

# Shavuos

CHASSIDIC INSIGHTS, HIGHLIGHTS AND HAPPENINGS

שבועות

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BELZ

### DAVENING AT THE TZION OF THE BILGORAY RAV ZT"L

A large crowd of Belzer Chassidim streamed on Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan to the holy tziyun of the Bilgoray Rav zt'l in Tiveria, to recite the Shla Hakodosh and to pray for both communal and personal needs.

At the nearby hachnosas orchim facility adjacent to the cemetery, refreshments were generously prepared for the benefit of the many participants.



### A DISTINGUISHED VISIT

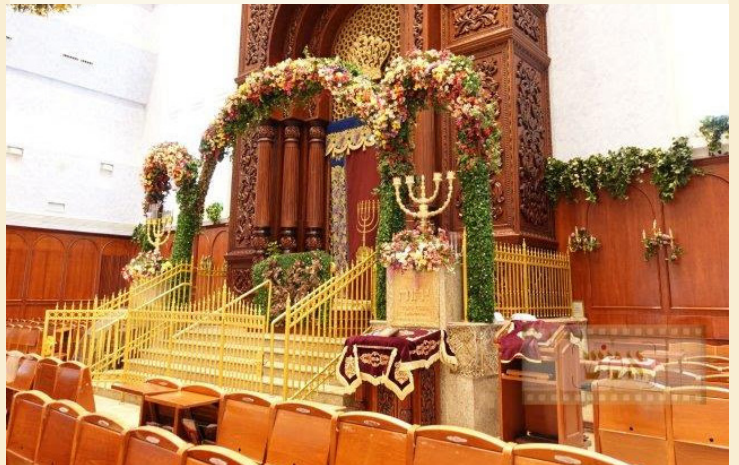
The Naroler Rebbe shlita of Bnei Brak was pleasantly surprised on Motzei Shabbos to receive a distinguished visit from Habochur Hachashu Elazar Yechezkal Shraga Rokach shlita, grandson of the Belzer Rebbe shlita, along with a small group of friends.

They came to hear firsthand accounts of

old-world Belz. The Naroler Rebbe shlita welcomed them to join for Melava Malka, where his guests enjoyed hearing sacred stories on old-world Belz. The Rebbe honored Elazar Yechezkal Shraga with Birchas Hamazon.



### DECORATING THE GREAT BELZ SHUL IN YERUSHALAYIM FOR SHAVUOS



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## YOM HATORAH

Thousands participated in the annual “Yom HaTorah” gathering organized by Merkaz Mosdos Belz/Belz Institutions in Israel. With twelve learning centers operating simultaneously throughout Eretz Yisroel and abroad, including Yerushalayim, Bnei Brak, Beit Shemesh, London, Antwerp, and Montreal, the main event was held in the great Beis Medrash of Kiryas Belz and broadcast live to all other centers, where thousands of lomdim gathered for a full day of intensive Torah study, inspiration, and spiritual elevation in preparation for Zman Matan Toraseinu.

Throughout the day, participants joined organized סדרי לימוד and structured programs tailored for avreichim, maggidei shiur, mechanchim, and yeshiva students, creating an atmosphere filled with קול התורה. The event culminated with a special gathering addressed by leading rabbanim and roshei yeshiva, who inspired the tzibbur with words of chizuk about the importance of continued growth and dedication to Torah learning. Each participant received a special gift to present to their devoted wives who stand at their side and encourage them to learn Torah.



## PREPARING FOR SHAVUOS AT A SHABBATON

The talmidim and staff of Yeshivas Yisa Berachah in Beit Shemesh, under the auspices of Belz Institutions in Israel, merited an uplifting and exalted Shabbos at Moshav Neveh for Parshas Bamidbar, Shabbos Mevarchim Sivan. Following extensive preparation and careful planning, the bochurim enjoyed a rich and engaging program featuring nearby excursions, inspiring addresses by illustrious speakers who prepared them for the upcoming Yom Tov of Shavuos and the great day of Matan Torah, as well as an enjoyable and interactive panel hosted by fellow bochurim.



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## EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD STORY

especially a Chassidishe story...



### A True Chassid

The Gaon Reb Yitzchak Babad, the Tartikover Rav zt"l, once spent Shavuos in Holtchitz with the Frierdige Rav zt"l. On Motzei Yom Tov, he stood in line together with other distinguished Rabbanim, waiting for the opportunity to enter Maran's chambers with a kvittel. As it grew late, the assembled Rabbanim wondered whether Maran would still receive kvitlach that night.

The gabbai, Reb Aharon Yehoshua Landau zt"l, entered Maran's room and informed him that several honored Rabbanim were still waiting outside.

The Frierdige Rav replied: "Nu, what do Rabbanim do in their own homes? They sit and learn. They can go learn in the Beis Medrash — what is the rush?"

When Reb Aharon Yehoshua relayed the message, the Tartikover Rav immediately obeyed and went straight to the Beis Medrash to learn. A few minutes later, the door opened again, and Maran instructed the gabbai to summon the Tartikover Rav.

