

Rabbi Herschel Pekkar shared the following story:

One Friday, my wife became unwell. We called an ambulance and they took her to the hospital. We were living in England. The hospital admitted her and kept her there on Shabbos. Meanwhile, I went to Reb Berel Futerfas's home for *seudas Shabbos*, and I slept there, as there was no point in going home to an empty house.

When I came home after Shabbos, I saw that I had received a letter from the Rebbe over Shabbos. Of course, I opened it right away and looked inside. The Rebbe had written, "By the time this letter reaches you, those in need of a speedy recovery should have benefited already [from a speedy recovery]."

Normally, it takes a week for a letter to travel from New York to England. This letter was dated 25 days before my wife had fallen ill. I checked in with the hospital, and the doctor had told my wife—on Shabbos, after the letter had arrived at my house—that she had recovered and could go home.

One cannot comprehend or understand the Rebbe's *inyanim*; what they are and how and why. But this much I can tell you:

We had not written anything to the Rebbe.

Once, at the end of a *yechidus* that I was privileged to have with the Rebbe, the Rebbe told me,

זאלסט נעמען פון דאנעט אויף גשמיות און אויף רוחניות" מיט זיך

"You should take with you from here for the physical and for the spiritual."

I replied, "I would have wanted to take the Rebbe with me."

The Rebbe didn't smile—the Rebbe became serious and said,

"אז דו נעמסט פון די רוחניות פון דאנעט, נעמסטו מיר מיט זיך. און אז דו נעמסט מיר מיט זיך, זאלסט מיר אויסנוצן אויף גוטע זאכן."

"When you take spirituality from here, you are taking me along with you. And when you take me along with you, you should use me for good things." 

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