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THE ROUND TABLE

In honor of Beis Iyar—birthday of the Rebbe Maharash, we present the following information and photograph:



The Rebbe writes in Sefer HaToldos Admur Maharash:

“Due to his [ill] health, the doctors ordered him to exert himself and perform handiwork. The Rabbeim’s household possessed several artifacts created by him, masterfully crafted in an incredible fashion. They included a tall lamp about the height of a person, with 12-13 branches; tables made out of small pieces of wood and stone, designed with mosaics, etc.”

It seems that most of these artifacts were lost over the years, but at least one table did make it to the United States and remains in the Rebbe’s room to this very day.

The table was inherited by the Rebbe Maharash’s son, Reb Menachem Mendel, who moved to Paris later in life, bringing the table along. Reb Menachem Mendel passed away during the Second World War, in 5702, and the table was passed down to his daughter, Mrs. Chana Ozerman. When the Rebbe traveled to Paris in 5707 to greet his mother, Rebbetzin Chana, Mrs. Ozerman gave the table to the Rebbe as a gift.

Because the table is comprised of a few pieces, the Rebbe was able to take it apart and bring it with him back to the United States, where he reassembled it again in his room at 770, and it remained there throughout the years.

The round table is in the front corner of the Rebbe’s room, right next to his desk. The Rebbe would often pile the overflow of *seforim* that he was learning onto this table. **T**

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