

## Rabbi Kogan's Light Will Continue To Shine Through Our Actions



Dear Friends

### *Illuminating the Darkness in Rabbi Kogan's HY"D Memory*

With broken hearts, we mourn the passing of our dear colleague, Rabbi Zvi Kogan HY"D (Zvi ben Alexander HaKohen), who was kidnapped and murdered in the past few days by terrorists in the UAE.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with condolences and kind words of care and thoughtfulness for Devorah, myself, and the Chabad community, as we grieve this horrific and tragic loss.

Watching the funeral yesterday was heart-wrenching, as we heard from the Chief Rabbis of Israel, the Shliach to the Emirates, and his dear father.

Rabbi Kogan was a true lamplighter, dedicating his life to spreading the Rebbe's message of love and purpose in his corner of the world, bringing light to others. His life was brutally taken, simply because he was a Jew and for the holy mission he carried. They attempted to extinguish his light, but it will continue to shine through the mitzvot that we perform in his memory. His legacy of kindness and Torah will illuminate the world for generations to come.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Rivky, his family, and the entire Jewish nation.

Let us respond to darkness by adding more light.

Take a few moments to honour Rabbi Kogan's memory.

Here are some ways to do so:

Recite a chapter of Tehillim/Psalms – click here [Chabad.org/psalms](http://Chabad.org/psalms)

Study some Torah - [chabad.org/dailystudy](http://chabad.org/dailystudy)

Ladies and girls – Light Shabbat candles this Friday evening

Men and boys over 13 – put on Tefillin

Give Tzedokah – charity (see below)

Reach out to someone in need of a kind word

As Rabbi Duchman, Shliach to the Emirates, said during his eulogy: "Rabbi Zvi's life was stolen, but his mission lives."

Indeed it does. Our Chanukah programme across Essex is now in its final stages of preparation. Ten giant Menorahs will illuminate the County of Essex, with further locations being sought. Each night of Chanukah, ceremonies will be held at the advertised locations. **In addition we will be dedicating our Chanukah programmes to the memory of Rabbi Kogan HY"D.**

You can be a part of increasing light in Rabbi Kogan's HY"D memory, thereby ensuring that the intentions of our enemies are never achieved.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Schneerson zy"o, taught us that in times of darkness we must increase light, achieved through the mediums of Torah Study, additional Mitzvot and Charity.

Your support for our Chanukah programmes will make a real difference.

To partner with us, please respond to this email or click here: [Shine Rabbi Kogan's HY"D Light.](#)

Rabbi Kogan HY"D was murdered not because he represented Chabad, but because he represented light and all that it means to be a Jew. This attack was not just on one individual or one movement – it was on all of us.

May Rabbi Zvi's sacrifice hasten the coming of Moshiach and bring an end to all suffering. Enough is enough.

With love and resolve,



Rabbi Aryeh Sufrin MBE

P.S. During these difficult times, please know that we are here for you. No one should face pain alone.