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Preschool Adds New Teacher and Students

Gan Yelodim Preschool of Lubavitch of North Carolina began the new school year on August 24 with an exciting new staff and many new students. The school, which prides itself on high quality in Jewish education as well as in secular study, has announced the hiring of Elka Azleson as afternoon teacher.

Elka brings with her a lot of excitement and fun, which she cleverly uses in her teaching technique. She has already taught the little ones all about safety and caution.

Chanie Weiss is the Judaica teacher and she has created wonderful arts and crafts projects through which the children will learn about the upcoming holidays. Amongst the wonderful projects was the making of a Shofar which actually makes a sound, and a simulated Tashlich with fish for the special Rosh Hashanah service.

As the previous year, Fern Sanderson is the morning teacher. Fern excels in her teaching methods, which she demonstrates through her individual attention permeated with love and care for every one of the preschoolers.



Fern Sanderson teaches with a story.



Children enjoying bagels at snack time.

Three mornings of each week, two-year-olds come to Chabad House for playtime which is led by Debbie Maslov. Here the children learn how to share toys and how to com-

municate with other children of their age. Debbie designed the playroom like a real house with a kitchen and play area, which allows the children to relate to life on their own level.

Many Activities Are Held At Chabad House

Lubavitch has expanded its Talmud Torah program which now enrolls over 35 students, in addition to the preschool enrollment. The Talmud Torah is directed by Mariashi Groner who also teaches the younger children. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss teaches the older students and also tutors some of them for Bar Mitzvah.

Students of the Lubavitch Talmud Torah meet on Sunday and two other days of the week.

Other Lubavitch activities include: adult education programs at the Chabad House which continue on a regular basis with classes on Bible, Tanya and Jewish law. Lectures are also held in other communities in the Carolinas every second week.

Services at Chabad House are held on Friday night and Shabbat day, many times followed by a full kiddush and meal. The month of August also saw the beginning of the Sunday morning minyan which starts at 8:30, followed by breakfast during which everyone listens to "The Jewish Sound", the new radio show from Lubavitch.

Myrtle Beach Mayor Honors Chabad-Lubavitch

Mayor Bob Grissom of Myrtle Beach held a special reception at City Hall, honoring the activities of Chabad-Lubavitch in his city. The Mayor issued a proclamation in which he describes the benefits of the moral and ethical values taught by Chabad-Lubavitch to the people of this city.

The Mayor also declared the day of August 26 as Education Day in Myrtle Beach to be celebrated and recognized by its citizens. This also was the day when Chabad began the new year for its many educational programs in Myrtle Beach, under the able leadership of Rabbi Doron Aizenman, director of Chabad in

Myrtle Beach, and his wife Leah.

Present at the reception were: Rabbi Aizenman; Rabbi Yossi Groner of Lubavitch of North Carolina in Charlotte; Mr. Hugo Schiller, who is an active supporter of Chabad; and two visiting student rabbis from the Lubavitch Yeshivah in New York.

Thoughts From The Lubavitcher Rebbe

The Joy of Simchat Torah

By Rabbi Yossi Groner

Simchat Torah which comes this year in mid-October is undoubtedly the most joyous holiday of the year. It is the culmination of an entire month of holidays, both solemn and happy festivals.

The month of Tishrei is basically divided in two. The first part contains the solemn days of Rosh Hashanah — The Jewish New Year, the ten days of repentance, and Yom Kippur — Day of Atonement. The second part beginning with Succoth is a very joyous time, as we indicate in our prayers of the holiday: "Time of our rejoicing".

The Talmud teaches that the festival of Succoth, which immediately precedes Simchat Torah, is a time to celebrate the joy of the nations of the world. In the days of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, special offerings were brought by the Jewish people for the benefit of the nations of the world. In fact, if these very nations knew what the Holy Temple did for them they would have protected it from being destroyed.

Simchat Torah and Shemini Atzeret celebrate the uniqueness of the Jewish people. A discerning expression was that only one offering was brought to the Temple on Shemini Atzeret in contrast with seventy offerings which were brought during the Succoth festival. The seventy represented the seventy nations in the world, and the one represented the One Jewish nation.

The midrash explains this

with a parable. There once was a mighty king who ruled over many countries. He invited many of his princes and governors to attend a major celebration at his palace in the capital city. After the festivities were over and all the dignitaries had left, he asked his closest friend to stay for an extra day so that they could celebrate in private.

The joy experienced by the two exceeded all the hoopla of the previous days. The same is true with G-d and the Jewish people. After celebrating for the entire world during the festival of Succoth, there is a special day (outside of Israel it is two days) which is designated just for the two of us — the One G-d and the One Jewish people.

This joy is shared by all Jews, scholars and lay people alike, because this joy reaches in to the essence of the divine Jewish soul, the essence which is even loftier than knowledge. This is also the reason why we dance with the Torah while it is cloaked in its mantle, so we can rejoice and express the inner essence of Torah which is higher than spoken or written words.

There is an important lesson we learn from the holiday, that is we have an obligation to teach the gentile nations, to educate them, specifically in the seven laws of Noah which are mentioned in the beginning of the Torah. But we also must remember our special privilege as Jews, to identify the uniqueness of the Divine Soul and reveal its true quality through the Torah.

Remember to Light the Candles

A special gift was given to Jewish women and girls through which they welcome the Shabbat and holidays, that is, by lighting the Shabbat candles. It is even more auspicious during holiday time to light the candles with the added blessings.

During the holiday weeks of Succoth and Simchat Torah you have the privilege of lighting candles three times: Wednesday and Thursday evenings in honor of the holi-

day, and Friday evening in honor of the Shabbat. There are special blessings to be recited for the holiday when the candles are lit.

Also the time for Wednesday and Friday candle lighting is just before sunset. On Thursday evening, however, the time is no earlier than nightfall. For the proper times, check the Shabbat candle schedule printed here in *The CJN*. Have a happy Holiday and pleasant Shabbat.

Come and join us on the happiest evening of the year.

Dance away the night with the joy of Simchat Torah and rejoice with the Torah in the Chassidic tradition.

Thursday night, October 15, 7:30 p.m.

At Chabad House
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