


The Colel Chabad Pushka From the Rebbe's Letters



Colel Chabad is the oldest continuously operating Tzedakah organization in Israel. It was established in 1788 by Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of Chabad Lubavitch, and has been personally overseen by each one of our Rabbeim since.

Our Rebbe appealed to Anash, “every member of Anash is constantly obligated to remember the greatness of the tzedakah of Rabbi Meir Baal Hanes, as commanded by our holy Rabbeim. It is the personal responsibility of each man and woman, in all places and at all times, for every generation. The holy brochos which our Rabbeim gave to all those who help this holy tzedakah are everlasting and eternal.” The Rebbe concludes, “The merit of this tzedakah is great enough to awaken goodness from above and to draw down enormous brochos upon each and every participant and their families for all their needs, both material and spiritual.”

The Colel Chabad pushka continues to be the symbol of pure tzedakah, gracing tens of thousands of homes and offices throughout the world.

Putting in a few coins into a Colel Chabad pushka is a great mitzvah and segulah for Hashem’s blessings on all occasions, in joy and in need. It is especially important to place a few coins in the pushka before lighting Shabbos candles and after Havdalah.

Following, you will find some excerpts of letters from the Rebbe about the importance of giving tzedekah to Colel Chabad before lighting Shabbos candles and after Havdalah and its unique segulahs including conceiving, healthy pregnancy, health, troubled dreams, Sholom Bayis, finding lost objects and many others.

הננו מוציאים לאור חוברת הכוללת כמה מכתבים מכ"ק אדמו"ר נשיא דורנו במעלת וסוגולת נתינת צדקה לקופת כולל חב"ד רבי מאיר בעל הנס.

ובלשונו הק' במכתבו מפורים קטן תשי"א:

“כולל חב"ד רמבעה"ן, אשר יסדו הוד כ"ק רבינו אדמו"ר הזקן זצוקלה"ה נבג"מ זי"ע ובססו במסירות נפש, ואחריו הוד כ"ק רבותינו הקדושים זצוקלה"ה נבג"מ זי"ע אשר שמשו בנשיאות הכולל חב"ד בכל דור ודור התאמצו ביותר בהחזקתו וקיומו,”

ובהמשך המכתב מעתיק מ"קריאתו האחרונה של כ"ק אדמו"ר מוהרי"צ בעלמא דין, למען הכולל, י"ט יום קודם הסתלקותו:

“כל אחד ואחד מאנ"ש עליו החובה לזכור בכל עת ובכל שעה כי מצות צדקת הרמבעה"ן שאנו מצווים עלי' מפי כ"ק רבותינו הקדושים זצוקלה"ה נבג"מ זי"ע, היא חובת גברא של כל איש ואשה, והיא נוהגת בכל מקום ובכל זמן וקבועה לדורות, ואף ברכות הקדש . . מיועדות מפי כ"ק רבוה"ק זצוקלה"ה נבג"מ זי"ע לכל מחזיקי הצדקה המקודשת הזאת, קבועה וקיימת לנצח.”

“וגדולה צדקה זו לעורר חסדים עליונים להמשיך לכל אחד ואחת מעושי' ברכות מאליפות להתברך הם ובני ביתם שיחיו, בכל הדרוש להם בגשמיות וברוחניות.”

הנהלת "כולל חב"ד"

כ"ד טבת, ה'תשע"ו, שנת הקהל
מאתיים ושלש שנים להסתלקות-הילולא של כ"ק אדמו"ר הזקן
ברוקלין, נ.י.



Brocho for Children

... There is the known and already printed letter of the Alter Rebbe where he writes that occupying oneself in studying those matters that lead to love and awe of G-d, i.e., the study of Chassidus, is a segulah to having children.

...No doubt your wife, tichye, observes the good custom of Jewish daughters of giving tzedakah to the charity of R. Meir Baal HaNess prior to candle lighting erev Shabbos and erev Yom Tov. ...

I hope that the two of you will abide by the above so that you will soon be able to convey to me the glad tidings that your wife has conceived....

(Igros Kodesh, Vol. VI, p. 60)



Health

I received your letter in which you notify me about Mr. ... and his wife, sheyichyu. [You write to me that] he is suffering from a number of ailments and his wife is also not well. You ask for a blessing on their behalf:

. . . Mr. ... should begin performing mitzvos, particularly wearing tefillin and observing kashrus, and his wife should begin conducting a scrupulously kosher home and lighting candles prior to Shabbos and Festivals, and before lighting them she should give to the charity of R. Meir Baal HaNess.

[When they will begin doing so,] they will merit to be able in a short amount of time to convey glad tidings about an improvement in their health.

(Igros Kodesh, Vol. V, p. 314)





Healthy Pregnancy

In reply to your letter in which you convey to me the good news that you have entered the second month — approximately — of your pregnancy:

Surely, as I have mentioned to ..., if at all possible you are not to publicize the news “until the fifth month” — to use the expression of my father-in-law, the Rebbe.

