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שתראה רוב נחת חסידותי
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The Timely Story

AS TOLD BY RABBI NOCHUM GOLDSHMID (NETANYA, ERETZ YISROEL)

Soon after our marriage my wife Chani and I were blessed with two children but after the birth of our second child we did not merit to have more children for a period of 10 years. Throughout this time we had written to the Rebbe numerous times requesting a *bracha* that we merit to have a larger family.

During Chanukah 5774 I met a family during *mitvzoim* in need of a *bracha* for children and after writing a letter to the Rebbe and sending it to the Ohel they were miraculously blessed with a child exactly one year later (see Derher Elul 5777 for their story). Following this open

miracle, my then-9-year-old son innocently asked me why Hashem does such miracles for others and not for us...

In the winter of 5776, Shnas Hakhel, my wife traveled to New York for the Kinus Hashluchos for the specific purpose to go to the Ohel and daven for another child. Ten years is a very long time and we felt we must make it happen.

She arrived in New York on Thursday morning and from the airport went straight to the Ohel. Pouring out her heart to the Rebbe in her letter, she remained there for a long time davening for the *bracha* we wanted so very much.



That evening there was a farbrengen for the shluchos in the Shluchim Office. Rabbi Dovid Meir Drukman, chief rabbi of Kiryat Mochkin, was in New York chaperoning a large group of girls from Eretz Yisroel who came for Chof-Beis Shevat and he led the farbrengen for the shluchos that night.

At one point he shared a story about a classmate of his, Reb Nochum Cohen, the son of Harav Avrohom Hersh Cohen, who did not have children for a while after his marriage. One year he came with his wife Rivka to New York for Tishrei and in *yechidus* she begged the Rebbe for a *bracha* for children.

The Rebbe said to her that she will merit to have sons and daughters, “Sons who will be *pirchei kehunah* (young Kohanim) in the Beis Hamikdash.” Needless to say they merited to raise a beautiful family of children.

“Nu?” Rabbi Drukman concluded, “Is there anyone here from the Cohen family?”

My wife is the daughter of Reb Nochum and Rivka Cohen but she was embarrassed to stand up and identify herself and the farbrengen continued.

When my wife shared this episode with me I was very excited.

“Wow!” I said to her. “That morning you were at the Ohel and asked the Rebbe for a *bracha* for children, and that night you heard the story of how your parents were blessed by the Rebbe to have children!”

We were certain that this was the Rebbe’s way of communicating to us that we would merit to have another child and indeed within the year, on Yud-Daled Kislev 5777 our son Levi Yitzchok was born. **T**

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