I Wanted His Sons, Shlita, to know...

In honor of Vov Tishrei - 50 years, A Chassidisher Derher is proud to present the following handwritten letter by Rebbetzin Chana, which includes new information pertaining to her famous memoirs.

The correspondence, presented here courtesy of JEM, is one of over 1,000 documents - dozens of them neverbefore-seen - on the Rebbe's early life, to be presented in the forthcoming book, The Rebbe's Early Years, by Rabbis Boruch Oberlander and Elkanah Shmotkin.

Rebbetzin Chana wrote this historic letter to her sister-in-law, Rebbetzin Rochel Schneerson, who was the wife of Rabbi Levi Yitzchok's brother, Rabbi Sholom Shlomo Schneerson,

and the daughter of the renowned Chossid, Reb Dovid Tzvi - "Radatz" Chein. Rebbetzin Rochel's daughter, Zelda Schneerson-Mishkovsky, had requested that Rebbetzin Chana send her some artifact of her esteemed husband, Rabbi Levi Yitzchok.

As she informs her sister-in-law that she plans to send her niece a copy of her memoirs, she reveals the reason why the memoirs were written in the first place:

בתך [זלדה] בקשה אצלי לפני זמן לזכרון מדודה בעלי ז"ל תמונה או איזה דבר לדומה אך גם אצלי אין. אך בבואי הנה לפני ששה שנים רשמתי מה שנשאר בזכרוני מחייו של גלו<mark>תו ו</mark>השנים האחרונים עוד בעירנו חפצתי שבניו שליט"א ידעו מזה כי לא היו אתו. זייא צוא ליינגע גוטע יא<mark>הר - ויוכל היות כי אשלח לך "קאפיע" מזה. - חיי בשלום וכל טוב בברכת כוח"ט אסיים</mark>

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today from Galor & o.

Your daughter [Zelda] had requested of me some time ago [that I send her] a picture or some other artifact in order to remember her uncle – my husband – but I also don't have [anything of that sort].

However, when I arrived in the United States six years ago, I wrote what remained in my memory of [my husband's] life in exile and of his final years in our city [Dnepropetrovsk]. I [wrote it down, because I] wanted his sons to know this, since they were not with him - may they live for many good, long years. I might send you a copy of it.

May you live in peace and only good. With the blessing of ksiva vechasima tova, I conclude.

Your sister-in-law who seeks your good,

Chana Schneerson

Tt should be noted that Rebbetzin Chana's memoirs were Loriginally published between 5737 and 5753 in Toldos Levi Yitzchok, Eim Beyisroel and Tzadik Lamelech from this typed copy, which Zelda herself gave to Rabbi Zev Katz.

Rebbetzin Chana maintained a steady correspondence with Rebbetzin Rochel and Zelda until her passing in 5725, and the Rebbe himself corresponded with them as well throughout the years until 5744, when Zelda passed away.

Special thanks to Rabbi Levi Greisman, project manager of the years-long research effort, which is expected to culminate with the publication of The Rebbe's Early Years by Kehot Publications in 5775, IY"H.

