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REBBE IN JAIL

Obituary

Maggid of Mezritch

Rabbi Dov Ber, the Maggid of Mezritch passed away today of ill health. Rabbi D.Ber, as the successor of The Besht, was the second leader of the Chassidic movement. He was a great Jewish leader, with disciples everywhere. His passing is mourned by Jews all over.

His favorite practice was that of Ahavas Yisroel. He taught his followers that ahavas yisroel is to love the worst sinner in the same way as the most righteous man.

Rabbi D.Ber is survived by his beloved son Rabbi Avraham, the Malach, and his students: Rabbi S.Z. of Liadi, Rabbi M.M. of Vitebsk and Rabbi L.I. Berditchever.

Present at his bedside at the t time of his death was his most beloved student, Rabbi S.Z. He shook his hand, saying, "He and I will have an identical day of celebration." ת.נ.צ.ב.ה.

by F.J., H.S.

Tanya

In 53 exciting chapters, the author, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, goes through the Daily problems of atypical Baynonee. In his brilliant style the Rabbi tells him why not to get frustrated or give up. This strengthens the average Baynonee-until he can become greater than a Zadik.

HELD FOR QUESTIONING

St. Petersburg, Russia. Oct. 1798. (TTT) *** The police officials of the Czarist government have arrested Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi on alleged charges of treason. He has been accused of sending money to the Sultan of Turkey in order to help the poor Jews living under his rule in the Holy Land.

He was taken in a black van under heavy guard to the Petrapavlos Penitentiary in the capital of St. Petersburg. He was placed under maximum security usually reserved for the worst criminals and capital offenses.

Rabbi Shneur Zalman is a Chassidic Rabbi and his arrest has caused grave concern among the thousands of followers in Jewish communities throughout Russia. He has a long white beard and thick ear locks. The Rabbi has a majestic and saintly appearance. he is also a deep thinker, author of several clasaic works in chassidus and halacha. His works include the poppular Shulchan Aruch, book on Jewish Law. and Tanya, on Jewish mysticism.

The trial is expected to take place in three weeks. but it is doubtful if he will be acquitted since the charges against him are very serious.

by Z.A.

Laws and Customs



1. Being that Yud-Tes-Kislev marks the beginning of the new Chassidic year, one should greet his friend in a happy manner and wish him a Leshana Tova.

2/ This is also a time to resolve and accept upon ourselves new resolutions to learn Chassidus and go in its ways.

3. Being that it marks the liberation of the Rebbe from prison, one must participate in a Seudas Hodaah, and express thanks to Hashem for his miraculous salvation.

by T.P., L.S.F.S.

Wishing you and yours
a Happy Yud-Tes-Kislev
May your year be blessed
with the learning of
Chassidus and its way of
life.

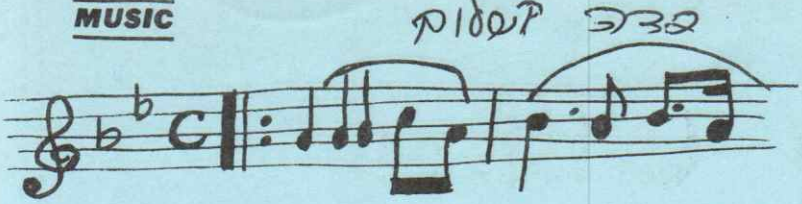
גוט יום טוב.

לשנה טובה בלימוד החסידות ודרכי החסידות

תכתבו ותחתמו.

The Tenth Grade.

MUSIC



Padah Vesholom

This song is an outpour of the soul towards the Almighty in thanking Him for protecting us against all enemies of Hashem who start up with loyal and honest people. In a moving and stirring melody which gets louder and louder, it is a quest of peace and redemption from all our enemies, miseries and troubles. This song written by King David ends on an affirmed note of assurance which repeat endlessly on and on without letup declaring proudly, "and I trust in thee".
by T.A.

NAPOLEON'S MARCH

This march sung by Napoleon Bonaparte's French troops was adapted by the Alter Rebbe. It starts off on a slow beat and gets quicker and louder as it continues. It is a victory song , a sign of Bnei Yisroel's victory and triumph over the Satan.
by S.K.

Editorial



IS IT GOOD FOR THE JEWS?

Space limitations force us to be brief, but we urge everyone not to be mislead by Napoleon's liberal promises. His kindness is but a mask that will eventually lead to assimilation, G-dforbid.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

by M.R.

1. Why is a courthouse like a stable ?

2. How many times are Abayee's and Rava's names mentioned in the Gemarra ?

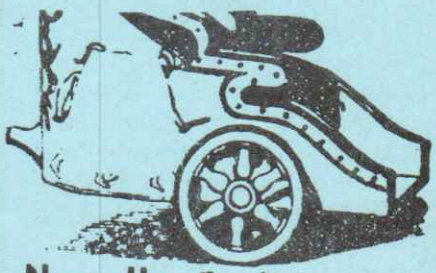
3. Where is the Alter Rebbe and his mother's name mentioned in Parshas Miketz ?

Ans. are found in Bais Rebbe.

COME EARLY
and avoid weekend breakdowns.

Fix It

axle and wheel alignment



Nevelle Body Repair Shop

by F.K.

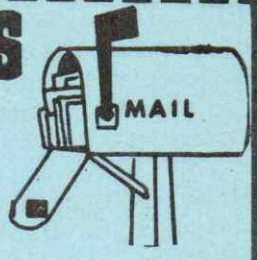
ART



Portrait of a Rebbe

It is known that while the Rebbe was being held in prison, a nobleman impressed by his holy appearance , requested and received permission to paint a portrait of the Rebbe. Reliable sources who have seen the portrait have authenticated that it reveals the Alter Rebbe's most saintly features. A high forehead , implying deep thinking, awe inspiring bright eyes which bring new hope to the despaired. These are the features that artists enjoy to draw.
The chassidim have tried through various channels to secure this portrait , and have succeeded in doing so.
It will serve for generations to come. This picture will be in the mind and heart of every Jew.
by M.S. B.Z.

Letters



Dear Editor,

The Chassidic movement is dangerous and follows in the tragic ways of the false Messiahs who have caused so much trouble.

I firmly believe that they should be stopped immediately, even if it means putting their leader in prison. The Chassidim should be condemned because Chassidic teachings are a great dishonor to the Torah. Chassidim neglect their studies and spend too much time celebrating and dancing. They also teach ignorant Jews the innermost secrets of the Torah.

Ed. Note: YOUR CHARGE IS FALSE & DESERVES NO COMMENT.

Yours truly,
Avigdor
by M.L.