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Long Life

Rabbi Alter Tenenbaum, who directs Chabad of Irvine, shared the following story. It took place with his father, Rabbi Yosef Menachem Mendel Tenenbaum, who was a tomim in Tomchei Temimim in Otwock and was the longtime menahel of United Lubavitcher Yeshiva.

My father had to be hospitalized for a surgery in Adar 5747*. The surgery was scheduled for Shushan Purim, and of course, we wrote to the Rebbe for a *bracha*.

The day before the surgery was to take place, on Purim, the Rebbe gave the *mazkir* Reb Leibel Groner twenty-two dollars—a \$20 bill and two single dollar bills—to give to my father, along with a *bracha* for a *refuah sheleimah*.

Try as he might to come up with some sort of interpretation, my father could not decipher the meaning of the 22 dollars. But he had received a *bracha* from the Rebbe and dollars for *tzedakah*.

The twenty-second day of his hospitalization was the day he was discharged and allowed to go home.

A few months later, my father planned to go to the Rebbe for dollars. At the time, everyone was nudging him to change his schedule; to take it easy a bit. He was the *menahel* of United Lubavitcher Yeshiva and many people felt he should relax his duties to take better care of his health. He decided he would ask the Rebbe about it.

When he came to the Rebbe, before he could even say anything, the Rebbe gave him a dollar and said “אריכות ימים אין תומכי תמימים—Long life in Tomchei Temimim.”

Well, that was the end of any plans of slowing down or anything of the sort. **T**



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