

# Quotes of the Lubavitcher Rebbe on Spreading Judaism

Know then, that no one has a copyright on spreading Judaism, Torah and Mitzvos; and no single individual has inherited the right of specifically being the head of the organization, with only himself being involved. No one has been appointed the head of world Jewry! These are matters which involve each and every Jew. Everyone who so wishes, wherever he may be, can spread Judaism.<sup>1</sup>

And in practical terms, each Jew must proceed in Torah and Mitzvos, the channels for his growth being the Ten Mivtzaim, beginning with oneself, and then spreading forth Torah and Yiddishkeit to the fullest extent of his influence.<sup>2</sup>

Above all there must be action, involvement in the spreading of Torah and Chassidus, and in the Mitzvah campaigns; we should not content ourselves with sighing over the exile, but we must act, for “one deed is better than a thousand sighs.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Shabbos Parshas Toldos, Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev, 29th Day of MarCheshvan, 5741 (1980). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2553944/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Toldos-Mevarchim-Chodesh-Kislev-29th-Day-of-MarCheshvan-5741-1980.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2553944/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Toldos-Mevarchim-Chodesh-Kislev-29th-Day-of-MarCheshvan-5741-1980.htm)

<sup>2</sup> Chabad.org. (2014). Motzaei Shabbos Parshas Emor, 5738 (1978). Retrieved from [https://www.chabad.org/therebbe/article\\_cdo/aid/2604560/jewish/Motzaei-Shabbos-Parshas-Emor-5738-1978.htm](https://www.chabad.org/therebbe/article_cdo/aid/2604560/jewish/Motzaei-Shabbos-Parshas-Emor-5738-1978.htm)

<sup>3</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Shabbos Parshas Noach, 2nd Day of Rosh Chodesh MarCheshvan, 5741 (1980). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2553939/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Noach-2nd-Day-of-Rosh-Chodesh-MarCheshvan-5741-1980.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2553939/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Noach-2nd-Day-of-Rosh-Chodesh-MarCheshvan-5741-1980.htm)

Taharas Hamishpachah is the foundation of Jewish life. It is a necessity in the process of raising children to be aware Jews, who study the Torah and fulfill its commandments. Therefore it is appropriate that each community should have a group of woman who work to spread Torah and Mitzvos in general, and the Mitzvah of Taharas Hamishpachah in particular...<sup>4</sup>

The Jewish people have been spread throughout the entire world. Their dispersion has had many purposes. Among them is the fulfillment of their responsibility to teach the Gentiles the Seven Mitzvos which they have been commanded. These Seven Mitzvos have a greater scope than is immediately apparent. The Talmud explains that these Seven Commandments produces thirty more particular directives.<sup>5</sup>

When at the previous Farbrengen, I launched a campaign for an increase in Torah study and gifts to Tzedakah. I expected that the campaign would be publicized in a manner that would reach out to every Jew. I thought that advertisements would be placed in newspapers and that all communication media would be used. (There's nothing wrong with using the media to spread Torah. Older Chassidim used to say that "the coming of Moshiach would

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<sup>4</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). 14th of Kislev, 5739 (1978). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605204/jewish/14th-of-Kislev-5739-1978.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605204/jewish/14th-of-Kislev-5739-1978.htm)

<sup>5</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Yud Shevat, 5739 (1979). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605213/jewish/Yud-Shevat-5739-1979.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605213/jewish/Yud-Shevat-5739-1979.htm)

be written in the newspapers.”) ...There is no need to mention the person who initiated the campaign. If anonymity will bring greater results, than that path should be taken. What is most important is that action be taken.<sup>6</sup>

...It is opposite the spirit of Yiddishkeit, and particularly opposite the spirit of Chassidus, to withhold help from anyone. If someone is in need, one must help him. If someone does not realize that he requires help, the need to help him is even greater.<sup>7</sup>

Each one of us has to become excited (to the point where we go beyond our bounds) about the service of spreading the wellsprings of Torah. Simultaneously, we must show a practical desire to “get things done.” We must spread the campaign to increase the study of Torah and gifts of Tzedakah and also stress the other Mivtzoim as well. Through these actions, we will hasten the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days.<sup>8</sup>

Beginning with the first of Shvat we must add more strength and effort to spread (not only Nigleh, but also) “the wellsprings of Chassidus outward.” We must reach out to a Jew who is at the

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<sup>6</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Eve of the 3rd of Sivan, 5739 (1979). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605170/jewish/Eve-of-the-3rd-of-Sivan-5739-1979.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605170/jewish/Eve-of-the-3rd-of-Sivan-5739-1979.htm)

<sup>7</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). 13th Day of Tammuz, 5739 (1979). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605177/jewish/13th-Day-of-Tammuz-5739-1979.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605177/jewish/13th-Day-of-Tammuz-5739-1979.htm)

<sup>8</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Shabbos Parshas Devarim, Shabbos Chazon, 5739 (1979). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605181/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Devarim-Shabbos-Chazon-5739-1979.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605181/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Devarim-Shabbos-Chazon-5739-1979.htm)

moment separate from his Jewish roots and immerse him in the wellsprings. We must speak to him in his language and in a manner that he, too, can understand.<sup>9</sup>

Torah and Chassidus must spread into seventy languages in the effort to reach out to every Jew, and their teachings must be adapted in a manner that will be understood by every Jew.<sup>10</sup>

In the Previous Rebbe's case, his outstanding characteristics were his dedication and self-sacrifice, a dedication towards spreading Torah to even the furthestmost corners of the world, reaching even those individuals most distant from Torah. We see the success of his work, his accomplishments despite the trying conditions in Russia and the even greater success he achieved when, through G-d's grace, he came to a land where Torah and Mitzvos could be spread without compromise, in a manner of "proceeding and adding light."<sup>11</sup>

In short, we must work to spread Torah with enthusiasm and excitement, through joint effort and with common goals. These efforts will hasten the revelation of the third Temple, the Temple

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<sup>9</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Shabbos Parshas Vaeira, Rosh Chodesh Shevat, 5740 (1980). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605156/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Vaeira-Rosh-Chodesh-Shevat-5740-1980.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605156/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Vaeira-Rosh-Chodesh-Shevat-5740-1980.htm)

<sup>10</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Shabbos Parshas Nitzavim-Vayeilech, 25th Day of Elul, 5740 (1980). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605100/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Nitzavim-Vayeilech-25th-Day-of-Elul-5740-1980.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605100/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Nitzavim-Vayeilech-25th-Day-of-Elul-5740-1980.htm)

<sup>11</sup> Sichos In English. (2014). Yahrzeit of the Previous Rebbe, Yud Shevat, 5740 (1980). Retrieved from [https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article\\_cdo/aid/2605158/jewish/Yahrzeit-of-the-Previous-Rebbe-Yud-Shevat-5740-1980.htm](https://www.sie.org/templates/sie/article_cdo/aid/2605158/jewish/Yahrzeit-of-the-Previous-Rebbe-Yud-Shevat-5740-1980.htm)

that was built by G-d, with the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Chabad.org. (2014). Shabbos Parshas Yisro, 22nd Day of Shevat, 5740 (1980). Retrieved from [https://www.chabad.org/therebbe/article\\_cdo/aid/2600570/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Yisro-22nd-Day-of-Shevat-5740-1980.htm](https://www.chabad.org/therebbe/article_cdo/aid/2600570/jewish/Shabbos-Parshas-Yisro-22nd-Day-of-Shevat-5740-1980.htm)