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Over 2000 Children Participate in Chabad's Chanukah Olive Press Workshop

Chabad's widely acclaimed Olive Press Workshop combines hands-on fun with a great educational experience and is slated to reach a record number of children this Chanukah season.

The Olive Press, which has been run for a number of years by Chabad of the West Side, is an innovative program which brings the message of Chanukah to life in a most unique way. Participants see and feel fresh olives, build an olive press and then press the olives into oil that is lit in a Chanukah Menorah before their very eyes. The

program concludes with a Chanukah craft.

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Rabbi Fried demonstrates some old fashioned olive pressing

New WS Mikvah Celebration this Sunday

Keren Blum discusses new Mikvah on "Religion on the Line"

This past Sunday, November 26th, the popular radio show, Religion on the Line, 77 ABC on the AM dial, aired a feature about the opening ceremony of the new Westside mikvah. Our very own, Keren Blum, rebbetzin and co-director of Chabad at Columbia University, was asked by the mikvah committee to represent them as a spokesperson on the radio program.

The intelligent and inspiring words Keren spoke describing the meaning of mikvah reached untold numbers of listeners. Radio hosts Rabbi Joseph Patasnik and Deacon McCormick asked for the basics about this essential, mitzvah, to which she responded:

"Mikvah is the cornerstone of Jewish continuity which is

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Chabad of the West Sixties Plans Exciting Events for Chanukah.

Rabbi Yehuda and Faya Lipskier, Directors of Chabad of the West Sixties, a branch of Chabad of the West Side, are proud to announce these two exciting Chanukah events for the entire family: *Stay tuned for further details.*

Chanukah Children's Event!

Sunday, December 17th
3 - 5 PM

Children's musical entertainer,
Bobby Doo-wah!
Arts 'n Crafts
Latkes and Donuts
Face Painting

Special Children's Menorah Lighting
101 West End Ave. @ 64th St.

Public Menorah Lighting

Every night of Chanukah
at 6 PM

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Special:
Wednesday, Dec. 20th.
"Grand Celebration"
at the Menorah Lighting

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The Olive Press has been welcomed by educators who praise the workshop as a great addition to their Chanukah curriculum. Student participants hail from schools of all types throughout the city. This year, Chabad will have the merit of touching the hearts of over 2,000 children with this wonderful program.

We welcome this year's participating schools:

- 92nd St. Y. Bronfman Center for Jewish Life
- Abraham Joshua Heschel School
- Beit Rabban
- Bnai Jeshurun Hebrew School
- Brooklyn Heights Synagogue Hebrew School
- Brooklyn Heights Synagogue Preschool
- Chabad Early Learning Center
- Educational Allinace - Co-op Nursery School
- International Preschools
- JCP - Early Childhood Center
- Manhattan Day School
- Park Avenue Hebrew School
- Park Avenue Synagogue Nursery
- Park East Day School
- Park East Hebrew School
- Rodeph Shalom Lower School
- Rodeph Shalom Religious School
- Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan
- Temple Emmanuel Nursery School
- Temple Emmanuel Religious School
- Temple Shaaray Tefila Nursery School
- The Creative Playschool - The 5th Avenue Synagogue
- The JCC Nursery School
- The Kids Corner
- The Philosophy School
- The Stephen Wise Early Childhood Center
- Trevor Day School
- West End Day School
- Yaldeinu Preschool
- Yeshivah Ketana of Manhattan

Happy Birthday to the children of CELC!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hebrew Date</u>	<u>Occurs On</u>
Miles Schamroth	14 Kislev	December 5
Yossi Lipskier	13 Kislev	December 4
Emily Schnipper	15 Kislev	December 6
Michael Spector	10 Kislev	December 1
Zev Woldenberg	13 Kislev	December 4
Rebecca Woldenberg	13 Kislev	December 4
Noam Woldenberg	13 Kislev	December 4
Zachary Rybchin	14 Kislev	December 5

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Upcoming Events

Friday, December 15, 2006



A bundle of lulav, aravot and hadassim with an etrog, on the right, in the mosaic floor of the synagogue of Hamat Tveria, dated from the 6th century BCE.

