Preparing for Yud Aleph Nissan - 120 Years

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## "For That I Must Express Gratitude"

As mentioned at the beginning of the farbrengen, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all those who made the effort to participate in this farbrengen for many long hours. There are those who attended as a sign of respect for an individual – while in truth, as mentioned, the gathering celebrates Chabad's teachings, movement, and activities; and those who deserve most credit are the

"soldiers," – not so much the "officers," as explained in chassidus at length, and mentioned many times. Whatever the reason one attended, even if it is for a different motive it is still connected to honoring an individual, and for that, I must express gratitude.

... Following the brocha-achrona by those who are required to do so, and after singing the Alter Rebbe's niggun one time - to those who wish, I will express my gratitude, in addition to the verbal expression, by giving each person this Tanya which contains the title pages of all other Tanyas, along with a dollar bill to be given to tzedaka. And may it be Hashem's will, that from this farbrengen we should begin to prepare for the farbrengen in which we will welcome Moshiach tzidkeinu, who "will come and redeem us and lead us to our Land."

May it be speedily in our days. I'chaim.

Yud-Aleph Nissan 5742

On Yud-Aleph Nissan 5742, the Rebbe's eightieth birthday, the Rebbe distributed a Tanya to the Chassidim who came to spend Yud-Aleph Nissan in his presence

#### **Exceptional Gratitude**

Reb Meir Harlig relates:

The Rebbe's gratitude to the guests who came for Yud-Aleph Nissan was very noticeable.

In one particular year, a group of Yud-Aleph Nissan guests were getting ready to depart 770. Different from all other times, when the Rebbe would see off the guests standing by the door of 770, this time the Rebbe went to the street and stood next to the bus which was taking them to the airport. The Rebbe stood there until they all boarded and only then did he return to his room.



## **Bring the Students**

Rabbi Dovid Wetiman, shliach in S. Paulo, Brazil, had been working with a supporter of his, an attorney, to translate a book about Torah belief and science to Portuguese.

On Yud Shevat 5740, Rabbi Weitman came to New York and brought the attorney working with him to meet the Rebbe in yechidus.

The attorney presented the Rebbe with a sample of the nearly-finished book, and the Rebbe responded: "I don't speak Portugueses but will try to understand."

Then the attorney told the Rebbe that he hopes the book will be ready on time for Yud-Aleph Nissan, just a few months later.

The Rebbe responded: "Instead of the book, bring me the hundreds of students who will read the book, they should come to the farbrengen and see that Torah is not dependent on science, but is far higher."

After seeing how much the Rebbe wanted they should be by the Yud-Aleph Nissan farbrengen, Rabbi Weitman began to arrange annual group visits to the Rebbe. These groups were always zoche to exceptional kiruvim.

#### Come Here

In the year 5750, Chassidim around the world celebrated 40 years of the Rebbe's nesius. Chassidim in Australia planned a large event in honor of the occasion, and requested Rabbi Yaakov Yehuda Hecht of New York to make the journey to Australia and address their Yud Shevat event.

After Rabbi Hecht wrote to the Rebbe about their offer, the Rebbe responded:

#### עד כאן שמעתי שבאים לכאן לשנת הארבעים

"Until now I have heard that one comes here for shnas ho'arboim".

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