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The ability to look beyond himself is what distinguishes a man from the boys.

A small child measures everything as it relates to him. If his desires are fulfilled, he is happy and you are his friend. If not, even if it is for the child's own good, or because of an inability to fulfill his desires, he is angry and you are his enemy.

An adult is able to look beyond a momentary pleasure and further more beyond him or herself. The more adult one is, the more one is able to control emotions, to understand and accept others and to give of one's self to others.

A parent who reacts to a child's misbehavior with anger and in a way that hurts the child, needs himself to be helped. If a parent puts his own comfort at the expense of the child's ultimate good, he should be counseled to grow up.

Maturity comes with age, education, intelligence, and self-discipline and is on many levels. The ultimate form of maturity is absolute selflessness, which causes a dedication to a cause without any consideration whatsoever to self.

This is the characteristic of a true leader. And this is the essence of the Lubavitcher

Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, OBM. On Tuesday, *Gimmel Tammuz*, June 15, we will be marking the Rebbe's sixteenth *Yabrtzheit*.

One of the Rebbe's special characteristics was his leadership. In his unique style, he not only led his flock, but created leaders as well. He extracted from his followers the ability to look beyond himself and to dedicate their lives to serve others.

Whether to his heartened followers, or to those of an opposite point of view, he handled them gently, offering them help and blessings.

From all backgrounds, from every corner of the earth, the wise and the simple, the rich and the poor, the observant or the secular, were all welcomed and unconditionally loved. They all found in the Rebbe a source of solace and warmth, security and hope.

A New York State senator, after a meeting with the Rebbe, came out and excitedly exclaimed, "I never realized what a great man your Rebbe is," he told the Rebbe's secretary.

The senator told how he had sought the Rebbe's counsel concerning certain issues involving the Jewish community. After the Rebbe had advised him with regard to

these matters, the Rebbe asked if he could request a favor from the senator.

"Here it comes," I thought to myself, "just like all the others, he is looking for a payoff."

"'There is,' the Rebbe said, 'a growing community in Chinatown. These people are quiet, reserved, hard working and law-abiding, the type of citizens most countries would treasure. But because Americans are so outgoing and the Chinese are, by nature, so reserved, government programs often overlook them. As a state senator from New York, I suggest that you concern yourself with their needs.'"

"I was overwhelmed. The Rebbe has a community of thousands in New York City and institutions all over the state that could benefit from government programs. I am in a position to help secure funding for them, but the Rebbe did not ask for that. He was concerned with Chinatown. I don't think he has ever been there, and I'm certain that most people there don't know who he is, but he cares about them. Now that's a true leader."

May his legacy be a source of inspiration and his merit a blessing to us all.

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.

KOSHER FEST & CARNIVAL

Carnival booths, games, activities and lots of kosher food greeted attendees at Chabad's first Kosher Fest and Carnival which took place on the Jewish holiday of Lag Ba'omer, Sunday, May 2.

The Kosher Fest and Carnival offered community members a taste of authentic Jewish cuisine and brought kosher awareness to all attendees.

Yoav Cohen fried fresh falafel and Orit Cohen

baked bourekas to give attendants a taste of Israel in Bradenton. Deli sandwiches, kugels, salads, chicken soup and matzah balls were sold as well. Kosher Kaddy, a local kosher meat service based in Brandon, brought in a nice array of kosher meats and Publix displayed a large variety of kosher items.

A Dunk Tank, Hi-Stryker, moon bounce, and other carnival booths added to the excitement on this wonderful holiday of

friendship and unity.

Children were walking around with faces painted, hands filled with prizes, and smiles on their faces at this festive event.

Special thanks to sponsors Dr. Steve & Colleen Shapiro, Richard & Lauren Vallone, Jerry & Judy Zivic, Dr. Andrew & Benedicte Burg, and Frank & Moraima Rodriguez as well as the dedicated group of volunteers who made this day so memorable.



CHEESECAKE & CHOICES

The Jewish Women's Circle gathered at the home of Marianne Zoll on Thursday, May 6 for a pre-Shavuot celebration.

Women participating in this event decorated cheesecakes with a variety of toppings. They each received a

souvenir recipe book and enjoyed delicious cheese pastries, grapes, and beverages.

A workshop on "Choices" was presented by Chanie Bukiet based on Reality Therapy. The women envisioned their quality world and evaluated the

choices they make to satisfy their desires. They then practiced techniques to make more effective choices in the future.

