

## SEFER EHILLIM OF THE **VEBBE'S** PARENTS

In the Rebbe's library, there is a Sefer Tehillim that his mother, Rebbetzin Chana, sent to her husband, Harav Levi Yitzchok while he was exiled in the remote village of Chili in Kazakhstan before she joined him there.

Harav Levi Yitzchok made frequent use of this Tehillim, reciting verses with bitter tears while in exile, and later upon his release to the city of Alma-Ata, until his passing on Chof Av 5704.

Rebbetzin Chana kept this Tehillim with her at all times, bringing it with her on her escape from the Soviet Union and to the United States.

Inside the jacket of the Sefer, she wrote a few lines about the Tehillim:

This Tehillim belonged to my husband z"l, which I sent to him, upon his request, to his exile in the village of "Chili" in the country of Kazakhstan.

If only these pages had a mouth and tongue, they would have so very much to say. Every single page was always soaked in tears; they were always wet.

From the time of his arrest and imprisonment in the month of March 1939, his physical strength diminished from day to day. His spirit [however] was strong. It was



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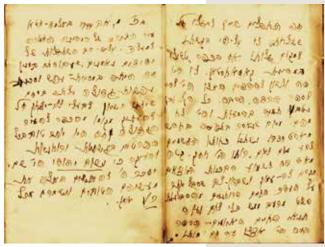
TEHILIM USED BY HARAV LEVI YITZCHOK IN GALUS. THE NAME CHANA SCHNEERSON IS EMBOSSED ON THE COVER.

difficult to listen to the cries coming from the depth of his broken heart, suffering more from the lack of spiritual life, than from the terrible pain of literal starvation—there was no bread to be found—and other horrific conditions...

This Sefer stayed with him until the day of his passing on 20 M[enachem] Av 1944 in Alma-Ata, the capital city of the country mentioned above [Kazakhstan].

Through the great efforts of dear friends, who worked at this with *mesiras nefesh*, putting their lives in real danger, they succeeded in obtaining permission for my husband Levi Yitzchok z"l to move from the village to the big city. It was a much better situation in all aspects, materially and spiritually; most importantly because there was a Jewish presence there. May Hashem remember the good deeds of these people, and protect them from all evils. Amen.





REBBETZIN CHANA'S INSCRIPTION IN THE TEHILLIM.