol worship, it is as if he has acknowledged the entire Torah. By refusing to bow to Haman (and the idol he wore around his neck), Mordechai was acknowledging the truth of the entire Torah. For this reason, he is called "Mordechai HaYehudi."

It is for this same reason that all Jews, regardless of their tribe, are called "Yehudim"- Jews, for they acknowledge the truth of G-d's Torah.

The days of Purim teach us a lesson for all times: The Jewish people may be a minority in the world. They may be scattered among all the nations. But when it comes to Torah and *mitzvot* everyone must see that the Jewish people bow before no one. They do not bow before other nations or their beliefs, but stand tall with all their might for the Torah, the inheritance of the Jewish people.

On the ninth day of Adar in 1940, the Previous Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, arrived in the United States of America. Like Mordechai, the Previous Rebbe refused to bow down to the "idols" of communism, assimilation, and modernism. In fact,

when he came to the United States and began implementing his many projects for the revitalization of Judaism, he was told by many people that he would not be successful with such traditional programs in the "*Goldene Medina*." To this comment, the Previous Rebbe resolutely responded, "America is not different."

The hundreds of Chabad-Lubavitch Centers throughout North America are testimony to the truth of the Previous Rebbe's words.

There is far more that unites the Jewish people than what divides us. On this holiday of Purim, may we acknowledge, recognize and focus on that which makes us *Yehudim*," until we experience the ultimate unification of all the Jewish people with G-d, in the Final Redemption.

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet

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.



CKIDS SHABBAT TAKEOVER



CHS Students took over Friday Night with the CKIDS Shabbat Takeover that took place on Friday, January 26.

They met in Hebrew School to discuss centerpieces, menu and décor ideas and then prepared the centerpieces, chocolate chip

Challah and some of the costumes in school.

The children performed various different songs as CKids, rabbis, and waiters.

Delicious food, chosen by the kids was served. Families also enjoyed a truth and myth game, sang Shabbat songs and

enjoyed a beautiful night together.

Special thanks to an Anonymous donor for sponsoring the dinner and to CHS students Brandon Cohen and Joshua Braunstein who helped cook for the dinner.



KOSHER COOKING COMPETITION

Chicken Soup, Mandelbrot, Delicious Nacho Dip, Mexican Meat filled Tacos, Chocolate Mousse Cake, Pepper Steak, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Apple Cake, and Baklava were the Kosher delicacies that greeted attendees to the fourth annual Cooking Competition and Tasting Event.

This event that took place on Sunday, January 7, was a unique and fun way to bring kosher awareness to the community. Local community chefs prepared samples of

scrumptious dishes for attendees to taste.

Tasters voted on the best tasting food and winners Heidi Schild, Steve Weinshel, and Linda Schwartz won terrific kosher themed prizes.

Participants also competed in a master-chef inspired competition where they assembled different foods to be judged for creativity, presentation, and taste. The winners each received a gift.

Rabbi Mendy shared a Kosher presentation on the meanings of the

various Kosher symbols, and Jo Slavings taught everyone how to make pickled corned beef.

A fabulous time was had by all. Special thanks to our chefs, namely Yarden Cohen-Babcock, Sandi Felsenfeld, Rabbi Mendy, Chanie Bukiet, Mordechai Bukiet, Linda Schwartz, Heidi Schild, and Steve Weinshel; to Bob Weigert, Jo Slavings and David Meyersburg for judging the competition, and to Jerry Zivic for MC'ing the event.



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SNAPSHOTS OF THE MONTH



Babyccino babes and their parents sang, danced and played with Jewish themes such as creation and Purim this month.



Ladies of the Rosh Chodesh Society learned all about the Feminine energy of Shabbat this month.



CHS students worked on their Jewish homes while learning about all the Mitzvahs we do in various rooms of the house.



CTeen of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch went Paintball Shooting for their CTeen Protect & Defend Event.

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 Sunday, February 18,
 11AM-Noon
ADMISSION:
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 CHS Kids FREE!
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PURIM MASQUERADE Party

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 • 7PM
 At The Chabad House - 5712 Lorraine Road
MEGILLAH READING, MASQUERADE, MUSIC, COCKTAILS, AND TREATS.
FREE! SPONSOR: \$180

PURIM GIFT PROJECT

This year, more people will experience the joy of Purim! On Purim, we emphasize the importance of Jewish unity and friendship by sending gifts of food to friends and family, Chabad plans to distribute over two hundred and fifty shared *Mishloach Manot* food gift boxes at a low cost so that as many community families as possible are able to participate in this wonderful tradition. To join in this project, contact Chabad at 752-3030 or visit the website at chabadofbradenton.com and click on the Purim minisite.

Would you like to place an ad or personal greeting in this space?

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Contact Chanie Bukiet at chanie@chabadofbradenton.com or 752-3030 to reserve your space for the March issue by February 15.