The Frierdige Rav had been informed that the moment the Tartikover Rav heard, he should learn Torah; he immediately entered the Beis Medrash and sat down to learn. "This is called אמת'ער חסידות — this is what a true chassid is!" Maran declared, instructing them to call him in from the Beis Medrash.

### Loving the Sound of Torah

When Maran, the Belzer Rebbe shlita, was a young boy, he used to sit near the door

of his uncle's room, Maran Reb Aharon of Belz zt"l, and learn loudly, with his voice. He once paused learning for a minute, and no sound was heard. The door was opened immediately, and the shamash came out saying in the name of Reb Aharon: "He likes to hear the sound of Torah learning...resume learning loud with your voice, rather than quietly!"

### How to Act at Home

Once Isru Chag Shavuos, the Rebbe Reb Bunim of Pershuscha zt'l summoned the Yungerleit who came to spend Yom Tov with him and were readying themselves to go home. He told them: "The Torah tells us that after Kabbalas HaTorah, Hashem told Moshe Rabbeinu: 'לך אמור להם שובו לכם לאהליכם' – go and tell them to return home. (דברים ה:כו) – The Yidden accepted the Torah here at Mount Sinai, but I want to see how it's going to be "שובו לכם לאהליכם" – how they will they act upon it when returning home!"

### Three Kreplach – Three Good Sons

The Shinover Rav zt"l used to give out Kreplach on Shavuos by the Milchig Seudah, to worthy individuals seated at his table. The Chassidim already knew that how many kreplach you merited receiving from the Rav, that's how many good children you were guaranteed.

A certain big Rav was once present by the Shivever Rav and asked for a krepel. The Rav was upset: "Am I Krepel giver? Go to the kitchen, and they will give you kreplach!"

A fear fell on the crowd, and no one dared ask for krepel. After a few minutes, the Rav turned to Harav Elya Katz of Roslovitch zt"l and said: "You want three? Nu, here are three!" And the Rav gave him three kreplach. Reb Elya merited to have three sons, renowned Rabbanim in large cities.

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## THE REBBE'S TORAH



### Megillas Rus

Megillas Rus is read on Shavuos before Krias HaTorah. Seemingly, this is difficult to understand, since the כלל of “תדיר ושאינו תדיר – תדיר קודם” teaches that something regular and frequent takes precedence over something less common. Since the Torah reading is read every Shabbos and Yom Tov, while Megillas Rus is read only once a year, why is Megillas Rus read first?

Chazal teach that Torah can only be truly acquired through hardship and sacrifice. Megillas Rus serves as the introduction to Kabbalas HaTorah, demonstrating the selflessness and mesirus nefesh required to attain Torah. Rus was willing to endure poverty and suffering in order to come under the wings of the Shechinah. Before becoming a giyores, she was a princess – the daughter of Eglon, King of Moav – yet she abandoned royalty and comfort to join Klal Yisroel.

Through Rus, we learn that greatness in Torah and מלכות does not depend on one's ancestry or background, but on dedication and sacrifice for Hashem and His Torah. Precisely from Rus descended Dovid HaMelech and the eternal dynasty of Malchus Beis Dovid, from which the Beis HaMikdash was built. Therefore, Megillas Rus is read before Krias HaTorah, teaching us the preparation necessary to truly receive the Torah.

## THIS WEEK'S VORT



### שבועות

והייתם לי סגולה מכל העמים... (יתרו יט:ה)  
*You shall be to Me the most beloved treasure of all peoples.*

Rashi says that the word 'סגולה' means אוצר חביב – the Yidden are a 'beloved treasure' – more than the rest of the Nations. Yidden are beloved to Hashem because they have a Bris Mllah. As it says “ונמלתם את בשר ערלתכם והיה לאות (לך לך והייתם לי) – (ברית ביני וביניכם) – the end letters of מיילה spells the word סגולה מכל!

### Shavuos has the Kedusha of all Yomim Tovim.

All the Kedushas from all Yomim Tovim are found on Yom Tov Shavuos, since the Torah was given on Shavuos, and within the Torah, it mentions all the Yomim Tovim. (קדושת לוי)

A Day of מחילה וסליחה – Forgiveness & Repentance

On the day that two Luchos were given was a day of מחילה וסליחה – just like on Yom Kippur, so too, it is a day of forgiveness and repentance for generations. (חסד לאברהם)

### Diary – Milchigs on Shavuos

The Torah is compared to milk and honey, as it says in Shir Hashirim “דבש וחלב תחת” “לשונוך” “Honey and milk are under your tongue” – which the Gemara says refers to the Torah that the Yidden learn. As a remembrance of Matan Torah, we eat milk and honey on the day we received the Torah. (כל בו)

### חסד Symbolizes חלב

The passuk להגיד בבוקר חסדך is the acronym for the word חלב. Matan Torah was given with Chessed; we eat milchig on the day the Torah was given with Chessed. (כל בו)

### Greenery on Shavuos

It is customary to adorn our homes and shuls with flowers and greenery to remember that, at Matan Torah, the mountain was covered in greenery.