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Don't Spare the Details

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As a *chossid* and *shliach*, I would regularly report on all of my *peulos* to the Rebbe by writing a detailed *duch* (report); these *duchos* could sometimes be quite lengthy, filled with details of the *mitvtzoim* and other activities I was doing.

Not long before Chanukah 5748, I was at a *farbrengen* with several other shluchim. One well-meaning shliach spoke quite passionately against the writing of long-winded *duchos*. “The Rebbe’s time is precious,” he pointed out, “And it can be spent doing better things than reading long *duchos*.”

I resolved to take his words to heart as I prepared for the annual *mitvtzoim* and *peulos* in the Eilat area, both with the community and on local military bases.

Tzach in Israel had prepared *duch* stationery for *chassidim* doing *mitvtzoim* on military bases. It included blank spaces to be filled with the names of individuals who visited the bases, the name of the base, the number of soldiers who attended, and other such information. On the top of each page was the message, “Take to heart! The Rebbe wants and asks for a detailed *duch*, and as soon as possible.”

But I was taking another message to heart — that of my well-intentioned fellow *shliach* and his concern for the Rebbe’s time.

So I filled in the blanks and sent a *duch* with just basic

information, no extra, and—in my mind, extraneous—details. I took a similar approach in reporting on my communal activities in Eilat, writing a brief and concise *duch* and including some photos of our activities.

A short while later I received a letter from the Rebbe. (Editor’s note: this letter was a *michtav Klali-Prati* — a communal/individual letter which came out for Chanukah 5748. This letter would follow a general template, but in some copies the Rebbe added a few words or lines to the text.) At the beginning of the letter, where it says “מאשר הנני קבלת המכ” — “I acknowledge having received your letter,” — the Rebbe added in his holy handwriting, “האלבום והדו”ח” — “the album and the report” (referring to pictures of the activities). Before his holy signature, the Rebbe also added, “ולהצלחה בכל” — “success in everything.”

But that was not all.

Enclosed in the envelope was a clipping from the *duch* stationery I had sent in — the one that read, “Take to heart! The Rebbe wants and asks for a detailed *duch*, and as soon as possible.”

The message was crystal-clear, and from then on, I went back to my previous style of writing detailed, comprehensive *duchos* to the Rebbe. ❶