



# Shabbos at The Library

## 5748

Since Tammuz 5716, 1304 President Street was the Rebbe and Rebbetzin's home. After long days in 770, sometime ending early the following morning, the Rebbe would return home, if but for a short time, only to return to 770 soon after, for another day's work. On Shabbosim, the Rebbe would walk the four blocks between his home and 770.

This was the routine for a little over two decades. Then, after the Rebbe's heart attack during *hakofos* of Shmini Atzeres 5738, the Rebbe would spend Shabbosim in his room at 770 for close to six months. This went on until Rosh Chodesh Nissan. (For almost six weeks after Shmini Atzeres -- until Rosh Chodesh Kislev -- the Rebbe did not leave 770 at all. After Rosh Chodesh Kislev, the Rebbe would return home during the week, but remained at 770 over Shabbos).

It wasn't until Rosh Hashana 5739 that the Rebbe and Rebbetzin began staying at the library of Agudas Chasidei Chabad adjacent to 770 for Shabbosim to avoid having to walk. In 5740 and 5741, the Rebbe and Rebbetzin did not stay in the library for Shabbos and yom tov.

After Rosh Hashana 5742, a short time after some renovations had been done in the library


to suit its new capacity, Rabbi Krinsky asked the Rebbe whether the library's accommodations had filled the Rebbe's needs, to which the Rebbe replied with great satisfaction. But still, the Rebbe didn't stay there every week.

It was only in 5744 that the Rebbe and Rebbetzin would begin staying at the library every Shabbos until the Rebbetzin's *histalkus* in 5748.

During those years, the Rebbetzin would arrive there a short time before Shabbos, driven by one of the *meshamshim bakodesh*. The Rebbe made sure to always pay a visit at the library shortly before Shabbos, bringing with him a bottle of wine, and then return to 770 for Shabbos.

For a time, the Rebbe would walk to the library using its main entryway on Eastern Parkway. However, in a further effort to shorten the Rebbe's walk, in Adar 5746 a door was built on the side of the building facing 770's courtyard, which the Rebbe used from then on.

In the picture presented here, you can see the Rebbe walking across the *chatzer* of 770 toward the library, holding a bottle of wine in the paper bag.

After spending some time in the library, the Rebbe leaves from the front door and heads back to 770 just before Shabbos. 

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