

LUBAVITCH OF N. C.

Thoughts From The Lubavitcher Rebbe

Make Your Home A Sanctuary for G-d

By Rabbi Yossi Groner

It is the nature of a human being, as created by G-d, that anything encountered on a daily basis, or even not so frequently, will not command special attention, however important the thing is in itself. It is different when a thing stands out as something of primary importance and, in addition, is presented with appropriate emphasis; then one's attitude and response are altogether on a different level.

One subject that has been spoken of in the past, but not with the fullest emphasis it merits as a matter of such basic importance in the day to day life, is the following: To make and upgrade every Jewish home as a "small sanctuary," to reflect fully the inner purpose of G-d's command and promise (to the Jewish people) "Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell in the midst of them." Meaning, that G-d should dwell in the heart and soul of every Jew, man and woman, and within every Jewish home.

Plainly stated: This is to urge all Jews most earnestly to make G-d's request to dwell in their midst the primary concern in their everyday life, with total dedication, in thought, speech and deed, to its realization in the fullest measure.

More precisely and specifically: The small sanctuary in the heart and home of every Jew should in all respects reflect, as it were, the Holy

Temple, which comprised within itself the source and reality of the three pillars on which the entire world is based: Torah, Avodah (prayer) and Gemilat Chassodim (good deeds).

Torah: To make one's home a house where Torah is cultivated—studied regularly and increasingly, both quantitatively. This includes having a house full of Jewish books.

Tefilah: A house where prayer is cultivated, beginning the day with the prayer "Modeh Ani—I thank you." While the three daily prayers are recited with the congregation in Shul, the Modeh Ani prayer comes first, immediately upon waking up from sleep.

Gemilat Chassodim: In addition to Tzedakah boxes (in the house), it is a house characterized by hospitality, including acts of kindness involving one's soul, body and money.

The special call is also to children. They should make their own room a sanctuary by placing a Tzedakah box, a Torah and prayer book in their room, and use all three regularly, thereby designating their own space as a sanctuary. Such a home is comparable to a sanctuary that G-d's hands have established.

May G-d grant everyone success in all the above, thereby helping to bring even closer the rebuilding of the Reis Hamikdash—the Holy Temple, with the coming of Moshiach.

Preschoolers Present Purim Play



Preschoolers with their Tzedakah boxes.

Lubavitch Preschool children presented an outstanding performance based on the story of Purim. The play was prepared by Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher at the school, with the help of the other teachers.

Most of the parents were present at the performance; many had brought their cameras to capture the magic moment in their child's life. It was an atmosphere of warmth and joy in honor of this joyous holiday.

After the play, the young

performers and their proud parents were treated to freshly baked Hamantaschen and other refreshments. It was a time of true pride and honor for teachers and parents to see the products of a good Jewish education.

The children also learned about the Mitzvah of Tzedakah. Each child was given their own Tzedakah box to keep in their room for their own use. There is even a space where they could write their own name on the "Pushke."

An Afternoon With The Cheder Boys

On March 8, exactly one week before Purim, a great celebration took place in Charlotte at Shalom Park. The celebration included a visit by the famous musical group from New York—Chaim and the Cheder boys.

The Cheder boys excel in their musical presentation for young Jewish children. Their visit to Charlotte was part of a special Purim program sponsored by Lubavitch of North Carolina. They entertained the children with their fantastic humor and songs. "Explaining the holiday through song and dance is our best way of communicating our message," said Chaim Fogelman, leader of the group.

The program included a puppet show and clowns. New York City delicacies were also



Parents and children enjoyed the afternoon.



Rabbi Yossi Groner with some of his young audience.

available to the participants. Several children won prizes and gifts. All children received a free Purim kit which contained the special "Mitzvot"

for the Purim holiday. Included were Shalach Manos packets and coins for charity, with a brochure explaining the observances of the day.

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