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The community of Kishinev and Moldova recently suffered a great loss. Rabbi Zalman Abelsky OBM, who served as Chief Rabbi of Kishinev and Moldova, passed away on 29 Sivan 5774, June 24, 2014, at the age of 87. Over the 25 years of serving the community thousands of people benefited from Rabbi Abelsky's wisdom, kindness and door open to everyone – Jews and Gentiles alike. His son, Rabbi Yossef Abelsky, is now filling his father's position as Chief Rabbi of Kishinev and Moldova.

The High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, are just around the corner. During the coming weeks, Jews around the world will prepare to celebrate the New Year with prayer and feasting. And as we pray for a "sweet New Year," many of our Jewish brethren are praying for a meal and a warm bed.

While the shackles of communist oppression were broken some twenty years ago, many Jews of Kishinev live under a new form of oppression—crushing poverty. Most have difficulty in overcoming scarcity of food and medical care. Housing and clothing are prohibitively expensive.

Friends of Kishinev Jewry is committed to providing a truly "sweet New Year" this resilient, historic community. We make critical humanitarian aid available to many of in the form of warm clothing, access to medicine and a nutrition program that puts thousands of healthy meals on the tables of the poor and elderly.

With the High Holidays approaching, hundreds turn to our community meals and services to satisfy both physical and spiritual hunger. Even more turn to us for groceries and clothing. It's hard to believe, but for many Jews, something as basic as eyeglasses, a wholesome kosher meal, or a pair of shoes is what makes the New Year truly sweet!

Please make a tax-deductible gift to Friend of Kishinev Jewry and help the Jews of Kishinev to *enjoy this upcoming year. And in the merit of your kindness, may you enjoy good health and happiness this year and always.*

Thank you for taking a part in continuing Rabbi Abelsky's legacy.

Sincerely,

Zusha Abelsky | Director

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Our Great Loss: Rabbi Zalman Abelsky, OB"M Chief Rabbi of Kishinev and Moldova

Rabbi Zalman Abelsky, Shliach and Chief Rabbi of Kishinev, Moldova passed away on Friday, 29 Sivan, 5774, June 24, 2014, at the age of 87.

Rabbi Abelsky led the rebirth of Judaism and Jewish communal life in Kishinev and Moldova, which is known as a place of terrible pogroms which were perpetrated against the Jews at the turn of the century.

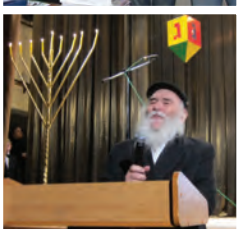
Now an independent republic, under the leadership of Rabbi Abelsky, these tragic scenes have happily given way to scenes of a vibrant, spirited Jewish life.

Rabbi Abelsky, together with his wife Leah, came to Moldova in 1990 from their home in Israel, to rebuild Jewish life after the fall of the communist regime.

Natives of Russia, the Abelskys lived in Israel for over 40 years, but in spite of age and family ties, they rallied to the call to rebuild Jewish Moldova.

Leaving their children and grandchildren in Israel, they arrived in Kishinev as Shluchim, to bring about an awakening of the Jewish spirit in a place where it had lain dormant for nearly a century.

Although many of the young Jews of Moldova had emigrated to Israel and a variety of other Western countries, the Abelskys led the community of 10,000 Jews in Moldova, caring for their spiritual and physical needs.

Rabbi Abelsky set out to rebuild the devastated Jewish community and to restore to the Jews of Kishinev their identity as Jews. Against all odds, he established a flourishing day school with 300 full time students, a day care center, a summer camp, and a program of adult education courses.

Rabbi Abelsky's son, Rabbi Yossef Abelsky, is now filling his father's position as Chief Rabbi of Kishinev and Moldova. He and his wife, together with Rebbetzin Leah Abelsky, wife of Rabbi Zalman Abelsky ob"m, and the Kishinev and Moldova communities, are continuing Rabbi Abelsky's legacy.