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Toldot

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### Chabad Partners' Conference 5775

This past week, 3,500 of the 4,500 World-wide Shluchim met for dinner at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal joined by 2,500 laymen who the Shluchim graciously conferred the title of Partners. Joining Rabbi Kaplan and Rabbi Shalom Zirkind were R. Larry Ziffer, Yechiel Rubin, Yoni Katzir and myself. One of many stories heard that night. A man approached a Shaliach and said that the Shaliach cost the man \$800. The Shaliach had gone to the man's son, a physician. The young physician had told the Shaliach to quit smoking. The Shaliach said that quitting smoking would be like asking the physician to put on t'fillin. The physician said it wouldn't be hard and would do so if the Rabbi stopped smoking. The two made a bet. And they both kept their bet. Now, complained the physician's father, my son asked me to buy him a pair of t'fillin- \$800.00 so that one Jew would pray. Yes, said the Shaliach, you get a Partnership mitzvah two'fer in that another Jew has now stopped smoking!

Indulge me for another paragraph. Six thousand men (Sluchot women have their own gathering), singing, dancing, and listening to fascinating stories all evening is awesome. Learned rabbis did not monopolize the podium. There was the young man with a Catholic father/Jewish mother who taught in Catholic school and told the Shaliach that he did not identify with his mother's heritage. Well, you can guess that story's ending if the young man was now addressing a Chabad dinner. The audience was reminded of the brave emissaries who lost their lives on Slichut -like Gavriel and Rivka Hotzberg who were killed in the 2008 Mumbai, India terrorist attack. If you remember, the housekeeper Sandra Samuels spirited the couple's 2 year old son from the house. Today, young Moshe, is 9 years old, lives in Israel, and personally came to the podium to lead the conference in Tehilim! Not a dry eye in the room. Without question, this year's shluchim conference met its objective in showing the shluchim's partnership with klall Yisrael. I thank Rabbi Kaplan for inviting me. And the meal served to 6,000 guests was surprising good too.

*(by Lawrence S. London)*

Wow. How does one encapsulate the energy in words? How does one describe what is indescribable? But perhaps that is exactly it - the energy, positivity, comradery, partnership, sense of mission, joy, and holiness are to be left undescribed. It is that magic that is best left untouched - comprehensible only to the soul; alluding the form of words, but exuding the most wholesome, most perfect emotions.

The pictures and videos each tell a million particles of a multi-faceted story. It is not my experience alone, but that of 5550 people/emissaries charged to change the world. And each... with their own majestic tapestries ready to be unfolded by family, peers, and total strangers who are not really strangers. One comes a commoner and leaves a prince; one can try and come sans a mission but leaves with the onus of the Jewish future on their shoulders; one can come infected by the melancholy of personal/communal/financial difficulties but leaves recharged and ready to ascend once again on Yaakov's ladder. But... when you come - you must check any negativity/pessimism at the door. It will NOT be returned. Instead, optimism is handed out generously. The air screams love, compassion, oneness, togetherness. Frowns are not welcome, and indeed, smiles abound. One cannot leave the evening the same as they come. I hope I haven't either.

I could not have said it half as well.

*Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan*

### Different Messages

"Wow !! That was so-o-o-o inspiring !!"

"I thought it was refreshing. I slept through the whole thing."

"And Eisav said 'I am going to die – why do I need this birthright?!' " (Biraishis 25:32) The Chofetz Chaim explains that the birthright was of great spiritual value. It was our ticket to getting the Torah. For many people, death causes great spiritual introspection, for others it causes great spiritual rejection. (The way we live our lives will have an affect which group we are in.)

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For parents, teachers, Rabbis, speakers, internet/email writers, and anyone with interpersonal relationships: Different people react differently to the same messages !!

(by Rabbi Chaim Flom from Project Genesis at [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org))

**Community Information of Interest**

**The Last Years of the Old Order: Israel and the Jews 1962-1966. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz.**  
**November 14: JFK and LBJ: Israel and the USA 1962-66**  
 This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

**“The Rav’s Friday Night Hashkafa Q&A Shiur for Men”**

The first shiur of this season will take place **this** Friday night (Parshat Toldot – November 13<sup>th</sup>) at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dovi Ziffer at 6610 Clarington Road (in Beazer). Questions can be submitted in advance to [rabbikaplan@chabadmd.com](mailto:rabbikaplan@chabadmd.com) or anonymously in the shul mailbox.

**Seudah Shlishit**  
**סעודה שלישית**

The Shul has a Seudah Shlishit every Shabbat, but it rarely is funded. **Please consider sponsoring a Seudah Shlishit** for an upcoming week. For example: a birthday, anniversary, engagement, yahrzeit etc. Please contact Reuven Frank at [rfrank82@gmail.com](mailto:rfrank82@gmail.com)

**The Frank and Friedman Family** is sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat in commemoration of the yahrzeit of **Victor Friedman - Avigdor Shaul ben Paltiel**, whose yahrzeit is this Shabbat.



**Yahrzeits This Week:**

Aaron Margolies	2 Kislev - Friday night/Shabbat	for mother	Shoshana bat Moshe ha-Levi
Terry Frank	3 Kislev - Saturday night/Sunday	for father	Avigdor Shaul ben Paltiel
Sally Friedman	3 Kislev - Saturday night/Sunday	for husband	Avigdor Shaul ben Paltiel

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**Davening and Shiurim Schedule**

**Friday — Rosh Chodesh Kislev, 11/13 — 1 Kislev**

Shacharit — 6:35 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Candles — 4:35 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 4:35 p.m.

**Shabbat, 11/14 — 2 Kislev**

Shacharit — 8:40 a.m.  
 Sof Z’man Kriat Shema — 9:20 a.m.  
 Berachot Gemara Shiur — 3:25  
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 4:25 p.m.  
 Ma’ariv — 5:36 p.m.

**Sunday, 11/15 — 3 Kislev**

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Shulchan Aruch Shiur — 8:45 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 4:30 p.m.

**Monday, 11/16 — 4 Kislev**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Ma’ariv — 8:50 p.m.

**Tuesday, 11/17 — 5 Kislev**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Ma’ariv — 8:50 p.m.

**Wednesday, 11/18 — 6 Kislev**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Ma’ariv — 8:50 p.m.

**Thursday, 11/19 — 7 Kislev**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Tanya Shiur — 9:00 p.m.  
 Ma’ariv — 8:50 p.m.

**Friday, 11/20 — 8 Kislev**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Candles — 4:30 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 4:30 p.m.