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Never Stand Still — Keep Rising Higher



The Lubavitcher Rebbe
King Moshiach (Messiah) Shlita

Even when it seems we have reached perfection, we must not stop. Only through self-nullification, toil and adding in Torah and mitzvot can we break the bounds of habit, awaken the soul's powers and draw new G-dly light into the world — in the true and complete Geula

This week's Haftarah tells of the Shunammite woman: Elisha foretells the birth of her son and later revives him. Parshat Vayera too tells of Yitzchak's birth, the Akeidah and his rescue. Both stress not only the birth, but its continuation.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita notes that the Haftarah opens with "ishah achat" (one woman) with only "keilim reikim" (empty vessels), which a little oil miraculously filled. Why begin there, when the focus is the child?

G-dliness at Age Five

Chassidus explains: the empty vessels are a Jew's service when he feels nothing inside – prayer without emotion, study without enthusiasm, kindness without satisfaction. Precisely then: do not diminish the empty vessels. Keep praying, learning and doing good.

Even when feeling is absent, the essence of the soul remains intact. Persisting in good deeds awakens the inner powers and lights up life; there is no need to wait for the heart – we act, and the heart follows.

This Shabbat, 20 Cheshvan, is the birthday of the Rebbe Rashab, fifth Rebbe of Chabad. As a child of four or five he wept before his grandfather, the Tzemach Tzedek: why did G-d appear to Avraham, but not to him? The answer: "When a tzaddik of ninety-nine decides to circumcise himself, he deserves that G-d appear to him."





I do not get involved in politics

The Next Prime Minister

"And most important, I hope that immediately the prime minister there will be Moshiach Tzidkeinu"

The Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita brings this story in talks for the Rebbe Rashab's birthday, teaching a basic principle of serving G-d: never be satisfied with where you stand, however high.

Always Moving Forward

Even a tzaddik who has reached a lofty level must feel he has not yet reached perfection – ninety-nine, not yet a hundred. He must keep toiling, remove what holds him back and rise higher. A Jew must accept real change, not a small addition within his existing life, overcoming habit with self-sacrifice to reach levels beyond his ordinary strength.

The world keeps moving; one who stands still falls behind. The answer is constant addition – more Torah, more mitzvot, more kindness, and inner change – bringing light to the world until the revelation of the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita in the true and complete Geula, immediately, now.

Good News

20 Cheshvan Farbrengens

This Shabbat, 20 Cheshvan, marks the birthday of the Rebbe Rashab (Rabbi Shalom DovBer), fifth Rebbe of Chabad. Farbrengens are held at Chabad Houses, and many visit a branch of the Tomchei Tmimim yeshiva, which he founded.

The People Choose Moshiach

On election day in Eretz Yisrael, Chabad Chassidim set up tefillin stands along the lines at the polls, with a high response. The mitzvah openly united activists of all parties, who together lent a hand to bringing Moshiach.

Joining Torah Study

Chabad Houses have opened the winter study season. The evenings are used for Torah classes at every level, connecting each person to his share in the Torah. Now is the time to set times for Torah.

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A Little Child's Demand

What makes a little child burst into tears? 20 Cheshvan is the birthday of the Rebbe Rashab, Rabbi Shalom DovBer of Lubavitch, fifth Rebbe of Chabad. At four or five he went to his grandfather, the Tzemach Tzedek, to receive a birthday blessing.

As he entered he burst into tears: in cheder he had learned how G-d revealed Himself to Avraham, as told in this week's parsha – "Vayeira eilav Hashem" (And G-d appeared to him) – why did Avraham merit it, while he did not? His grandfather answered: when a tzaddik of ninety-nine decides to circumcise himself, he deserves that G-d reveal Himself to him.

The Rambam of Chassidus

More than a story: that it happened on his birthday – a general day in his life – and was told by his son and successor, the Rebbe Rayatz, shows that it holds the point of his entire work.

The Rebbe Rashab's chief innovation is his broad, systematic explanation of Chassidus. Not for nothing did the early Chassidim call him "the Rambam of Chassidus": as the Rambam ordered the laws of the Torah clearly, so the Rebbe



To instill in ourselves and our children the will and yearning to see G-dliness tangibly — not to settle for knowing and understanding alone, but to strive for actual G-dly revelation

Rashab explained the deep matters of Chassidus in all their detail.

