

It's a Rebbe's Life

letter keys for keyboard · Benny Friedman · key: A minor (all white keys)

How to read it: each box is a key. Letters with no mark are the white keys from **middle C** going up.

 = the C higher up (to the right)  = just below (left of) middle C  = black key

– = keep singing the same word · wider box = hold the key a bit longer

Verse 1

1    
I see him at the cheder

2     
I see him all the time

3    
And even when I leave him

4      
Can't get him off my mind

5     
Oy ki heim chayeinu

6       
Oy, cuz it's a rebbe's life.

אוי כי הם חיינו

Verse 2

last line goes up into the pre-chorus

7    
The times that he's successful

8     
The times I watch him fail

9    
The learning and the struggle

10 G G E G A ^C

The nachas and the pain

אוי כי הם חיינו

11 B ^C A ^E ^E

Oy ki heim chayeinu

12 F F G A B

Oy, cuz it's a rebbe's life.

Pre-chorus

13 A ^E ^D ^C A ^E ^D

I've tried rewards and prizes

14 ^C A ^E ^D ^C A ^E ^D

And the wisest of advisors

15 ^C A B ^C ^D ^C B

Just to find out what he needs

16 A ^E ^D ^C A ^E ^D

For Yankele ben Gittel

17 ^C A ^E ^D ^C ^D ^C A

Let me say one more kappitel

18 ^D ^E ^F ^E ^D ^C ^C

Gonna pray that he'll succeed.

Chorus

19 ^E ^F ^F ^F ^E

Cuz it's a rebbe's life

20 ^D ^E ^F ^E ^D ^C ^D ^E ^D ^C

We understand, we've got the future of the world in our hands

21 ^C ^D ^E ^E ^G ^C ^D ^E ^D ^C G ^C ^E ^D

For tinokos shel bais rabban are the leaders tomorrow we'll see

22 ^C ^C ^E ^F ^F ^G ^F ^E

Yes, it's a rebbe's life, we know every child

23 ^E ^E ^D ^E ^D ^E ^D B ^C

Has got a spark of something special inside

24 ^C A B ^C ^C ^C A G G ^E ^E ^E

And the Torah we teach is a flame that will reach

25 G F ^D ^D ^D ^C ^E ^D ^C ^C

Every heart and soul, for generations to be.

Verse 3 same tune as Verse 1

26 G G E G

It's so many years later

27 G G E G A

I've left it all behind

28 G G E G

But Yankele in cheder

29 G G E G A ^C

Will sometimes cross my mind

אוי כי הם חיינו

30 B ^C A ^E ^E

Oy ki heim chayeinu

31 F F E D ^C B A

Oy, cuz it's a rebbe's life.

Verse 4 last line goes up into the pre-chorus

32 G G E G
Then I attend a dinner

33 G G E G A
I meet the honoree

34 G G E G
I say, "You look familiar"

35 G G E G A ^C
And Yankel says "It's me!"

36 B ^C A ^E ^E
Oy ki heim chayeinu

אוי כי הם חיינו

37 F F G A B
Oy ve'orech yameinu

אוי וארץ ימינו

Pre-chorus 2 then the Chorus

38 A ^E ^D ^C A ^E ^D
My Yankel's dedicated

39 ^C A ^E ^D ^C A ^E ^D
To assisting kids in cheder

40 ^C A B ^C ^D ^C B
For whom learning's really tough

41 A ^E ^D ^C A ^E ^D
He says "Rebbe, I can guide 'em

42 ^C A ^E ^D ^C ^D ^C A
Cuz I see the good inside 'em



And it's all cuz of your love."

Melody from the publisher's own piano tutorial for Benny Friedman's It's a Rebbe's Life (composed by Yitzy Waldner, words by Miriam Israeli), checked note by note against the tutorial's sound. Order: Verse 1, Verse 2, Pre-chorus, Chorus, then Verse 3, Verse 4, Pre-chorus 2, Chorus. Verses 2 and 4 end going up into the pre-chorus. Words are printed under each line; in the chorus some words share a key.