CHABAD OF BRADENTON & LAKEWOOD RANCH PRESENTS

PURIM IN OUTER SPACE

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MARCH 1,
5:45 PM

at **The Chabad
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5712 Lorraine Road

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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.

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

Sundays, 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, 11:00 am-Noon

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

Babyccino

Sundays, 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.

Torah and 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.

RCS: Pause and Affect – A Shabbat Outlook

Tuesday, February 20, 7:30-8:45 pm

Women are invited to join RCS's latest course "Pause & Affect, A Shabbat Outlook." The fourth class, entitled "Divine Delights" will focus on spirituality's interface with materialism on Shabbat. Course fee is \$75 (textbooks included) or \$18 per class. JWC members are entitled to a \$5 discount.

JLI – Communication: Its Art & Soul

Wednesday, 7:30-8:45 pm

Join Chabad for the newest JLI six week course which began January 17, where we explore how the internet and social media have completely changed the way we relate, interact and communicate with one another and how we need to reclaim the lost art of communication. 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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Joshua Braunstein	David & Patti Gersh	Linda Schwartz	Leo & Renee Weinshel
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Mordechai Bukiet	Cheryl Kindred	Jackie Simmons	Jerry & Judy Zivic
Shaya Bukiet	David Kasse	Joe Slavings	

We apologize if anyone's name was left out inadvertently. It by no means reflects a lack of appreciation.

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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.

Friday, February 2, 7:00-8:00 pm: Operation Entebbe – THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT!

Join Chabad for an exclusive evening with Elite IDF Commander Sassy Reuven as he shares first-hand accounts of how Israel pulled off the greatest hostage rescue in history. A fruit-infused Tu B'Shevat themed Shabbat dinner will be served. \$25. Early bird discount by January 25: \$18. Sponsor for \$180.

Sunday, February 18, 11:00-12:00 pm: CKids Mega Babkallah Bake

Experience the joy of kosher baking! Grab your chef's hat and take your baking skills to the next level with Challah and Babka baking. Participate in a Build-A-Challah workshop and make your own talking challah pillow. \$10 per child. Admission is free to CHS students.

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm: CTeen Purim Turnover

All teens are invited to this pre-Purim Celebration featuring Gragger Drums, Food Gift preparation for children in Israel, Ice Cream Clowns, and lots more. Special thanks to the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee for sponsoring CTeen 5778. Annual CTeen membership is \$180 and includes all events, trips and dinners excluding the International Shabbaton.

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 pm: Purim Masquerade Party

Hear the megillah and kick off the Purim festivities with music, masquerade, delicious cocktails, refreshments, hamentaschen, and more! Free! Sponsor: \$180

Thursday, March 1, 5:45 pm: Purim in Outer Space

Outta this world fun for the entire family! Join the Chabad family for Megillah Blast-off, Ha-Moon Tashen, Cosmic Cuisine, Open Galaxy Bar, Moon Walk Masquerade, Comedy with Cantor & Rabbi, Space Crafts, Laser Tag, Space shuttle turbo slide, music, and an amazing atmosphere. Prepaid admission: Adults \$18, children \$12 (CHS students come free). At the door: Adult \$25, child \$18. Sponsor this event for \$250.

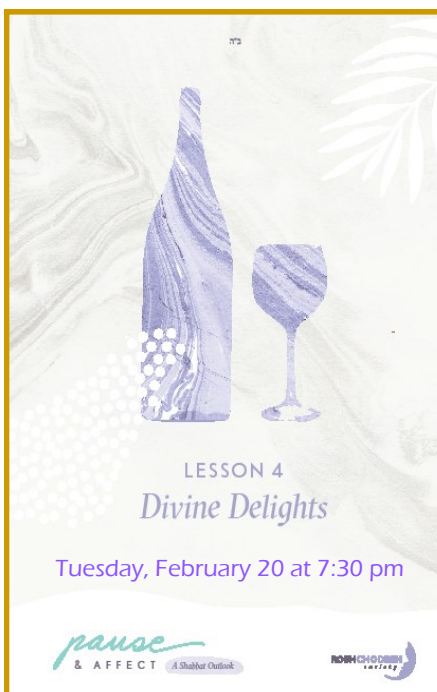


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The graphic features a central blue cloud-like shape with the text 'Torah & Tea' and 'at the home of Chanie Bukiet, 5718 Lorraine Road Tuesdays, 11:00 AM'. Above the cloud is a Hebrew quote. Surrounding the central text are various illustrations of tea-related items: a teapot, a teacup, a teabag, a fork, a spoon, a cupcake, and an open book.



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LESSON 4
Divine Delights

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 pm

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The graphic features a white background with a faint illustration of a wine bottle and a glass. The text 'LESSON 4 Divine Delights' is centered, with 'Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 pm' below it. At the bottom, there are logos for 'pause & AFFECT' and 'NONCHORDIAN LIVING'.



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