Would Moses Recognize Judaism Today?

Discussing the chain of Jewish tradition and the development of Halacha with Rabbi Yisroel Fried

A Chabad Shabbaton at Darna Shabbat Chanuka

Kabbalat Shabbat at Chabad: 5:00 pm
Shabbat Dinner at Darna: 5:30 pm

Cost: \$36 per person

to reserve:
www.chabadwestside.org/shabbaton
or call 212-864-5010 x 14

Dinner Hosts
Daniel & Leah Seliger

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Chabad Women's Circle

Touching the Divine:

Connecting Spirit, Matter and Me

Shimonah Tzukernik, Writer, Artist & Acclaimed Lecturer

Incredible, Edible Fruit Art

Faya Lipskier, Co-Director, Chabad of the West Sixties

Hosted by Rebecca Lindenbaum * 14 West 83rd Street
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8:15 - 9:45pm * \$5.00 couvert

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Co-sponsored by CELC Parents Association

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19



JOIN OUR NEXT EVENT!

Giant Menorah Lighting & Chanukah Give-and-Get

5:00 - 6:30 PM



December 9, 2006 Chassidic Farbrengen - Melave Malka

Saturday Evening
8:30 pm
at Chabad - 101 W 92

Men & women are invited.

Yud Tet Kislev, the 19th of Kislev, commemorates the liberation of the first Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Schneur Zalman, from Czarist imprisonment in 1798.

This is an auspicious time to share insights, stories and connect with Hashem and each other.

There will be plenty of Lchaims, refreshments, soulful niggunim and food for thought.

ONGOING CLASSES

Please join us for one or more of our weekly classes.

MONDAY EVENINGS 8:15 pm

IN-DEPTH TANYA
with Rabbi Meir Ossey
AT THE CHABAD SHUL

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 10:45-11:30

PATHWAYS TO THE SOUL
a Class for Women
with Rabbi Shlomo Kugel

Coffee & Discussion
AT THE HOME OF
DEBORAH & DAVID SHIMKO
500 WEST END AVE. APT. #8C

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 8:30 pm

PRACTICAL HALACHA
with Rabbi Yisroel Fried

AT THE HOME OF
NAAVA & DANNY ECKSTIEN
20 WEST 87TH ST. APT. #1B

SHABBAT

9:00 am
THE CHASSIDIC PARSHA
with Rabbi Yisroel Fried

1 hour before Mincha
RAMBAM SHIUR
with Rabbi Yisroel Fried
at the Chabad Shul

Mikvah

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paradoxical because its nature is very discrete. It is the gateway to the most meaningful areas of Jewish life: personal relationships, marriage, family relationships, individual sexuality. However, ultimately, it falls within the category of Chukim. Though there are many fringe benefits when practiced in the system of Jewish law the ultimate purpose and benefit transcend the rational."

In citing the Lubavitcher Rebbe's role in advancing the practice of mikvah in America, Keren spoke of the resurgence of mikvah use. "In the 1950's and 1960's mikvah was a taboo subject, the Lubavitcher Rebbe since that time had strongly encouraged women to take on leadership roles in revitalizing this area of Jewish life. Thus we've begun to see women's learning soar to new heights; women who generally don't observe in the traditional sense are keeping this mitzvah as it brings meaning to their lives, and the building of more elegant and refined mikvah facilities."

Keren has been teaching brides, women and students about mikvah for nine years on the West Side. She names Shimona Tzukernik as one of her most influential role models. Shimona Tzukernik is scheduled to speak at the upcoming Chabad Womens Circle event on "Touching the Divine: Connecting Spirit, Matter and Me" this Tuesday, December 5th.