Another innovation was founding the Tomchei Tmimim yeshiva, where for the first time fixed study of Chassidus became an inseparable part of learning Mishnah, Talmud and halachah.

In a Tangible Way

Partnered study brings clarity; so the yeshiva fulfills "hafatzat hama'ayanot chutzah" (spreading the wellsprings outward), training students to be "nerot leha'ir" (lamps to illuminate) and "chayalei Beit David" (soldiers of the House of David).

Its deeper aim: that G-dliness not remain abstract, but become a tangible reality in a Jew's life. So the child's tears came from a longing to see G-dliness with physical eyes – the longing behind all his work.

To See G-dliness

Ordered study of the inner Torah, like the Rambam's system, brings awareness of G-dliness into the mind, and from there into life. So in education: instill in ourselves and our children the yearning to see G-dliness, not settling for understanding, as the Rebbe Rashab longed as a child.

That longing hastens the Geula, when we will see G-dliness and hear "Torah chadashah" (a new Torah) from Moshiach Tzidkeinu, immediately.

(Based on the sicha of Shabbat Vayera 5751)

Sparks of Geula

"Vayita eshel biV'er Shava" (וירא כא, לג)

"Vayita eshel" (And he planted an eshel) – an inn for guests – "biV'er Shava vayikra sham b'Shem Hashem Kel olam" (in Be'er Sheva, and he called there in the name of G-d, G-d of the world): through it G-d became known as G-d of all the world, as guests blessed the One whose food they ate. So too a "Beit Chabad," where every Jew may eat, learn Torah, pray and give tzedakah.

(Sicha of Shabbat Parshat Vayera 5747, unedited, translated)

"Vayikra sham b'Shem Hashem Kel olam" (וירא כא, לג)

"Al tikri vayikra ela vayakri: hikri Avraham Avinu lishmo shel HaKadosh Baruch Hu befi kol over vashav" (Read not "he called" but "he made call": Avraham Avinu made the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, be called in the mouth of every passerby)

(מסכת סוטה דף י, סוף עמוד א)

Every Jew's mission: spreading G-dliness so all know "Melo chol ha'aretz kevodo" (the whole earth is full of His glory). It brings Moshiach, fulfilling "Az ehpoch el amim safah verurah" (For then I will turn to the peoples a pure language) and "V'hayetah laShem hameluchah" (and the kingship shall be G-d's).

(Translated from the sicha of the night of Simchat Torah 5746)

Royal Words

Only Greet Moshiach

We are therefore at a time when all obstacles and hindrances have been nullified. Since this is so, we now not just the existence of Moshiach, but also the revelation of Moshiach. Now we need only greet our righteous Moshiach in actual reality!

(D'var Malchus, Vayera 5752 – edited, translated)

Shabbat Times

	Jerusalem	London	Los Angeles	Montreal	New York
Local time					
Candle lighting	4:12 PM	4:19 PM	5:44 PM	5:26 PM	5:37 PM
Shabbat ends	5:28 PM	5:27 PM	6:39 PM	6:28 PM	6:36 PM

Haftarah: "V'ishah achat... vatisa et bena vateitzei" (מלכים-ב ד, א-לז)

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They Have Already Done Teshuvah!

From a conversation between the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita and the Rishon LeZion, Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu, of blessed memory

Rabbi Eliyahu: And then the holy spirit will be revealed – "Ruach apeinu meshiach Hashem" (the breath of our nostrils, the anointed of G-d).

The Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita: Of this it was said at creation, "V'ruach Elokim merachefet al pnei hamayim" (and the spirit of G-d hovered over the face of the waters) – as the Midrash says, "Zeh rucho shel Melech HaMoshiach" (this is the spirit of King Moshiach). Only afterward is it said "Vayomer Elokim yehi or vayehi or" (And G-d said, Let there be light, and there was light): even before light was created, "rucho shel Melech HaMoshiach" (the spirit of King Moshiach) already existed!

