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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



The conflict between the Greeks and the Jews at the time of the Chanukah miracle was

not merely a political or military conflict. It was a clash of civilizations in which two world-views were at odds.

The Greeks built their empire by spreading their culture. They hoped that the people they conquered would realize the advantages of the Greek way of life and adopt it as their own.

When the Greeks entered Israel, they were impressed with the wisdom of the Torah and the thoughtfulness its study had cultivated within the Jewish people. The Greeks saw wisdom as the apex of human experience, the highest level that man can reach.

Judaism, by contrast, sees wisdom as secondary, a medium to be shaped by G-dliness which trans-

cends logic and reason.

The Greeks would have liked the Jewish people to study Torah in the same way that they studied human wisdom: insensitive to its inner G-dly core. They endeavored to force the Jews to forget that the Torah is connected to G-d.

The Torah is not merely wisdom. Instead, it is fundamentally G-dliness. Its intellectual dimension is merely a garment that enables man to relate to it. For that reason, the Torah is described as “the primeval analogy.” For just as an analogy makes it possible for a person to comprehend the analogue, so too, the Torah enables us to grasp the analogue; G-d’s infinite light.

This approach reflects the core of the conflict with the Greeks and the key to the Jews’ success.

The Greeks wanted the Jews to separate G-d from the Torah and this proved impossible.

When we tap into the Torah’s essential G-dly core, light is generated, illuminating the world. Moreover, this light, like its source, is unbounded.

This is the purpose of the Chanukah lights: to enable G-dly light to permeate every corner of existence, a sphere that sees itself as outside the realm of holiness.

This message is timeless and applicable every year as we celebrate Chanukah. This Chanukah, let us take this message to heart and light the flames of our souls and of those around us by increasing in Torah & *mitzvahs* and spreading the message of the Chanukah lights throughout Manatee County.

Join us for our two menorah lightings at Main Street and Ellenton, light the menorah in your homes, and bring the spirit of Chanukah to the world!

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.



CLUB CHAI DINNER

An exclusive cocktail reception was held on Sunday, November 13 to honor Chabad's dedicated Club Chai members who provide monthly sustenance to Chabad through donations in increments of Chai, \$18.

Club Chai members were treated to an assortment of drinks, hors d'oeuvres, pasta and salads.

They watched a presentation depicting some of their Chai dollars at work.

This year, the Club Chai has grown from 63 to 75 monthly donors netting Chabad \$4,200 a month.

Help us reach our goal of \$10,000 dollars a month!

If you would like to become a Club Chai member, please contact Chabad for more information at 752-3030.

This Club is crucial to Chabad's ongoing financial stability.

Words cannot express Chabad's gratitude toward its Club Chai members. These generous and special people partner with Chabad to reach out to the community through education, social, and cultural services.



CLUB CHAI MEMBERS

Welcome to new Club Chai member:

Susan Parker

Chai members provide monthly sustenance to Chabad in multiples of 18 (Chai-Life).

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

Thank You Club Chai Members:

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Menorah Lighting
at Prime Ellenton Outlet Mall

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 29, 6:00 PM**

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This show is 95% Kosher.
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Adults Only. | Admission: \$40 | Table Sponsor: \$360 | Event Sponsor: \$500

Early Bird Special: All tickets purchased by November 23 are only \$36.

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

Join Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch
for its annual

Chanukah Celebration & **MENORAH** *Lighting*

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 27
2016
6:00 PM

AT
LAKEWOOD
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Dreidel Moonbounce • Raffles

ADMISSION IS FREE. Nominal food fees to apply. **Sponsor \$500**

WARM THE FEET! WARM THE SOUL!

Please bring new socks to The Chabad House at 5712 Lorraine Road.
Socks will be donated to the homeless in Manatee County.

THIS EVENT IS CO-SPONSORED BY LAKEWOOD RANCH MAIN STREET.



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

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

Havdallah followed by a Shmooze 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

CKids Club includes prayer, games, songs, and is followed by a Kiddush luncheon. Shabbat Birthday Club will take place on December 24. Children will enjoy a cupcake birthday party and participate in the Jewish customs surrounding birthdays.

Chabad Hebrew School of the Arts

Sunday morning, December 4, 11, and 18 - 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, December 6, 13, 21, and 27 - 11:00am-12:00pm

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

Prayer Class

Friday, December 2 & 16 - 11:00am-12:00pm

Join Rabbi Mendy for a Prayer class on the how to's, why's, and what's of prayer. Admission is free.