CELEBRATE THE NEW MIKVAH OF THE WEST SIDE

This Sunday
December 3, 2006
12 Noon

Manhattan Day School
310 West 75th Street

Followed by a ribbon cutting at the
new Mikvah and a tour of the building

Opening remarks:
Elliot Gibber, Chairman
Mikvah of the West Side

Divrei Bracha:
Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm
Chancellor & Rosh HaYeshiva,
Yeshiva University

Rabbi Haskel Besser
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Q&A CONTINUED...

Anna Friedman (Occupational Therapist) and Marlene Noveck (Speech Therapist) have visited all the classrooms in our school. Please join us now for follow-up discussion.

Wednesday, December 6
Following drop-off - beginning at 9:45 am
In the home of Jeannie & Scott Fisher (Sophie, N1)
150 West 95th Street #4B

RSVP to the school office by Monday, December 4
We thank Sandra and Jeffrey Smith for their continued sponsorship



Chanukah Toy Drive

Monday, December 4 - Friday, December 15

Brighten the life of a sick child this Chanukah. Drop off your unwrapped, new gift at the Chai Lifeline Toy Drive drop-off spot.

Next Week at CELC



Monday, December 4	Chanukah Toy Drive Begins! Music 92
Tuesday, December 5	Music 97 Creative Dance PK <u>Morah Torah Plus</u>
Wednesday, December 6	<u>Continued Q&A with Anna & Marlene</u> Library 97 Bookworms PK Kinderdance 92
Thursday, December 7	Kinderdance 97

Chanukah Celebration!

Monday, December 18

Young Israel of the West Side - 210 West 91st Street

4:00 - 5:30 pm

\$5 per person / \$20 per family

4:00 pm - Outdoor Menorah Lighting
(be sure to dress warmly!)

Grand Menorah Lighting - Puppet Show
Dancing - Pizza Dinner - Chanukah Gelt

Yoga in the Classrooms

This week, each class at Chabad ELC enjoyed a great yoga session with Jodi Komitor of Next Generation Yoga. Everyone (children and staff alike!) got their shoes off, warmed up and had fun getting their bodies into all sorts of positions.

Jodi led the groups through dynamic animal poses and musical yoga routines. The session wound down with focused visualizations, relaxation and a brief foot massage a la Jodi. Her exuberant personality, clear demonstrations and love of yoga made the time an enjoyable learning experience for all.

We thank the Parents Association for their sponsorship of this great workshop in addition to our weekly music, Kinderdance, PE, Bookworms and creative dance programs. These extra-curricular programs add so much to our classrooms - thank you!



Jodi and the yoginis of Pre-N1

Mazal Tov!

Morah Chana Raskin (N2) upon her marriage to Shmuel Wolvovsky. May they merit to build a Bayit Ne'man B'Yisrael, an everlasting home in Israel.



N2 Guests at Morah Chana's wedding.

Baby Furniture Search

A Chabad ELC family is looking to borrow a baby high chair, a baby playpen and an Ergo baby carrier. If you are able to lend any of these items, please contact Karen at 212-665-3692 / dknaggar@yahoo.com

Morahs in Israel

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, three of our teachers received an expense-free trip to Israel.



This gift was presented with the goal of bringing the spirit of the Land into our school, classrooms and lives of our children. We hope to accomplish this by visiting Israel, touring different educational institutions and meeting with professionals in the early childhood field.

Morah Suri (T1) is now planning her visit. She welcomes any suggestions you may have of schools to visit, places to go and people to meet. Please direct your input to the school office at 212-864-5010 / celc@chabadwestside.org.

“Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.”
(Talmud Sanhedrin 4:1)

Red Cross Certification in Child CPR

Thursday, December 14
97th Street Library

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fee: \$35



Class space is limited - sign up at the school office today!

Course is taught by Red Cross Instructor Rivky Kleinman

A Biblical Wedding

This week's Torah portion discusses the marriage of our ancestor Yaakov to Rachel and Leah.

The PK class learned about the drama surrounding this auspicious occasion and made the experience come alive by celebrating in their own way.

Mazal Tov!

