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## My Ideal Home

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I live in Elmont, New York not far from the Ohel. After a recent difficult family ordeal, I needed a change of scenery and lifestyle so I started searching for a home to rent for myself and my two daughters.

During this past summer I encountered significant trouble finding the right place to live and I finally approached Rabbi Blachman from the Elmont Jewish Center and asked him to pray for me that I succeed in my search for a new home.

"Go to the Ohel and ask the Rebbe for a *bracha*," he suggested. So I did.

As this was my first time visiting the Ohel, I did some research online on what was the proper conduct at the Ohel. When I arrived there on Thursday afternoon, 14 Av, the young man at the welcome desk showed me certain Psalms to recite while at the Ohel.

In my note to the Rebbe I mentioned that in my search for a home I had found a place I thought was ideal, but



there were many other potential buyers competing for the house and the sellers were demanding a lot of paperwork and it was getting very difficult. I asked for a blessing that I succeed in buying this specific house and that I should merit to live there happily with my children.

When I came home, I was exhausted and took a short nap. When I awoke there was a text message on my phone from my real estate agent that the owners were ready to sell the house to me and they want me to sign the contract this coming Tuesday! I was shocked at how quickly the Rebbe's blessing materialized.

Now that they were willing to sell the house to me, I needed to come up with the money for the down payment. I was in a bind: the money for the downpayment was to come from the sale of my current home. But in order to be approved for a loan on the new home, I needed to show the bank that I already had sufficient funds for the downpayment in my account.

On Friday morning, 15 Av, I went to the bank to apply for a loan and was told that the approval of the loan would take 24 to 48 hours—and I needed the money by Tuesday...

Leaving the bank I drove to the Ohel to say thank you to the Rebbe. The feeling I felt then was indescribable. I had

just experienced a clear miracle and I was overwhelmed with gratitude and joy.

While there I also mentioned that I need another blessing that the bank approve the loan on time so that I should be able to sign all the papers to buy the house on Tuesday.

On Monday I had not yet heard back from the bank and on Tuesday morning I was very nervous. Before going to work, I took a *siddur* and davened for a while, begging Hashem that everything should work out, and then I drove to work. As I parked my car, the bank called to notify me that the loan was approved and the money would be in my account shortly.

I signed the contract on Tuesday, 19 Av, and moved into my new home a week later.

This experience has strengthened my faith in Hashem and was a major encouragement for me in my journey to greater observance of Yiddishkeit.

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