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In the Nick of Time

AS TOLD BY RABBI ELIE FILLER (PRESCOTT, ARIZONA)

Our shlichus began in the beautiful, mountainous town of Prescott, Arizona two years ago. After a year, we were gifted with access to a substantial amount of cash to purchase a suitable building for a Chabad House. The layout of the city is quite scattered and we felt that the strategic location for a Chabad House is in the downtown area.

Buildings for sale are hard to come by and we spent several months scouting the area for the perfect fit. We finally settled on a structure that is both commercial and

residential. The posted price was above our means, so we made an offer that was considerably lower yet reasonable. The owner stubbornly refused our price and compromised for a price that was still more than we could afford.

I consulted with several older shluchim and I received conflicting advice. Some felt that acquiring the building was important enough to accumulate some debt and others felt that the stubbornness of the owner was a concern.

I sent a *tzetel* to the Ohel detailing the entire episode and included the conflicting messages I was receiving. I



concluded that until I gained more clarity on the matter we would stop pursuing this specific deal and perhaps a better option will present itself.

The search for a new home for Chabad continued and, in the meantime, the building we had looked into went into contract with another company. I figured this was our answer.

Several months passed, our search was unsuccessful and the original building was back on the market! Realizing that this was an opportunity, I wrote to the Rebbe of the developments and requested a *bracha* that we should succeed in purchasing the building no matter the price.

I advised our real estate agent to re-submit our original offer and clarified that in the event that they requested a higher price, we would strongly consider it. A month passed with no response.

It was Friday afternoon and I received a letter in the mail notifying us that the lease on our current home will be up in forty days and the owners do not wish to continue renting out the house. We were shocked! Homes for rent

are difficult to find in this area and a month's time was painfully insufficient to find a new place to live.

Immediately I notified the Rebbe of the disturbing news and asked if perhaps this was a sign that I should work aggressively to obtain the building at any price.

Literally, ten minutes later my phone rang and the caller ID showed that it was our real estate agent on the line. My wife gasped, "Oh my goodness!"

The agent excitedly notified us that the owner had agreed to sell the building for our original offer! We went into contract that very day. Since it was a cash deal, the transaction was relatively quick and the day we needed to move out of our old home we received the keys to the building we now call Chabad of Prescott. 📍

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