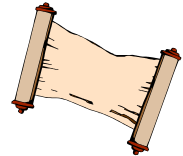


Marriage Celebration in Pre-K

Morah Torah *Plus!*

Each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 - 1:30 our teachers enjoy a Morah Torah session and now they welcome you to join as well!

While you are always welcome to drop in, after-care may be provided with advance notification, only. Please contact the school office for more information.



Judaica Shopping?

When shopping at West Side Judaica (2412 Broadway) tell them you're a CELC parent and 10% of your purchase will be sent directly to our school!



Why Latkes? *Chanukah Discussion & Latke Making*

We know what the holiday 'looks like' but what does it really mean?
How do we share the inner meaning of Chanukah with our families?

Join Rabbi Ossey and Morah Suri for insightful conversation and practical tips. And...whether you make them every year or never tried before, there will be something for you to learn, sample and take home from the latke making workshop.

Monday, December 11

101 West 92nd Street

1:15 - 2:15 pm

Childcare provided with advance notice



To ensure sufficient supplies and staffing, RSVP by Thursday, December 7.

TORAH FAX

The Run Away?

Last week's Parshah ended with Jacob being told by his parents, Isaac and Rebecca, to leave home and travel to Charan, Rebecca's birthplace. Two reasons were given - first, it was a way to escape the wrath of his brother Esau whose blessings he had taken. Second, he was told to go to Charan to find himself a wife.

The Torah then recounted how Jacob did, in fact, leave his hometown of Be'er Sheva and departed for Charan. It is therefore strange that this week's Parshah begins with the words, "And Jacob departed from B'er Sheva and went to Charan." Didn't we already read of Jacob leaving his hometown to go to Charan? Why does the Torah have to repeat this verse?

Upon deeper reflection there is a profound lesson that the Torah imparts with this repetition. During our lifetime we are called upon to make many moves. Sometimes, these changes might be from one physical location to another, other times, the move might be from one position in life to another. In many of these instances, our move is motivated by a desire or a need to escape a negative situation. Ultimately, we may discover a positive reason for this move, but initially the move is based upon the need to flee from an intolerable situation.

The initial phase in Jacob's departure from home was overwhelmingly an escape from the murderous intentions of his brother Esau. True, his parents - particularly Isaac - emphasized the need to find a wife in Charan, but that was only a secondary rationale so that Esau should not think that Jacob escaped in fear. In fact, when Rebecca told Jacob to leave, she did not even mention the need to find a wife there. Only when Rebecca spoke to her husband, Isaac, did she mention the fact that she would be disgusted if he were to marry one of the daughters of the land of Canaan.

In addition, even when Isaac told Jacob to go to Charan to find a wife he couched his request in negative terms. Jacob was told by Isaac: "Don't marry a Canaanite girl!" Rather than extolling the virtue of the women of Charan, Isaac denigrates the women of Canaan. Thus, the focus in last week's Parshah is predominantly negative. Jacob's life was in danger and his parents, fearing the worst, had to motivate him to leave.

This week's Parshah, however, begins on a totally different

Moshiach Matters...

Chassidim once asked the Alter Rebbe why Moshiach has not yet arrived. He answered that revealing the wellsprings of Chassidic thought to the masses pervades the world with the "Spirit of Moshiach." The Chassidim, however were not satisfied; they demanded, "We need the Redemption in its most literal sense - it cannot be replaced by any spiritual revelation, as lofty as it might be."

(The Rebbe, Rosh Chodesh Kislev, 1989)

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note. The Torah repeats the fact that Jacob departed from Be'er Sheva to underscore that as Jacob progressed in his journey, he was able to reverse the motivation for his trip. This is especially true in light of the Midrashic tradition that before he went to Charan he stopped in the Academy of Shem and Ever to study Torah for fourteen years. This "short" diversion was intended to reorient Jacob towards a positive focus on his journey. Jacob was not going to Charan to escape his brother Esau's anger, nor was it simply to avoid marrying an undesirable Canaanite woman. Jacob was totally focused on the positive nature of his journey; this is the place that will introduce him to Rachel and Leah and it is where he will establish a family, the nucleus of the Jewish people.

