Kaliver Rebbe, shlita, Visits Queens

The Kaliver Rebbe, a Rebbe world-renowned for his inspiration, wisdom, advice and blessings, bestowed blessings on members of the Queens community last week. Community members lined up in the Young Israel of Queens Valley on Tuesday night, June 28, to meet with the Rebbe, whose full name is Rav Moshe Taub. The gabbai of the synagogue, Rabbi Yehuda Shaff, said that Haviva, the Rebbe's wife, had requested that he come to complete with information about themselves and their families. The Rebbe spent private time with each person, listening and advising. He poured his wisdom and caring into every encounter.

While waiting for the Rebbe to arrive, I spoke to a woman who was quieting her two noisy toddlers. She said, "I came to the Kaliver Rebbe a few years ago. We were seeking a blessing to bring our second child into the world. The Rebbe told us that the baby is due in thirty days. We will now have three children in thirty days." She went on to say, "I want to ask him to bless my children." She said that six years ago, her son, who had finished high school, was working in construction and had no confidence in himself. He felt badly about himself. His brother brought him to the Rebbe for a brachah. Within five days of that meeting, her son applied and was accepted to a yeshivah in Eretz Yisrael. He left for Eretz Yisrael and became a rabbinical student. She said, "I believe in the Rebbe's advice and he continues to daven three times a day with me and my family." She continued, "The Rebbe blessed me with a brachah in the Rebbe's yeshivah. She now has a brachah in kollet, and the family owes tremendous hakaras hatov to the Rebbe for turning the son from a wandering hasid to a dedicated student." She then said, "The Rebbe is direct descendant of the talmidis Baal Shem Tov, a sixth generation of Chassidim. His father was the famed Reb Eizik Kaliver, the first to bring Chassidism to America in 1741, in town of Kalov. From the Rebbe's father, Chassidism spread to all of Hungary. He is descended from a Chassidic Hungarian family of Rebbeim. Many of his family were killed in the Holocaust. The Rebbe was born on the Hungarian border of Romania while his parents fled from the Nazis. Survivors of the Kaliver sect strive to share their Chassidic teachings with non-observant or secular Jews. For thirty years, the Rebbe has met with people of all ages and denominations in over fifty countries. He doesn't ask for any donations. He comes to help and uplift people. By the way, there are several appearances in Queens this past week, including Young Israel of Queens Valley, Beth Gavriel in Forest Hills and several other locations. His advice and blessings bring positive results. He travels outside of his own neighborhood and home with tremendous mesirus nefesh to help fellow Jews. His shuls include one in Williamsburg, one in Beitar in Eretz Yisrael and one in Boro Park. Each night, hundreds of people line up to meet with the Rebbe. His voice resonates with care and kindness. Meeting with this holy Rebbe and hearing his advice and blessings, inspire the listener. His presence in our Queens community this past week was truly a blessing."