

Celebrating more than a decade of vibrant Jewish life west on the West Island

Thoughts from the Lubavitcher Rebbe



The 19th of Kislev is the anniversary of the date when Rabbi Schneur Zalman, the first Chabad rebbe, was released from prison in 1798. He was imprisoned due to libelous information supplied to the czarist government by opponents of the fledgling chassidic movement.

In a letter written after his release from prison, the Alter Rebbe described the moment of his release: "On the day G-d made for us, the 19th of Kislev . . . while I was reading in the book of Psalms the verse, 'He redeemed my soul in peace from battle,' before beginning the following verse, I emerged in peace . . ."

A peaceful victory precedes even the battle. This is the power of unity. Adversaries become friends, and the world joins in harmonious service of G-d.

Dear Friend,

The Chassidic masters compare the year to a locomotive, with the month of Tishrei as its engine. Here at Chabad of Kirkland, we had a beautiful Rosh Hashanah, a reflective Yom Kippur, and a most joyous Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Now our job is to make sure that the rail cars are all properly connected so that the uplifting and inspiring moments we experienced will pull us along, propelling us to a most fantastic year ahead.

As usual, we love being in touch with you, and hope that reading this newsletter will give you a feel of all the great things that have been happening as well as what you can expect in the coming months.

So read up, gear up, and get ready to ride into a year of growth, greatness, and goodness.

Yours truly,
Rabbi Shmuel and Chana Cohen

A Simchat Torah Moment

Children waved their flags, men whirled in a circle, but for him, time stood still. He cradled the Torah in his arms, feeling its warm embrace. "You know, Rabbi," he said turning to Rabbi Cohen. "This was the first time in 60 years that I have held a Torah.

That was just one moment among many that made Simchat Torah so memorable. The buffet dinner was plentiful and the joy was palpable as people streamed in to enjoy the evening when we celebrate our innate connection to G-d and His Torah.

And it happened again on Tuesday morning, when more than 20 people came back to sing and dance with the Torah, cementing the joyous commitment made the night before.

A Chanukah Story

Rabbi Pesachya of Kherson once related the following story about his Rebbe, the Rebbe Rashab of Lubavitch: One summer, I had a private audience with the Rebbe, and he told me the following: "You work in the forests, and sometimes you even need to spend a few days in a row in the forest. When Chanukah arrives, don't forget to bring big candles with you."

On Chanukah, I indeed needed to spend a few days in the forest and was sure to bring some large candles with me. While in the forest, thieves came upon me, took all my money and said they were going to kill me. I pleaded with them, but they said they had no choice but to kill me. I asked them if I could have one final request, to light Chanukah candles for one last time, and they agreed. As I was lighting the candles, a local landowner passed nearby and saw the light. He had a revolver with him, chased away the robbers and saved me."



The Month of Tishrei

BY THE NUMBERS

A look back at the exciting and inspiring month of Tishrei celebrated by the Chabad Jewish centre

650

Rosh Hashanah packages were delivered to community members & local businesses



180

Men, women and children gathered at Chabad of Kirkland to hear the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah



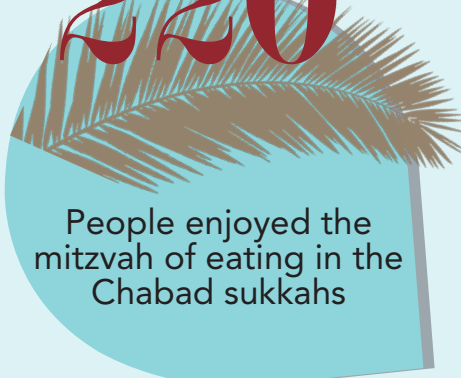
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Community members joined for soul-stirring Yom Kippur services



220

People enjoyed the mitzvah of eating in the Chabad sukkahs



277

People had the opportunity to shake the Four Kinds (lulav & etrog)



85

Individuals and families capped off the season by joyously singing and dancing with the Torah at Chabad!



Community memories



Happy birthday Rabbi Shmuel



Challa Bake



Sharing joys of Sukkot



Pizza in the hut activities



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Coming up: ➤

Jewish enrichment club Now open
"Learn it, Live it, Love it"

Children enjoy a hands-on learning experience as they explore the Jewish traditions, while having fun. Hebrew reading available

4:00-5:30 PM

Contact us to find the time that works best for you

Men's Tefillin Club

Power breakfast for your Body & Soul
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 AM

Enjoy a bagel spread, wrap the Tefillin, and ask the Rabbi a round-table discussion about the weekly Parsha

No charge! Sponsorships are available. Note: Tefillin available for use.

A Chanukah Evening out (for adults)
 With drinks, dreidels & latkes
 Celebrating our Miracles
Saturday, December 8 @ 6:30 PM
 Featuring:
DEAD ON ARRIVAL
 FROM FLATLINE TO FRONTLINE

YOSHI GOODMAN
 INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
 WHOSE STORY WILL LEAVE YOU MESMERIZED AND CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT THE GIFT OF YOUR BEATING HEART

Suggested \$10/person \$18/couple

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Nov. 2 Shabbat dinner for ladies *
 Nov. 7, 14, 21 Kabbalah course *
 Nov. 4, 25 Bat Mitzvah Group *
 Nov. 12 Torah & tea
 Nov. 18 Chanuka bash

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Dec. 8 Chanuka evening - out
 Dec. 9 Bat Mitzvah Group *
 Dec. 10 Torah & tea
 Dec. 16 Junior Chef

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Jan. 7 Torah & tea
 Jan. 20 Junior Chef
 Jan. 23, 30 Art and Soul
 Jan. 27 Bat Mitzvah Group *

Torah & Tea for ladies

Join other women for learning, discussion & inspiration
 "Divine whispers- A woman and prayer"

Mondays,
 Nov. 12, | Dec. 10, | Jan. 7, | Feb. 4,
 @ 8:00 PM

Chabad of Kirkland Junior Chefs
 A recipe for loads of fun

Children will cook, bake, and decorate fabulous foods. They will take home their own creation and collect delicious recipes

Sundays 2:00-4:00 PM

November 18 *** - Chanukah bash
 December 16 - A taste of Shabbat
 January 20 - Winter favorites

A PRE CHANUKAH BASH FOR THE FAMILY
 November 18, 2:00-4:00 PM
 Junior chef - Chanukah crafts - Music- Dreidels - Latkes - & more
 Bring a gift to be distributed to sick children in hospitals

Come shop for all your Chanukah needs
 with **Little Box of Treasures**

RSVP info@Chabadofkirkland.com

New course all about Communication:
"Its Art and Soul"

Rediscover the lost art of authentic communication, using timeless Torah wisdom to unearth the essence of communication and how to utilize its powers to better ourselves, our relationships, and all of society

6 Wednesdays at 7:30 PM begins Weds. January 23

RSVP requested to info@chabadofkirkland.com
 We want Moshiach now!