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SMILE. SHABBAT IS COMING! | CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:50 PM

THE CONNECTION

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THIS WEEKS SOS CONNECTION NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THE
LUBAVITCHER REBBE WHOSE 27TH YAHRTZEIT IS ON SUNDAY



Thoughts to Light By:

As you pray over your Shabbat candles this week, envision the infinite light that lies within your soul. Imagine its awesome strength and how it is Divinely empowered to illuminate any darkness it encounters. Ask your light what stops it from accomplishing its Divine assignment upon this earth. See these obstacles before you. Realize that they face you as a wick anxious to be engulfed by your flame. Embrace the physical within your being, aware that it exists as a vehicle for the light of your soul. Shabbat Shalom!

PS – Please continue to pray for the safety and wellbeing of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



Joke of the Week:

A very successful businessman had a meeting with his new son-in-law. "I love my daughter, and now I welcome you into the family," said the man. "To show you how much we care for you, I'm making you a 50-50 partner in my business. All you have to do is go to the factory every day and learn the operations." The son-in-law interrupted, "I hate factories. I can't stand the noise." "I see," replied the father-in-law. "Well, then you'll work in the office and take charge of some of the operations." "I hate office work," said the son-on-law. "I can't stand being stuck behind a desk all day." "Wait a minute," said the father-in-law. "I just make you half-owner of a moneymaking organization, but you don't like factories and won't work in a office. What am I going to do with you?" "Easy," said the young man. "Buy me out."

THE REBBE: A Brief Biography

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, this century's most dominant Jewish figure, is clearly the one individual singularly responsible for stirring and awakening the conscience and spirit of post-holocaust world Jewry. Often described as the most phenomenal Jewish personality of our generation, "the Rebbe," as he is reverently referred to by millions of followers and admirers around the world, radiates hope, motivation and encouragement in an era rent with confusion and despair.





Story of the Week:

The widow of renowned sculptor Jacques Lifchitz came for a private audience with the Rebbe shortly after her husband's sudden passing.

In the course of the meeting, she mentioned that her husband had been working on a massive sculpture of a phoenix (a mythical bird) for the Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus.

A sculptor in her own right, Mrs. Lifchitz had considered completing her husband's work, but had been advised that the phoenix is a non-Jewish symbol.

How could she complete such a sculpture and have it brought to Jerusalem?

The Rebbe called for his secretary, Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, and asked him for the book of Job. When he received the sacred text, the Rebbe opened it to chapter 29, verse 18, which reads: "and I shall multiply my days like the chol."

The Rebbe proceeded to explain the Midrashic commentary² to the verse, which describes the chol as a bird that lives for 1,000 years, dies, and then is resurrected from its ashes.

Clearly, the phoenix was a Jewish symbol! Mrs. Lifchitz was delighted at the explanation, and dedicated herself to the project, which she completed shortly thereafter.

The Rebbe had given her a gift of personal rejuvenation that enabled her to complete a symbol of rejuvenation for others.

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TORAH STUDY

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TUESDAY'S, @ 2:45PM

MEETING ID: 825 834 9221

Next Class: Tuesday, June 8th

Topic: A RATIONAL MIND IS GREAT. IT'S ALSO EXTREMELY LIMITING

Why Logic Alone Is Not Enough

It's wonderful, even necessary, to understand and appreciate religion. But just as you don't love your spouse, your children, or your parents strictly because it makes sense, so it is with G-d: to really enjoy the relationship, your commitment must run faith-deep. Discover this idea in the obscure laws of the red heifer.

Classes are free and open to all.

Contact Rabbi Yosef for in-person location

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Shabbat Candles Blessing:

Transliteration: Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh hah-oh-lahm ah-sheh ki-deh-shah-noo beh-mitz-voh-tahv veh-tzee-vah-noo leh-hahd-lik nehr shehl shah-baht koh-dehsh.

Translation: Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the light of the holy Shabbat.

- Know anybody in need of a friendly phone call or visit?
- Interested in volunteering to deliver challahs or soup?
- Are you wishing to get a weekly dose of inspiration and sense of companionship?

Chabad and Smile on Seniors are here you for YOU. Do not hesitate to call.

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