CTeen

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00pm, "Defiance"

Hey Teens - Join in for the CTeens fourth get together of the year! Themed to "Defiance" teens will learn the art of negotiating through external pressures with activities and crafts such as Melt-it, Shape Up and a Group Dreidel game. Teens will also create Oil Lava Lamps, Ice Cream Doughnut Sandwiches, and Comfort Pillow Cases and help the Chabad Terror Victims Project. **Cteen's mission is to give teens three things: Jewish Network, Jewish Identity, Jewish Values.** This is an opportunity that no Jewish teenager should miss, and there's plenty of room for all their friends as well!

Babyccino: Chanukah

Sunday, December 4, 11, and 18 - 9:30am-10:15am

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.

JLI-How Success Thinks

Wednesdays, December 7, 14, and 21 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Whether it's at home, in the office, or in your personal life, everyone craves success. Come join us at the Chabad House for a course that provides unique Jewish ways of thinking to help you develop a growth mindset, identify and cultivate your signature strengths, deal with your weaknesses, and overcome the obstacles to your success. This course is accredited for up to 15 continuing education credits for medical and mental health professionals. Course Fee is \$75 (textbooks included).

RCS: Simple Truths-Where Pleasure Meets Purpose!

Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 pm

Join Rosh Chodesh Society for its second class of the year with a refreshing look on how to handle everyday simple questions with this interesting course! Ladies are invited to learn pivotal Jewish insights for a more centered living. Simple Truths will help guide participants through life's many bumps and struggles.

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

JWC MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest JWC members this year:

Esther Cohen-Alvarez, Patti Gersh, Sharon Zawadski

Proceeds of JWC membership go to the Sunshine Committee. JWC membership is \$36 and entitles you to a \$5 discount on all programs. Contact Chabad to become a member or for more information.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday, December 4, 7:30pm - Comedy Night

Join the world renowned comedian Marc Weiner on a hilarious journey. From MTV to Mikvahs, K-Mart to Kabbalah and text messaging to Shabbos – in Weiner's one Mensch show everything's scared by nothing is profane. Cash Bar, appetizers, and dessert. This is an adults only event. Admission: \$40. Table Sponsor: \$360. Event Sponsor: \$500.

Sunday, December 18: 11:00am - CHS Toys For A Smile Factory

Join Chabad for a gift wrapping party to brighten up the lives of children in foster care this Chanukah season. Wrap toys, nosh on Chanukah refreshments, enjoy Chanukah activities, and more! Admission is \$5 and free to CHS students and families.

Tuesday, December 27, 6:00pm - Chanukah on Main Street

Join the Chabad House at the annual Chanukah Celebration & Menorah Lighting held at Lakewood Ranch Main Street featuring a Sock Menorah, Powerskip Show from Fight or Flight Productions, Falafel with Yoav and Kosher BBQ sponsored by Bogey's, Kona's Ice Truck, Orit's doughnuts, and hot *latkes*. Fun activities to include Face Painting, Judah the Maccabee, Dreidel Moonbounce, Chanukah Art, raffles, and great music. This event is co-sponsored by LWR Main Street. Admission is free. Nominal food fees to apply. Sponsor this event for \$500.

Thursday, December 29, 6:00pm - Ellenton Menorah Lighting

Join Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch at the annual Menorah Lighting at the Prime Ellenton Outlet Mall in Ellenton featuring *latkes*, doughnuts, dreidels, raffles, magic show, and great music. All are welcome. Admission is free. Sponsor this event for \$180.

Friday, January 13, 7:00pm - Chabad Community Shabbat Dinner

Join Chabad for the annual Community Shabbat Dinner featuring guest speaker, Clem Soffer. Enjoy a delicious meal with family and friends and journey with Clem Soffer as he guides you through his personal experiences of the destruction of the ancient Jewish Community in Egypt. Admission: \$25. Early Bird Discount before January 5: \$18. Consider becoming a sponsor for \$180 or \$360.

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לע"נ ראשא ע"ה בת יכלח"ט חיים סאיר הלוי ש"י

Torah & Tea

at the home of Chanie Bukiet, 5718 Lorraine Road
Tuesdays, 11:00 AM

Beginning November 8

The graphic features a central blue cloud-like shape containing the text. Surrounding it are various tea-related illustrations: a teapot, a teacup, a teabag, a fork, a spoon, a cupcake, and a book.



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A new monthly course for women from the Rosh Chodesh Society

ROSHCHODESH SOCIETY

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The graphic features a teal background with a white box containing the text. To the right, there is a photograph of a white coffee cup with a green sleeve.