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I Need An Answer

AS TOLD BY RABBI REFOEL BROD (CHEVRON, ERETZ YISROEL)

"Shalom, Rav Refoel. I am in desperate need of direction and a *bracha* from the Rebbe."

It was Yoni, a resident from a nearby town whom I would see from time to time.

"I am happy to help you," I said. "I always write a letter to the Rebbe and send it by fax to the Ohel. I can send you the information right now."

"But I need to receive a response from the Rebbe," Yoni protested. "I don't want to just send a letter to New York."

"Listen Yoni. If you are turning to the Rebbe for guidance and a *bracha* because you are confident that he is a *tzaddik* who will certainly help you, then you can be certain

that the Rebbe will find a way to answer your questions and reassure you that you have received his *bracha*."

Yoni listened and asked me to send him the information he needed. I sent him the fax number as well as the email address to send a letter to the Ohel.

That evening Yoni called me in tears.

"Rav Refoel, I must share with you what I just experienced," he said with great emotion.

Sadly, his wife had passed away several years ago and he was now looking to remarry. Recently he had been introduced to a woman and was now on the verge of announcing their engagement when he was beset by deep



indecision and stress. He wanted to be confident that he was doing the right thing and desperately needed a *bracha* from the Rebbe for a brighter future.

"I listened to your instructions, wrote up a letter and sent an email to the Ohel. Literally three minutes later, my brother-in-law from America, who is not a Lubavitcher, and is not familiar with the particulars of my predicament sent me an email."

"This is what he sent: Hi Yoni, I understand you are currently looking to remarry and it so happens to be that I came across a letter from the Lubavitcher Rebbe that I imagine would interest you."

"What does the letter say," I asked.

"Here, let me read it to you.."

As he read the letter I felt chills in my body. It was the standard letter the Rebbe would send to all *chasanim* and *kallos*!

"You see, Rav Refoel. I did not have enough *emunah* this afternoon. But you encouraged me and to my amazement, within three minutes after pouring out my heart to the Rebbe and sending the letter to the Ohel, the Rebbe found a way to give me the confidence in the future and to be reassured of his bracha!"

Hearing this story from Yoni was very uplifting and encouraging.

Needless to say, today Yoni is married and is very happy in his new chapter in life. $\ensuremath{\mathbf{0}}$

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