

The Shul

at the Lubavitch Center

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Korach

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Teacher and Leader for All Jews

Audiences with the Rebbe

When you sat in the Rebbe's presence, it was as if there was no one and nothing else in this world. He had a humble abode, a simple chair, and a simple office. The entire day and night he studied Torah and was active in communal service, I do not know when he ate and slept ...

In our private conversations we spoke about many issues—many of which cannot be revealed until this very day—regarding the unique challenges that face the Jewish nation.

It was intriguing that the Rebbe knew minute details of what was happening in the land of Israel as if he lived in Israel. He knew for example that in this and this city there are issues with the mikvah (ritual bath), or that they need assistance in a certain communal area. There are so many instances of this happening in our audiences, written correspondence and phone conversations.

And through our various meetings I came to understand that he knew what was happening across the globe just like he knew what was happening in Israel. He knew the issues that affected every country and city—as if he lived there.

There are no words to express the great honor that the Rebbe bestowed on me. The merit of meeting him and the fact that he escorted me outside following my fourth and final audience. His final words made a great impression on me. After an hour and a half of conversation, the Rebbe expressed his gratitude and thanked me for coming. I needed to thank him for the honor, and instead he thanked me

Love for Every Jew

The Rebbe never minced his words when he was concerned about a particular issue. What he stated, however, was always with love and special care. The Israeli leaders knew that the Rebbe loved them with all of his heart, and hence they knew that when the Rebbe rebuked them, he did it for the love of the Jewish nation and with love for every single individual.

I remember once when the Rebbe learned of a scheme to personally humiliate one of the Israeli prime ministers. He made every effort to stop the individuals from doing so. To rebuke their actions, yes; to humiliate them, no. It takes special strength to rebuke and love at the same time. This power comes from the teachings of Chabad philosophy and its predecessor, Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism.

The Rebbe did not see a sinful Jew; the Rebbe brought Jews closer, he embraced them for who they are and brought them closer to their Jewish roots. Though he was a brilliant scholar, he actively cared about even the simple unscholarly individuals.

During our four audiences, the Rebbe always sought out the merit of others. No matter the subject we were discussing, the Rebbe steered the conversation so that he could praise others.



Israeli Chief Rabbis Mordechai Eliyahu and Avraham Schapiro in an audience with the Rebbe in 1989.

(As told by Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu. Rabbi Eliyahu is the former Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel (1983-1993) from www.chabad.org)

Peace!

Following Korach's rebellion, which is described in our Parashah, Elazar Ha'kohen was told to take the copper pans in which each of the rebels had offered Ketoret / incense and to hammer them out as a covering for the Mizbai'ach / altar. The Torah explains, "As a reminder to Bnei Yisrael, so that no alien who is not a descendant of Aharon draw near to [offer Ketoret] before Hashem, that he not be like Korach and his assembly" Commenting on this verse, the Gemara (Sanhedrin 110a) teaches: "Anyone who carries-on a Machloket / divisive disagreement transgresses the negative commandment 'that he not be like Korach and his assembly'."

R' Sasson Mordechai Moshe z"l (Baghdad; 1747-1829) writes: This transgression is not like most other transgressions, because a person transgresses it at every moment, night and day, if he could put a Machloket to rest and he fails to make peace. He writes further: When a person is involved in Machloket, how can he pray in Shemoneh Esrei daily: "Sim shalom" / "Establish peace"—asking Hashem to do something that he refuses to do himself? We know that Hashem hates Machloket, for on the day when Hashem created division (the second day, when He divided between the waters above and the waters below), the Torah does not say, "Ki tov" / "It was good." Notably, that was a division that was necessary, but Hashem still refused to call it "good." The Torah tells us, on the opposite extreme, that fire and water—sworn enemies—made peace to do the will of Hashem, when the hailstones in Egypt came down with fire inside them. How much more should we, who are recipients of reward and punishment for our deeds, learn to make peace! (Kol Sasson ch.27)

(by Rabbi Shlomo Katz from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

Dedication of plaques on the Shul board which is prominently located in the hall at the entrance to the Shul is an appropriate means of Tzedakah and supports the Shul as well. Below is the list of items available. Please contact Howard Kaplon at hkaplon@towson.edu for more information.

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| 1. Top (large) Plaques \$5,400 | 2. Medium Plaques \$3,600 |
| 3. Small Plaques \$1,000 | 4. Simcha Leaf \$250 |

Yahrzeit Plaques on the Shul's Memorial board are available. Each yahrzeit plaque is \$360.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Shira London	3 Tammuz - Friday night / Shabbat	for father	Tzvi Eliezer ben Yaakov Chaim
Shmuel Lyss	4 Tammuz - Saturday night / Sunday	for father	Reuven Peretz ben Getzel
Sarah Itzkowitz	4 Tammuz - Saturday night / Sunday	for father	Avrohom Ahron ben Eliyahu
Lawrence Ziffer	9 Tammuz - Thursday night / Friday	for father	Pinchas ben Yosef Elimelech

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DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday, 7/1 — 2 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m. Shabbat, 7/2 — 3 Tammuz Shacharit — 9:00 a.m. Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:25 a.m. Minchah — 8:05 p.m. Ma'ariv — 9:21 p.m. Sunday, 7/3 — 4 Tammuz Shacharit — 8:00 a.m. Father and Son Learning — 6:00 p.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m. Monday, 7/4 — Independence Day — 5 Tammuz Shacharit — 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.	Tuesday, 7/5 — 6 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, 7/6 — 7 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m. Thursday, 7/7 — 8 Tammuz Shacharit — 6:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m. Friday, 7/8 — 9 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Shabbat Candles — 8:17 p.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.
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