Rabbi Eliyahu: "Water" alludes to Torah – "Ein mayim ela Torah" (there is no water but Torah); the spirit of Moshiach, "al pnei hamayim" (over the face of the waters), is above the Torah, as is the Jewish people, whose redeemer is Moshiach.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita: And "al pnei hamayim" (over the face of the waters) – "pnei" from pnimiyus: the Jewish people are above even the inner dimension of the waters.

Rabbi Eliyahu: We must decide and rule that Moshiach must come immediately!

The Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita: Immediately, truly.

Rabbi Eliyahu: Our "immediately" – by our ruling, not as others understand it.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita: There is nothing more to wait for: all the service is complete and they have already done teshuvah. "Ein hadavar talui ela biteshuvah" (the matter depends only on teshuvah) was true some time ago; now it depends only on Moshiach himself coming in actual fact – "mar'eh b'etzba'o v'omer zeh" (shows with his finger and says, this) – this is Moshiach Tzidkeinu!

The Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita: The main thing is that it be so in actual fact, immediately, truly now. As I stress many times: the Geula already stands at the doorstep, waiting for every Jew to open the door and pull the Geula into the room!!

(6 Cheshvan 5752 translated)

Daily Rambam Study

19–25 Cheshvan

	Three chapters a day	One chapter a day
Friday	Hilchot Mechirah, chs. 22–24	Issurei Bi'ah, ch. 11
Shabbat	chs. 25–27	ch. 12
Sunday	chs. 28–30	ch. 13
Monday	Zechiyah U'Matanah, chs. 1–3	ch. 14
Tuesday	chs. 4–6	ch. 15
Wednesday	chs. 7–9	ch. 16
Thursday	chs. 10–12	ch. 17

Wonders Now

A Soul's Light in England

Rabbi Doron Oren, director of the Moshiach and Geula Center in Jerusalem, relates: "Some years ago we urgently needed to raise a large sum so that the activity at the center and the Melech HaMoshiach Yeshiva in central Jerusalem would not, G-d forbid, stop.

"I wrote a detailed letter to the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita, asking how to raise the funds. The clear answer was to travel to England to raise money. Since I knew no one in England, I spent a whole week trying to find a contact, but found nothing.

"Asking again, I received an answer addressed to a fundraising emissary, telling how the Rebbe Maharash once traveled to France, leaving everything for one Jew gambling in a hotel casino while drinking non-kosher wine – and saved him spiritually. All the more, it said, I must go, with blessing, spiritual and material.

"So I flew to England. Seeing no material progress, I tried the spiritual side, at the Chabad House of Rabbi David Katz. A long-haired young man came in to put on tefillin and I learned with him; at the Shabbat table I saw him again – Eli. Sadly, he lived with a non-Jewish woman, and I could not keep in touch with him.

"I also met Yehonatan, an Israeli staying in the city on business, who then kept Shabbat only partly, without knowing all the laws. I decided to try to influence him, and we met daily to learn.

"Still no funds and no visible spiritual results; I did not understand why I had been sent. Near my flight, someone sent me to a casino where Israelis gathered. Then I remembered the letter about the Rebbe Maharash and the casino...



Rabbi Doron Oren

> At that moment I remembered the letter of the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita about the Rebbe Maharash's journey to that casino to influence one Jew... I decided to go there

"Yehonatan came with me, and there was Eli – who lived one floor above that very place. I told them the story of the Rebbe Maharash, and they were moved by the Divine Providence that accompanies every Jew at every step.

"I flew home not knowing what became of them. Back in Eretz Yisrael, someone gave me my largest donation ever.

"Years later Yehonatan came to see me: right after that evening Eli left the non-Jewish woman and returned fully to Judaism. 'Seeing such a change,' he said, 'I decided to strengthen my own Shabbat and mitzvot.' He learned in yeshiva; today he is a shliach in the streets, preparing to greet the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita."



From the words of the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita on the wholeness of Eretz Yisrael

No One Can Take It Away

All done for the wholeness of Eretz Yisrael concerns all Israel – an eternal inheritance from "Elokei olam" (G-d of the world) to Avraham's children; none can take it.