We too, have to learn from Jacob's journey. While there are times that demand of us to run away from a negative situation, we have to ultimately look for the positive element in that trip. Moreover, as we progress, we must put all of our energies into making the positive dimension of our journey the primary motivation for it.

The Jewish people have been subjected to the miseries of being in Galut, exile. Our tradition is replete with prayers to get out of exile by way of G-d sending the Moshiach to deliver us. Initially, what motivates us to want Moshiach and the Redemption from exile? It is the negative nature of exile. It is an escape- albeit a necessary one - but nevertheless an escape. Things are not good here. But as we get closer to reaching our destination - the era of Moshiach - it behooves us to change our focus. Rather than stressing the terrible character of exile, we should learn what the Torah tells us about the positive nature of Redemption. And just as our father Jacob spent fourteen years studying Torah so that he can reorient himself, so too, we must devote time and effort to the study of Torah.

Why the study of Torah? Torah, as G-d's wisdom, does not suffer from a Galut mentality and mindset. Torah is free and positive. By studying Torah - particularly the mystical parts of it that dwell on the spiritual and positive side of life, and even more specifically, the parts of Torah that discuss Moshiach and Redemption - we liberate ourselves from all negativity. We can even free ourselves from the need to run away from something negative because we have acquired the capacity to run towards something positive.

Halachic Times

Week of - November 30 - December 6

Earliest Tefillin (latest of the week):6:11 AM
Latest Shma (earliest of the week):9:21 AM
Torah Reading:Vayetzei (Genesis 28:10 - 32:3)
HaftorahHoshea 11:7 - 12:14

Reminder: Monday night December 4 in Ma'ariv begin saying V'Tein Tal U'Matar

Shabbat Parshat Vayetzei

FRIDAY, December 1

Candle Lighting:4:10 pm
Mincha:4:25 pm
Dvar TorahRabbi Fried
Kabbalat Shabbat:4:55 pm

SHABBAT, December 2

Parshah Shiur:9:00 am
Shacharit:9:45 am
Dvar TorahRabbi Ossey
*****Kids Shul & Junior Minyan:11:00 - 12:15*****
Kiddush:approx. 12:30 PM

*Kiddush/Lunch is sponsored by **Moshe and Levana Kirschenbaum** in honor of the wedding of their daughter **Bella** to **Meir Pliskin***

Rambam:3:15 pm
Mincha:4:15 pm
Ma'ariv & Havdallah:5:14 pm

Each week, a Video of the Rebbe is shown after Havdallah.

Daily Minyan:

Sunday:9 AM
Monday & Thursday:7:15 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:7:30 AM
Rosh Chodesh & legal holidays:7 AM

Learn Rambam everyday at www.chabadwestside.org/dailystudy/rambam.asp

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Shabbat Parshat Vayishlach.....DECEMBER 8 - 9

Friday, *December 8*
Candle Lighting:4:10 PM

Saturday, *December 9*
Shabbat ends.....:5:14 PM

Mazel Tov! Mazel Tov!

We wish a heartfelt Mazel Tov to **Moshe and Levana Kirschenbaum**, founding members of the Chabad Shul on the upcoming marriage of their daughter **Bella** to **Meir Pliskin**. Mazel Tov also to Meir's parents, **Rabbi Zelig and Raizel Pliskin**. May they merit to build a Binyan Adei Ad, an everlasting home in Israel and be a source of much nachas for their parents, extended families and Klal Yisrael.

Thank You for the Seforim

Chabad thanks **Greg and Channie Bell** for donating a number of new Seforim to the Chabad Shul library. This gift includes almost all of the major commentaries on the Torah that are available in English. Among the many seforim donated are: the Chavel edition of the Ramban, the Artscroll Ramban, the Chasam Sofer, the Baal Haturim, the Seforno, Oznam Latorah.

Tizku LeMitzvot!