I would suggest [to you the following]: ...

c. Keep the fine custom of Jewish women giving tzedakah to the fund of R. Meir Baal HaNess prior to lighting candles every erev Shabbos and erev Yom Tov.

May G-d grant you an easy pregnancy; may you carry to term and give birth in a regular and easy way to a healthy child.

(Igros Kodesh, Vol. VI, p. 104)



Troubling Dreams

I duly received your letter in which you ask my advice about the troubling dreams that your wife is having:

...I believe that I have already told you that prior to candle lighting on erev Shabbos and erev Yom Tov, your wife should give — according to her ability and without placing undue strain on her finances — tzedakah to the charity of R. Meir Baal HaNess. . . .

(Igras Kodesh, Vol. V, p. 49)





THE COLEL CHABAD PUSHKA ON THE REBBE'S DESK.



Vision

... Concerning your notification to me that the doctors decided to operate on Mrs. ... tichye's one eye without much delay, may it be G-d's will that the operation be successful and that she soon return to unfailing good health.

... Surely she lights candles erev Shabbos and Yom Tov. It would be beneficial for her to give some tzedakah to the charity of R. Meir Baal HaNess prior to candle lighting. ...

(Igras Kodesh, Vol. V, p. 161)

Sholom Bayis

I received your letter dated Kislev 17, with the attached Pidyon Nefesh for Mrs. ... for [improved] Sholom Bayis. When I will be at the holy resting site of my father-in-law, the Rebbe, I will pray for her for the above.

... and that prior to candle lighting on the eve of every Shabbos and Yom Tov she give charity to the Tzedakah of Rabbi Meir Baal HaNess.

[Their Sholom Bayis will be enhanced] in particular, when they will come to the realization and resolution that at times one must acquiesce [to the desires of the other]. This minimal action can accomplish very much.

She will then speedily be able to relay glad tidings that the Sholom Bayis situation is improving.

(Igros Kodesh, Vol. V, p. 81)





Hospital Stay

... May G-d help you that the operation be successful and that you be able to convey glad tidings about this.

... Also, [you should] undertake that as soon as you leave the hospital, you will give some tzedakah for the charity of R. Meir Baal HaNess prior to candle lighting erev Shabbos and erev Yom Tov. ...

(Likkutei Sichos, Vol. XXXI, p. 264 [210])

G-D OF (RABBI) MEIR, ANSWER ME



It was taught in the name of the Baal Shem Tov: A person who finds himself in a dangerous situation that requires a miracle should give 18 large coins, referred to as Gedolim, for candles to be kindled in a synagogue. He should then state, “I am pledging these 18 coins for the merit of the soul of Rabbi Meir, the master of miracles.” He should then repeat three times, “G-d of (Rabbi) Meir, (please) answer me.” “And thus may it be Your will, G-d and G-d of our fathers, that just as You answered the prayer of Your servant, (Rabbi) Meir, performing miracles and wonders for him, so may You perform for me and for all the people of Your nation, Israel, who are in need of miracles, both of a revealed and hidden nature. Amen, may this be Your will.”

(Kesser Shem Tov, Sec. 388)

To those that generously contribute, [emulating] G-d’s tzedakah to His Holy Land, my speech will drip like rain and my words will flow like dew, [as] encouragement for those already committed to providing funds for Eretz Yisrael on a weekly basis.

(Igras Kodesh, Alter Rebbe)

Especially the mitzvah of tzedakah, [giving] money for the Holy Land, [to funds] such as the tzedakah of Reb Meir Baal HaNess, it is appropriate that it be given before your meal or before davening. My profound request is that everyone deposit [money] in the pushke installed in his own home. I have already done so in my home, and all members of our community have emulated me in doing so in their homes as well.

(Igras Kodesh, Mitler Rebbe)



For generations, Anash wherever they lived and settled, have kept this up; namely, to install sealed pushkas, and to collect [funds] by hand every week. All of Anash have taken this mitzvah upon themselves, to endeavor in this joyfully; and they have succeeded in producing spiritual results, saving the lives of many good people, who follow in Hashem's way in the Holy Land.

(Igras Kodesh, Tzemach Tzedek)

It is well known that the Alter Rebbe toiled tremendously to establish this fund for the Holy Land; he literally gave of his life for it. Fortunate is he that merits [to give to this tzedakah]. May the merit of this great tzedakah help that Hashem will provide a flow of livelihood and success; Hashem should fulfill all their hearts' requests for the good, both spiritually and materialistically.

(Igras Kodesh, Rebbe Rashab)

Using all expressions of affection and request, I turn now with this appeal to all of Anash, wherever they may be, to maintain a shofar (a pushka) of Rabbi Meir Baal HaNess for Colel Chabad in their homes.

(Igras Kodesh, Friediker Rebbe)

You should preserve the custom of Jewish women, to set aside tzedakah for the fund of Rabbi Meir Baal HaNess before lighting Shabbos and Yom Tov candles.

(Igras Kodesh, The Rebbe)





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