(Purim 5730 – edited, translated)

A Small Spark Lit Up a Soul

On the verse "Vayita eshel biV'er Shava" (And he planted an eshel in Be'er Sheva), the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita says "vayita eshel" equals "Beit Chabad" in gematria. Like Avraham, shluchim today reach everyone.

So it was with David (Eddie) Gendman, now a shliach in Be'er Sheva, Avraham's city, who never imagined Providence would lead him there.

It began seven years ago, when Eddie (then Eduard), far from open observance, managed a café in a luxury tower in the Ramat Gan Diamond Exchange.

Then Corona: lockdowns, closures and uncertainty shook the economy, and the Jewish spark awoke in the young man from Russia. Years earlier, in Florida, a friend had taught him the siddur, halachah and basics of Judaism; the words stayed in his heart.

One Shabbat, a New World

"In Florida Chabad Chassidim put tefillin on me several times and left me a 'Yechi Adoneinu' kippah – my only kippah," says Eddie. "When the world stopped and the future looked different, I decided to turn faith into action."



This is how it all began: Eddie in those days

R' Guy Kantor, who knew him, was amazed and began to accompany him: talking, hosting, helping him buy tefillin and introducing him to Chabad Houses and shluchim. "It was important to me," says Guy, "that Eddie not stop at a kippah and first steps, but know Chassidic life up close."



David (Eddie), center, with the shliach Rabbi Kalifa and the city's Rav

> "It was the only kippah I had. When the whole world stopped and the future looked different, I decided it was time to turn faith into action"

From Yeshiva to Shlichus

After weeks of talks Eddie agreed to a Shabbat at Tomchei Tmimim, Ramat Aviv. R' Shlomo Langer drove them; at Kabbalat Shabbat and the "Yechi" dancing Eddie was swept into the warm atmosphere, then joined a Friday night meal with twenty Tmimim at the home of the shliach Rabbi Chanan Bebov. After "L'chaim" he heard the plan – lodging, mikvah, Chassidus, prayer, farbrengen – and stayed all Shabbat. It was a turning point; his bond with the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita and Chabad deepened.

He placed "D'var Malchus" booklets on the café's shelves, then left management to enter yeshiva as a Student. Following an answer from the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita he became a shochet; two years later he married the daughter of the shliach Rabbi Yirmiyahu Kalifa, director of Tomchei Tmimim in Be'er Sheva. Blessed with a daughter, they now serve as shluchim of the Lubavitcher Rebbe King Moshiach Shlita.

Marching to the Geula

From "vayita eshel" in one soul to the King's shlichus in Be'er Sheva; from café manager to yeshiva, a Chassidic home and outreach – step by step, through the soul's awakening and resolve.

A personal sequel: a year ago, after Guy's father R' David Kantor, of blessed memory, passed away, he learned that Eddie, consulting rabbis, had chosen a new Jewish name – David, his father's name.

Wondrous Providence: a kippah from tefillin in Florida, a farbrengen in Ramat Gan, a warm Shabbat invitation. Bringing a Jew closer to Torah and Chassidus, a small spark lights a whole life, readying the world for the true and complete Geula, immediately.

Counsel and Guidance

Words of the Leader of the Generation, Moshiach Tzidkeinu Shlita

The Same as Always

I was glad to receive her letter with the good news about her son, may he live. Surely, seeing miracles from G-d should move the whole family to strengthen further in Torah and mitzvot, which hastens G-d's blessings in the other matters she writes about.

As for "modern" people . . . she should explain to all the children that the Holy One, blessed be He, is the same as hundreds of years ago, the Torah is the same as it was, and G-d runs the world as always; so we must hold to the way the Torah showed, the only way for a Jew to receive G-d's blessings. When her children behave so, she will surely share good news about all she writes of.

(Igros Kodesh, vol. 8, p. 297 – translated)

Use Your Talent

G-d created nothing in vain, so each must use his talents. "Ani lo nivreti ela leshamesh et koni" (I was created only to serve my Maker). Seeing your talent to influence, I am sure you will use it to bring friends closer to their Maker.

(Igros Kodesh, vol. 8, p. 299 – translated)

