

# The Shul

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## The Rebbe: A Brief Biography



The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of righteous memory, outside the main entrance to 770.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of righteous memory (1902-1994), the seventh leader in the Chabad-Lubavitch dynasty, is considered to have been the most phenomenal Jewish personality of modern times. To hundreds of thousands of followers and millions of sympathizers and admirers around the world, he was — and still is, despite his passing — “the Rebbe,” undoubtedly, the one individual more than any other singularly responsible for stirring the conscience and spiritual awakening of world Jewry.

**The Rebbe was born in 1902, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nissan**, in Nikolaev, Russia, to the renowned kabbalist, talmudic scholar and leader Rabbi Levi Yitzchak and Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson. Rebbetzin Chana (1880-1964) was known for her erudition, kindness and extraordinary accessibility. Her courage and ingenuity became legend when during her husband’s exile by the Soviets to a remote village in Asian Russia she labored to make inks from herbs she gathered in the fields — so that Rabbi Levi Yitzchak could continue writing his commentary on kabbalah and other Torah-subjects. The Rebbe was named after his ancestor, the third Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Lubavitch, with whom he later shared many characteristics.

### **Marriage in Warsaw:**

In 1928 Rabbi Menachem Mendel married the sixth Rebbe’s daughter, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka, in Warsaw. (The Rebbetzin, born in 1901, was chosen by her father, the sixth Rebbe, to accompany him in his forced exile to Kostroma in 1927. For sixty years she was the Rebbe’s life partner; she passed away on 22 Sh’vat in 1988.) He later studied in the University of Berlin and then at the Sorbonne in Paris. It may have been in these years that his formidable knowledge of mathematics and the sciences began to blossom.

### **Arrival in the U.S.A.**

On Monday, Sivan 28, 5701 (June 23, 1941) the Rebbe and the Rebbetzin arrived in the United States, having been miraculously rescued, by the grace of Almighty G d, from the European holocaust. The Rebbe’s arrival marked the launching of sweeping new efforts in bolstering and disseminating Torah and Judaism in general, and Chassidic teachings in particular, through the establishment of three central Lubavitch organizations under the Rebbe’s leadership: Merkos L’Inyonei Chinuch (“Central Organization For Jewish Education”), Kehot Publication Society, and Machne Israel, a social services agency. Shortly after his arrival, per his father-in-law’s urging, the Rebbe began publishing his notations to various Chassidic and kabbalistic treatises, as well as a wide range of response on Torah subjects. With publication of these works his genius was soon recognized by scholars throughout the world.

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**Leadership:**

After the passing of his father-in-law, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneerson, in 1950, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson reluctantly ascended to the leadership of the Lubavitch movement, whose headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, New York. Soon Lubavitch institutions and activities took on new dimensions. The outreaching philosophy of Chabad-Lubavitch was translated into ever greater action, as Lubavitch centers and Chabad Houses were opened in dozens of cities and university campuses around the world.

**Passing:**

On Monday afternoon (March 2, 1992), while praying at the gravesite of his father-in-law and predecessor, the Rebbe suffered a stroke that paralyzed his right side and, most devastatingly, robbed him of the ability to speak. Two years and three months later, the Rebbe passed away in the early morning hours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, in the year 5754 from creation (June, 12 1994), orphaning a generation.

**Uniqueness**

With the Rebbe’s teachings propelling them and his example serving as a beacon to emulate, Lubavitch has rapidly grown to be a worldwide presence, and all its various activities are stamped with his vision. Small wonder then, that many ask, “What is it about his leadership that was — and, in so many ways, still is — so unique? Why do leading personalities of the day maintain such profound respect and admiration for him?”

**“Actualize Your Potential!”**

With extraordinary insight, he perceived the wealth of potential in each person. His inspiration, now accessible through his writings and videos, boosts the individual’s self-perception, ignites his awareness of that hidden wealth and motivates a desire to fulfill his potential. In the same way, many a community has been transformed by the Rebbe’s message, and been given — directly or indirectly — a new sense of purpose and confidence. In each case the same strong, if subtle, message is imparted: “You are Divinely gifted with enormous strength and energy — actualize it!”

*(excerpted from www.chabad.org)*

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**Yahrzeits This Week:**

Rabbi Fred Lewin      11 Nissan - Thursday night / Friday      for mother      Bosya bas Aryeh Lev

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**DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE**

**Friday, 4/12 — 4 Nissan**

Shacharit —7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:00 p.m.

**Shabbat 4/13 — 5 Nissan**

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
Sof Z’man Kriat Shema — 9:47 a.m.  
Minchah — 7:10 p.m.  
Shiur — after Minchah  
Ma’ariv — 8:25 p.m.

**Sunday, 4/14 — 6 Nissan**

Shacharit — 8:00  
Minchah / Ma’ariv —7:30 p.m.

**Monday, 4/15 — 7 Nissan**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 4/16 — 8 Nissan**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 4/17 — 9 Nissan**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 4/18 — 10 Nissan**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, 4/19 — 11 Nissan**

Shacharit —7:00 a.m.  
Candles — 7:30 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:00 p.m.