This event provided women with a social evening of camaraderie, introspection, and creativity.



CHS CONCLUDES ANOTHER YEAR

Lots of beach balls, attractive Torah Fair displays, a fully stocked Torah Dollar store, and colorful medallions caught students' attention as they walked in to the Chabad Center on Sunday, May 23 for their last day of Hebrew School this year.

Parents and students had a wonderful time at the End Year Celebration and Torah Fair. They received Bible and Aleph Champ awards, tasted delicious refreshments and played beach ball jeopardy to review the lessons learned throughout the year.

This celebration was a terrific way to conclude such an exciting year.

Plans are already under way for next year's Hebrew School. For more information, or to register, please contact Chanie Bukiet at 941-752-3030.



ONGOING EVENTS

All events to take place at the Chabad Jewish Center

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

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

Jewish Learning Institute

Wednesday, June 3 and 9, 7:30-8:45 pm

Beyond Never Again examines the universal themes that the Holocaust forces us to confront. This course will enable participants to articulate their personal responses to the Holocaust, and provides relevant angles on some of life's most difficult questions pertaining to faith and suffering. Course fee: \$75. Couples fee: \$135. The JLI is partially underwritten by the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation.

Weekly Shabbat Services

Friday night, 7:00, Saturday mornings 9:30

Enjoy warm, family friendly services at the Chabad Jewish Center. Saturday morning services are followed by a delicious buffet Kiddush. First Friday nights of the month also feature youth services and special Kiddush.

Ladies Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, June 8, noon-1:00 pm

Join Chanie Bukiet for a monthly Lunch & Learn. Feast on a delicious lunch and sample from a variety of exciting Jewish topics. Admission free.

One-on-One Torah Study

Moses and Maimonides now make house calls. Learn more about your heritage, faith, and history by illuminating your life with knowledge, insight, and understanding of Judaism. Contact Chabad to arrange your personal study session with the Rabbi at your home or office.

For more information on any of the above ongoing events, contact Rabbi Mendy at 941-752-3030 or rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com.

SHAVUOT DAIRY FEST

Young and old celebrated the giving of the Torah on Shavuot, May 19, with a mouth-watering dairy buffet and ice-cream party.

Children decorated Mount Sinai themed cupcakes and adults played a hilarious Shavuot themed game entitled "Mr. & Mrs." Rabbi Mendy's reading of the Ten Commandments was followed by an all-you-can-eat dairy buffet featuring ziti, quiche, blintzes, and other delicacies. Dessert enthusiasts then created their own ice-cream sensations. Cheesecakes were also served in accordance with the custom of eating dairy on Shavuot.

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CHS DINNER

Twenty Hebrew School students enjoyed Shabbat dinner at Rabbi Mendy & Chanie Bukiet home together with their teachers Morah Frea Cohen and Dr. Shapiro as a reward for good behavior throughout the year! Songs, games, stories, and delicious food all contributed to an exciting Shabbat evening.

CLUB CHAI

Thank you and a warm welcome to our newest Club Chai Members, **Joel & Roslyn Ehrenpreis**. Club Chai members provide monthly sustenance to Chabad in multiples of 18 (Chai-Life). Be a partner in our valuable work and community! Contact Chabad at 941-752-3030 for more information.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday, June 15: Gimmel Tammuz

Join Chabad for an evening of tribute, commemorating Gimmel Tammuz, the Yahrzeit of the LUBAVITCHER REBBE, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson OBM. at the Chabad Jewish Center at 7:30 pm. A special video presentation will be shown and a light buffet dinner will be served. No charge. Sponsorship opportunities are available. RSVP.

Sunday, June 27: Jewish Women's Circle Event *(Note change of date)*

Join this ever growing and energetic group and enjoy a night out just for women. Meet new friends, socialize, and truly discover the power of the Jewish Woman. **JWC Brunch:** Enjoy delicious food and activities. Help plan the upcoming year's events at the home of Chanie Bukiet, 11211 Beebalm Circle at 11 am. RSVP. Suggested donation \$5. Sponsor \$180.

Thursdays, June 10, 17, 24 and July 8 and 15: KIDLINK

Link your child to our Jewish Heritage with Jewish crafts & cooking projects as well as a light dinner. Kidlink is open to children ages 5-12 and will take place at the Chabad Jewish Center from 4:00 - 5:15 pm. Cost is \$55 per session or \$15 per class. Children sponsorships are available at \$55 per session. Reservations are needed.



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