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Torah Readers**

Chabad is looking for volunteer Ba'al Korehs. If you or someone you know can layn a Parshah - we would love to have you layn at Chabad. Whether you want to refresh your Bar Mitzvah Parshah and want to prepare a new one, please call our office.

The following Parshahs are already reserved:

VaYigash, December 30

Jeremy Sanders

Shemot, January 13

Avi Friedman

Bo, January 27

Avremel Kugel

Mishpatim, February 17

Jeremy Sanders

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Kiddush Schedule:

Shabbat VaYetzei, December 2,

Kiddush is sponsored by Moshe and Levana Kirschenbaum in honor of the wedding of their daughter Bella to Meir Pliskin.

Shabbat VaYishlach, December 9,

Kiddush is sponsored by Shelly Leibenstern in honor of the Yahrzeit of his father Rubin Leibenstern, Reuven Natan ben Aryeh Leib, 19 Kislev

Shabbat VaYeshev (Shabbat Chanuka), December 16,

Kiddush is sponsored by Ilan Nordmann in honor of his Bar Mitzvah Parshah and with thanks to Hashem.

Shabbat MiKetz (Shabbat Chanuka), December 23,..

Kiddush is sponsored by Gail Gumora

Shabbat Vayigash, December 30,

Kiddush is available

Important dates on the Chabad calendar

The number of special dates on the Chabad calendar in the month of Kislev is 4, although the number of unique events that occurred on these dates is even greater.

The first special day, is **Rosh Chodesh Kislev**, the date in 1977 when the Rebbe recovered from a terrible illness. this was discussed in last week's Shul Bulletin.

On the **9th of Kislev**, the second Rebbe of Chabad, Rabbi Dov Ber, known as the Mittler Rebbe, was both born (in 1773) and passed away (in 1827). To pass away on one's birthday is a unique Zechut, merit. In addition to Moses, who was born and passed away on the 7th of Adar, very

few individuals in history have had this rare Zechut.

On the **10th of Kislev**, in 1826, the Mittler Rebbe was redeemed from prison. Much like his father, Rabbi Schneur Zalman, he was arrested for his disseminating of chassidic teachings.

On the **19th of Kislev**, in 1799, the first Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, the first Lubavitcher Rebbe, was released from prison for his spreading Chassidic thought. After this arrest, far from curtailing his efforts in teaching Chassidic thought, Rabbi Schneur Zalman increased his efforts to spread those teachings exponentially. This day is celebrated as a major Chassidic holiday in Chabad. Farbrengens are usually held, where the spirit and message of Chassidut are discussed and resolutions are made to add in the study of Chassidut as well as all areas of Torah.

This day, celebrating the revelation of the "light of the Torah" (chassidic teachings) shares many themes with the holiday of Chanukah which follows 6 days later.

The **19th of Kislev** is also the Yahrzeit of the Mezritcher Maggid, Rabbi Dov Ber, in 1772. He succeeded the Ba'al Shem Tov in leading the Chassidic movement. Rabbi Schneur Zalman was his youngest student.

From the book, "The Maggid of Mezritch":
In 1761, a frail aging man who walked on crutches took over the reins of the fledgling Chassidic movement. Described by his mentor, the Baal Shem Tov, as a "pure golden menorah who needed only to be lit," and an "endless fountain," Rebbe Dov Ber moved to Mezritch where his every word reverberated in the hearts of his numerous disciples, each of whom became a luminary in his own right. In twelve short years Chassidus was transformed from a "sect" concentrated in the south-central Polish province of Podolia into a movement that encompassed major segments of European Jewry.

The Baal Shem Tov's teachings, initially known only to a select circle of disciples, soon became the inheritance of thousands. In the words of a later Chassidic Master,

Rebbe Shlomo of Radomsk: "The Baal Shem Tov bestowed all the fountains of wisdom upon the Maggid, and he became the leader of the generation. The light of his holiness sparkled in the disciples who followed him in each era, by whose words we live until the coming of the Moshiach" (Tiferes Shlomo, "Rimzei Purim").

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