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## A Snowy Feel

AS TOLD BY RABBI YITZI STEINER (MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA)

When my wife and I got married a few years ago, it was clear to us that we would be going out on shlichus. While we had nothing immediate waiting for us, we began searching and asking around about different places and different options.

One of the places we looked into was University of Minnesota, which had a sizable Jewish population. That fact was a bit surprising to me. If there were so many Jews on campus, why hadn't any shliach moved there yet, I wondered.

I did a bit of research;

It seemed that this campus had never merited a shliach for a number of reasons, including the terribly cold winters



that are visited upon Minnesota each year. Not too many people have been willing to move to such a harsh climate.

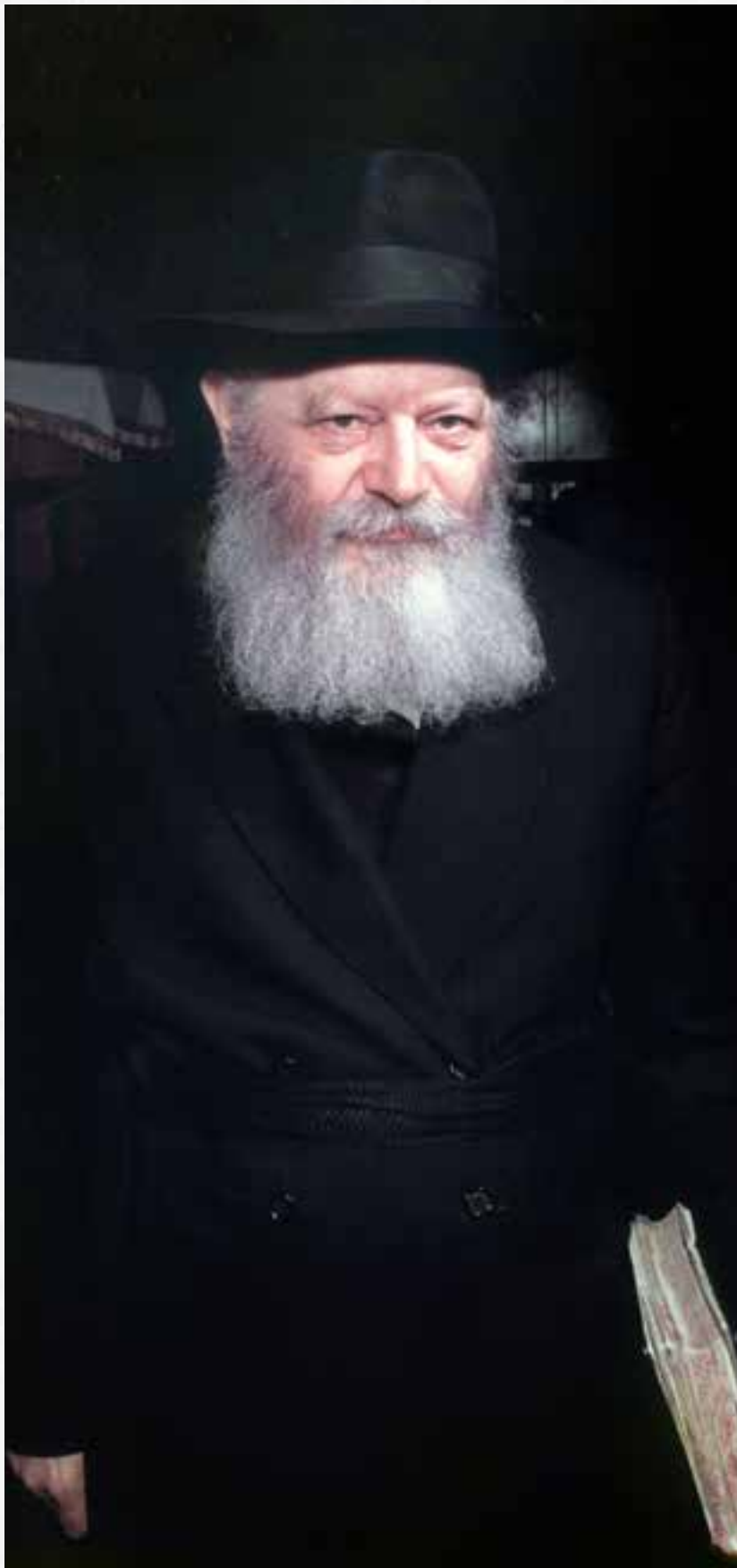
I was far from convinced that this was a perfect idea for me and my family. In addition to the bitter cold, the Jewish population, while significant, was still not large compared to some other schools that had shluchim, and I wasn't sure if the campus would be able to sustain a full time shliach. How would I support the *mosad*? What if we weren't successful? Many doubts and questions nagged at me.

However, looking at our options, this campus definitely seemed to be the best choice. With hopeful hearts we decided to take it on, all the while thinking about the many issues and problems that can come up over there. With all the excitement, I couldn't stop dwelling on my doubt about the choice.

We went to the Ohel to tell the Rebbe about our decision, and to ask the Rebbe for his permission and *brachos* to become his shluchim.

On our way back to Crown Heights, I received an email from Chabad on Campus. A student from the University of Minnesota had emailed them, *asking them to send a shliach to his campus*.

That message immediately uplifted my spirits, and we proceeded with the move. Like all new endeavors, "all beginnings are harsh;" it took a few years for our activities to have a strong foundation, but I knew the whole time that with the Rebbe's *bracha*, we would be successful, and Boruch Hashem, we have been witness to tremendous growth; countless Jewish students have found a home away from home, and who knows how far the effect will reach. 🕒



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