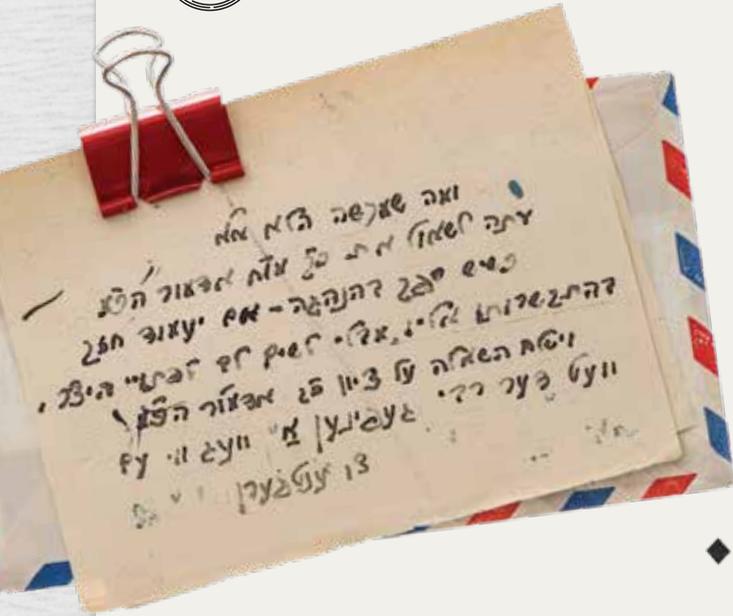




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Perfectly Timed Delivery



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In the fall of 5783, my wife Mushka hosted a Jewish Women's Circle focused on the mitzvah of Mezuzah. We noticed that numerous Jewish homes in our small community on Mercer Island did not yet have *mezuzos* on their doors and we figured this event would encourage many of the women to embrace this mitzvah.

We ordered kits from an artist in San Diego, CA named Ilanit who provides glass-infused Mezuzah cases for people to design and then send back to her for finishing

touches. The event was a huge success with many ladies in attendance and the craft was a real hit. We immediately sent the kits off to Ilanit for the final touches and looked forward to delivering the finished Mezuzah cases, along with *parshiyos*, to their homes.

Several weeks passed and we got distracted with other *peulos*, especially Chanukah, but the box never arrived. When we finally followed up during winter vacation, Ilanit was genuinely surprised. She had sent them back a week



THE GLASS-INFUSED MEZUZAH CASES MADE AT THE JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE EVENT AT CHABAD OF MERCER ISLAND, WA.

after receiving them.

She provided us with the tracking number and indeed according to the US Postal Service, the box had been delivered to our home three weeks earlier! We checked our security footage from the date of the alleged delivery but there was no sign of a USPS truck.

Nothing about the situation made any sense and we felt terrible for three reasons. First, these women would not get *mezuzos* for their homes. Second, the cases were quite costly. And finally, this fiasco would make us look unreliable and unprofessional. Ilanit understood the gravity of the issue and despite the complications and the huge hassle it would entail, she offered to redesign all the Mezuzah cases based on the photos she had.

On Wednesday, 11 Teves my wife sent an email to the event participants with the following announcement:

“We have good news and bad news. We sent your Mezuzah cases to Ilanit in California to complete. She did a great job (she even sent us a picture, see below)! She shipped them back to us, and they never arrived! The tracking number said they were delivered on Dec. 17th (picture below), but we have yet to receive them...”

She concluded with the good news that Ilanit offered to replicate the cases and if this was unacceptable we would reimburse them for the loss.

That Shabbos my brother was hosting a Bar Mitzvah in New Jersey. Arriving at JFK Airport on Friday morning 13 Teves, I went directly to the Ohel. Since

the recent Mezuzah episode had greatly disturbed me I wrote about it in my *tzetel* before entering the Ohel.

About an hour later I started receiving messages from people on Mercer Island wanting to speak with me. A woman working as a maintenance worker at a local gated community had posted on a local Facebook Group, “We received a box addressed to a Mushka Kornfeld. Does anyone know who that is?”

It turns out that our box of Mezuzah cases was mistakenly delivered to the wrong address and it sat in this woman's golf cart for over three weeks. She had gone on vacation shortly after it arrived and less than an hour after I wrote to the Rebbe at the Ohel she decided to seek out the owners on Facebook.

Everyone was thrilled with the outcome, and not only were we able to affix many more *mezuzos* on the island, we were also able to share this incredible story with our community and inspire them to know that the Rebbe always finds a way to guide us and *bentch* us. **T**

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