



SIMCHAT SHMUEL

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This coming Thursday evening, we will celebrate the 59th anniversary of *Ichud Yerushalayim*—the reunification of Jerusalem, the miraculous military victory of the 1967 Six Day War. For nineteen years, the joy that permeated the Jewish people with the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 was tempered by the sobering reality that the city of Jerusalem remained divided—the Old City, the Western Wall, and the Temple Mount under Jordanian sovereignty. All of that changed with the dramatic events of June 7, 1967.

Shortly after Lt. General Motta Gur's electrifying proclamation—“*Har HaBayit b'yadeinu, Har HaBayit b'yadeinu!*”—“The Temple Mount is in our hands, the Temple Mount is in our hands,” the students of Yeshivat Beit Aharon, the yeshiva of the Slonimer *Chassidim* in *Meah Shearim*, were gathered together in the bomb shelter in the basement of the yeshiva complex. There, they were addressed by their illustrious *Rosh Yeshiva*, **Rabbi Shalom Noach Brazovsky, zy”a**, who in later years would succeed his father-in-law as the *Slonimer Rebbe*.

Below are a few brief excerpts from the Rebbe's stirring message to his students on that

momentous day:

“...We are obligated to recognize and give thanks for the miracles that *HaKadosh Baruch Hu* has brought upon us during these days—revelations not experienced for tens of generations—and it is forbidden to ignore these great gifts from *Hashem*...”

“...Even those distant from our tradition—indeed, anyone with a discerning mind—must acknowledge that these events cannot be explained by the laws of nature...”

“...The return to Jewish control of the *Kotel HaMa'aravi* and our other sacred sites—*Kever Rachel* and *Me'arat HaMachpelah*—through the miraculously swift Six Day War, leaves us in awe of these great wonders that the *Ribbono Shel Olam* has revealed to us, and we must give thanks...”

“...At this great moment, when *Hashem* has returned to us the place where our *Beit HaMikdash* once stood, we must raise our voices in praise...”

The *Rebbe's* words guide us in appreciating the depth and significance of this remarkable day—*Yom Yerushalayim*. In those fateful hours, and in the days and months that followed, the *Yad Hashem* was manifest in ways both revealed and unmistakable.

Yet even today, as we continue to yearn for the complete ingathering of the exiles and the dawn of an era of enduring peace, we must not lose sight of the countless gifts that *HaKadosh Baruch Hu* bestows upon us each and every day. After two thousand years of exile, we are privileged—each and every one of us—to visit, to live, to study, and to pray in

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There is a beautiful teaching from the **Noam Elimelech, Reb Elimelech of Lizensk, zy"á**, regarding an earlier moment of salvation in our history—the awe-inspiring splitting of the *Yam Suf*, when Am Yisrael walked *ba'yabasha b'toch hayam*—on dry land within the sea. At first glance, this verse simply describes the miracle itself. Yet the *Noam Elimelech* reveals a deeper dimension: *Am Yisrael* was so profoundly transformed by that experience that even after they had already crossed, even after the waters had returned and they stood once again upon dry land, it was as though they were still within the sea—the imprint of the miracle lingering within them, shaping their consciousness long after the moment had passed.

This insight calls upon us to hold fast to those moments of revelation that punctuate the unfolding drama of Jewish history—to allow their light to endure within us, to inspire us not only in memory, but in daily awareness.

May the great gift of *Yerushalayim Ir HaKodesh*—the united, eternal capital of the Jewish People—continue to inspire us to recognize and cherish all of *Hashem's* blessings, and to perceive even the subtle, hidden miracles that accompany us each and every day.

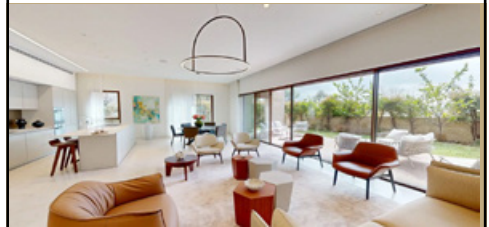
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