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Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot

20 Tishrei, 5783

When the Rebbe Invited Louis to Celebrate With Him

A young woman from Miami Beach, Florida, recently separated from her husband, was on line to receive the traditional lekach (honey cake) from the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of righteous memory.

At the onset of the Jewish new year, the Rebbe would distribute honey cake twice, while wishing each recipient with a sweet new year: once on the eve of Yom Kippur, and once on the last day of the holiday of Sukkot, known as Hoshannah Rabbah. This story took place on Hoshannah Rabbah, which is also the day that precedes the holiday of Simchat Torah, one of the most joyous holidays on the Jewish calendar.

Her turn finally arrived. As she stretched out her hand to receive the cake, the Rebbe asked her if her husband, Louis, was also in New York. She responded that to the best of her knowledge he was not.

Rebbe then asked if she knew where he was. She responded that she had no idea where he was.

Louis had sadly become an alcoholic and had drifted away from family life.

"Do you know if anyone might know how to contact him," the Rebbe asked.

"Alti Bukiet is a close friend of his, and he might know how to reach him," she said, referring to my brother Alti, who was then one of the older students learning at the Lubavitch school in Miami. (Today he is the Chabad-Lubavitch emissary in Lexington, Massachusetts.)

The Rebbe turned to one of his aides and asked if he could find Alti Bukiet. The aide ran downstairs to the study hall at Lubavitch World Headquarters, searching for Alti. He found him and explained that the Rebbe wanted him immediately.

Alti dashed to where the Rebbe was distributing the cake, and the Rebbe asked whether he knew how to contact Louis.

"I do," Alti said.

"I would like for Louis to attend tonight's hakafot," the Rebbe said. Hakafot is the name for the traditional joyous dancing with the Torah scrolls on Simchat Torah.

Alti immediately contacted Louis and asked that he take the next flight out to New York. Louis responded that he had no interest in attending, and would definitely not make the trip to New York. Alti pleaded with him, explaining that the Rebbe had personally invited him to attend. After an hour of discussion Louis consented.

He arrived in Brooklyn minutes before the holiday.

That night and on the following night, Louis immensely enjoyed the dancing and singing. The Rebbe made eye contact with Louis and smiled at him numerous times, nodding his head, acknowledging Louis's presence amongst the thousands gathered.

After the holiday, as Louis passed by the Rebbe, the Rebbe with a loving smile said, "I was happy to see you in good spirits during the holiday. Try to work out your problems and do not be foolish about it..."

Shortly thereafter Louis sobered up and reunited with his family.



(by Levi Bukiet from www.chabad.org)



The auction for all Simchas Torah Kibudim will take place before Mussaf on this Shabbat Chol HaMoed. Not only do we have an opportunity to fulfill the mitzva of tzedakah, but it is an important fund raiser for our Shul to help us get through the whole year. So we encourage everyone to participate actively in spirited bidding for the benefit of the Shul. Also, the custom in our shul is for as many individuals as possible to participate in buying Chassan Bereishit for the Rav. Sponsorships are available in multiples of \$36. In the past we have had more than 100 sponsorships in all, given by individuals in multiples of 1 to 10.

As in previous years the shul will be hosting large Kiddushim by night and by day on Simchas Torah with challah available for washing. Please consider helping out by making a contribution to help sponsor the Kiddushim. The suggested contribution is \$150, but, of course, any amount, more or less, is greatly appreciated. Thank you and may this Yom Tov be a true time of Simcha for everyone!



Thank you **Mr. Michael and Mrs. Terry Frank**
for sponsoring the beautiful flower arrangements on the bima for Sukkot
in memory of the yahrzeit of Michael's mother, **Chaya Zelda bas Moshe HaCohen**.



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DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday — Chol HaMoed, 10/14 — 19 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:25 a.m.
Shabbat Candles — 6:10 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Shabbat — Chol HaMoed, 10/15 — 20 Tishrei

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 10:02 a.m.
Minchah — 6:00 p.m.
Shiur: *Overcoming Folly* — after Minchah
Ma'ariv — 7:10 p.m.

Sunday —Hoshana Rabba, 10/16 — 21 Tishrei

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Candles — 6:08 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.
Hakafot following Ma'ariv

Monday — Shimini Atzeret, 10/17 — 22 Tishrei

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 10:03 a.m.
Yizkor — after 10:45 a.m.
Minchah — 6:15 p.m.
Candles — after 7:10 p.m.
Ma'ariv— 7:10 p.m.
Kiddush and Hakafot following Ma'ariv

Tuesday — Simchat Torah, 10/18 — 23 Tishrei

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 10:03 a.m.
Minchah — 6:05 p.m.
Ma'ariv— 7:06 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/19 — 24 Tishrei

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, 10/20 —25 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:15 p.m.

Friday, 10/21 — 26 Tishrei

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Shabbat Candles — 6:01 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:00 p.m.