



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This Shabbat marks 70 years since the Rebbe officially accepted the mantle of leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, on the first anniversary of his predecessors passing.

Before the Previous Rebbe passed away, he published a 20-chapter discourse titled Basi Legani on various esoteric Chassidic concepts, all with practical down-to-earth application. It served as a last will and testament of sorts, guiding his followers in the days and years after his passing.

Every year, on the yahtzeit, the Rebbe would deliver a discourse of his own, elaborating on another chapter of the original discourse.

The eleventh chapter is about the Jewish people being G-ds army, as we are called in this weeks Torah portion.

We are entrusted with the mandate to battle the forces of impurity in the world. Just like a human king leading his men to battle leaves no stone unturned and no avenue unexplored providing the soldiers every possible advantage to further the goal of winning the war G-d does the same for us, ordering us to battle the forces of evil and providing us with every tool necessary to succeed.

With G-d on our side, offering support through any ordeal, we are sure to always be victorious!

This Thursday, we mark the 15th of Shvat- the new year for trees!
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Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Wilansky



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VIA ZOOM

Sunday, January 24 4:00 PM

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Friday, January 22 | 10am-12pm

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Sunday, 8:00 am
Prof. Johnathan Sarna



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Monday, 8:00 am
Mrs. Rivkah Slonim



Why I keep Making the
Same Mistakes
Tuesday, 8:00 am
Rabbi Mendel Kalmenson



Roots of Faith
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A Tu B'Shvat Lesson



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Video: Bring Heaven to Earth

The sages state that all sevenths are cherished. This is the reason, they explain, why Moses was the one who merited to bring G-ds Presence into this worldbecause he was the seventh from Abraham.

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Bo

The last three of **the Ten Plagues** are visited on Egypt: a swarm of **locusts** devours all the crops and greenery; a thick, palpable **darkness** envelops the land; and all **the firstborn** of Egypt are killed at the stroke of **midnight** of the 15th of the month of Nissan.

Gd commands the **first mitzvah** to be given to the people of Israel: to establish a **calendar** based on the monthly rebirth of the **moon**. The Israelites are also instructed to bring a **Passover offering** to Gd: a **lamb or kid** goat is to be slaughtered, and its blood sprinkled on the doorposts and lintel of every Israelite home, so that Gd should **pass over** these homes when He comes to kill the Egyptian firstborn. The **roasted** meat of the offering is to be eaten that night together with **matzah** (unleavened bread) and **bitter herbs**.

The death of the firstborn finally breaks Pharaoh's resistance, and he literally drives the children of Israel from his land. So **hastily** do they depart that there is no time for their dough to rise, and the only provisions they take along are unleavened. Before they go, they ask their Egyptian neighbors for **gold**, silver and garments fulfilling **the promise made to Abraham** that his descendants would leave Egypt with great wealth.

The children of Israel are commanded to consecrate all firstborn, and to observe the anniversary of the **Exodus** each year by

removing all **leaven** from their possession for seven days, eating matzah, and **telling the story** of their redemption to their children. They are also commanded to wear **tefillin** on the arm and head as a reminder of the Exodus and their resultant commitment to Gd.



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