

Meet The Lubavitcher Emissaries Who Are Visting Las Vegas



Photography by Marvin

Rabbi Levi Block affixes a Mezuzah on the front door of a local Las Vegan's home.

Las Vegas is being visited by Rabbi Levi Block and Rabbi Shmaryahu Charitonow. Jewish communities throughout North, Central and South America, as well as in Europe and South Africa, are being visited this summer by young Lubavitcher emissaries, according to Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitcher movement.

For the 37th consecutive summer Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch is sponsoring this unique, far-reaching program of sending hundreds of



Rabbi Shmaryahu Charitonow explains the Mitzvah of putting on Tefillin.

senior rabbinical students from the various Lubavitcher Yeshivos on a mission to spread the study of Torah and the observance of Mitzvot among Jews in thousands of communities large and small, near and far.

The students, aged 18 through 24, have volunteered to spend most of their summer vacation time for this work to establish contact with thousands of Jews at the grass roots level, to meet them on streets and in their homes, while shopping and at work. Travelling in pairs, they

will also meet with local Rabbis, Jewish educators and communal leaders in the cities and communities they visit.

Last year's program saw these students visiting small Jewish communities throughout the Far East.

The arrangements for the visits in Europe will be administered through the Lubavitcher office in London, and those in South Africa will be handled by the Lubavitcher office in Johannesburg.

The students carry with them Tefillin, Mezuzot and other religious articles, and disseminate the Jewish educational and reading material published by the Lubavitcher publishing house for schools, libraries and homes. Anyone interested in these items should contact Congregation Shaarei Tefilla at 384-3565.

As part of their important mission to strengthen Torah-true education among all Jews, the young scholars will seek to further the massive worldwide Mitzvah campaign being waged by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, which calls for the strengthening of Ahavat Yisroel - the love for one's fellow Jew; that every Jewish boy and girl wherever they are be afforded a proper Jewish education; that all Jews set aside time every day for Torah study; that every Jewish male from the age of 13 don Tefillin every weekday; that every room in a Jewish home have a kosher Mezuzah properly affixed to its doorposts; that every Jewish home have a charity box in a conspicuous place for frequent contributions to a worthwhile cause, and that children have their own charity box for this purpose; and that every home have sacred books, at least a Bible, Prayer Book and Book of Psalms, to remind one of Torah study and prayer.

They will also emphasize the importance of observing other Mitzvot predominantly incumbent upon the Jewish woman to observe, namely, that all Jewish women including young girls from the age of three kindle the Sabbath and holiday candles with the proper blessing(s) at the proper time; Kashrut - to maintain a Kosher kitchen and eat only Kosher foods at home and when away; Taharat Hamishpocho - to observe the Jewish laws of Family Purity, the guidelines for marital relations.

The students must undergo rigorous scholastic examinations in their Talmudic and Chassidic studies to qualify for participation in, this mission.

They file detailed reports with statistical data and important information with Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch while en route and upon their return to New York.



American Friends Of Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital To Open Local Chapter

Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital serves the 200,000 residents of Netanya, Israel's fourth largest city, as its only hospital.

Just seven years old, Laniado's advanced technology is demonstrated daily in their departments of internal medicine, coronary intensive care, maternity and gynecology, ophthalmology, hemodialysis, surgery, and its 24 hour emergency room which treats more than 40,000 patients each year.

More than 12,000 babies have been born at Laniado Hospital and many premature infants are alive today because of Laniado's dedication and sophisticated neo-natal facility.

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Anyone interested in this pioneer project linking a very important Israeli — (life-saving) hospital with concerned Las Vegas is asked to call 213/937-3186 collect between 9-5 Monday through Friday or write: American Friends of Laniado Hospital in Israel (West Coast Chapter), 413 So. LaBrea Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Soviet Jew Gets Visa Approval

NEW YORK (WNS) — Former Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Isaak Shkolnik, who served seven years in the Soviet Gulag on alleged charges of "treason" and "anti-Soviet agitation," was granted permission to emigrate to Israel.

Shkolnik, who first applied for an exit visa in 1972, is the first former prisoner to be permitted to emigrate from the Soviet Union in nearly 10 years. His arrival in Israel, slated for mid-August, will reunite him with his wife, Feige, and his daughter, Aliza, whom he has not seen since their departure from the USSR in 1973.

Shkolnik was arrested in July, 1972, shortly after he made known his desire to emigrate to Israel. Initially accused of being a British spy when a search of his home turned up the business card of a British engineer, a radio tuned to Kol Yisrael and five American dollars, Soviet authorities later claimed that Shkolnik was spying for Israel.



The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

About one year ago, in a public address during Passover 5744/1984, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, שליט"א, proposed that everyone study and complete during the course of one year Rambam's entire "Mishneh Torah," commemorating the 850th birthday of Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon universally known as Rambam or Maimonides, last Passover.