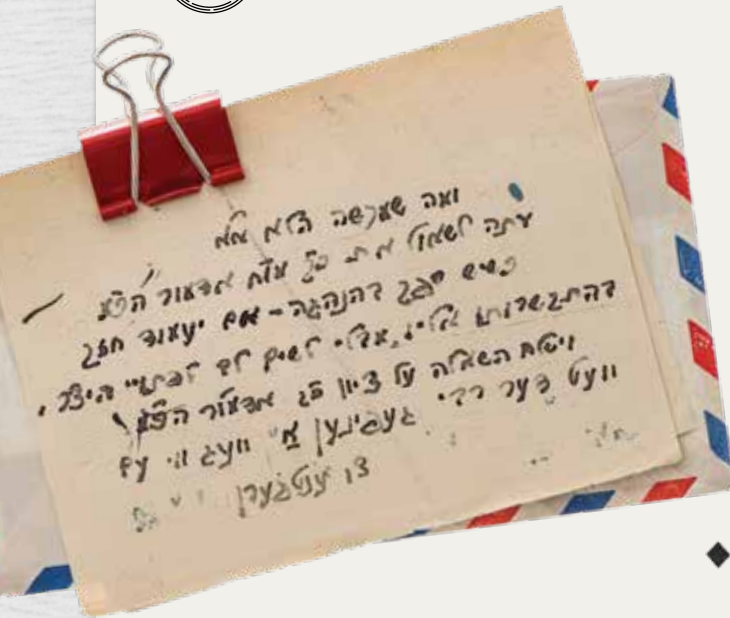




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The Perfect Space



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We moved out on shlichus Yud Daled Kislev 5771. After the first Chanukah event in our rented home, we realized there were many young families in the area and we started a Jewish Kid's Club. It attracted so many children that after Pesach we decided to try and open a Hebrew School the next school year. In order to attract local families we felt it was important to operate the Hebrew School in a commercial space, but we simply did not have the financial resources needed for another rental.

One of our routine peulos at the time was BLT - Bagel, Lox, and Torah/Tefillin. Men would come over one Sunday every month to wrap Tefillin, eat kosher breakfast, and learn some Torah. It was Sunday, Pesach Sheini, and after setting up BLT I had some extra time and decided to write a tzetel to the Rebbe about our plans to open a Hebrew School. I wrote that we were determined to host it in a commercial space despite our financial limitations and asked for a bracha that we should find the right space,



“לשם ולתפארת”, either for free or at a very low price.

Approximately a dozen men attended that particular BLT, all of whom were regulars except for a newcomer named Alex who brought a friend. After everyone left Alex stayed behind and shared that he had kidney failure and had been on dialysis for almost two years. He desperately needed a kidney transplant but it seemed very unlikely that a donor would be found. It was clear that his chances of living much longer were slim.

As a brand new shliach I was caught off guard but Baruch Hashem I was able to share with him a clear message of bitachon in Hashem that all would turn out for the best. Toward the end of our conversation I offered to put on Tefillin with him, and he agreed.

We exchanged phone numbers and, as he turned to leave, Alex said, “Rabbi, we just completed construction of a new Montessori preschool building about five-minutes from here. It’s a state-of-the-art facility, with an indoor and outdoor playground and the latest technology and toys. It can handle 160 children and there are currently only 20 children enrolled. Would you by any chance have any need for this type of property?”

I couldn’t believe my ears!

Right then and there we drove to the building and toured the premises. Alex showed me a section with

two large classrooms and a separate entrance for us to use as we wished: “Rabbi, you can use this for free.”

With such an amazing venue we were able to sign up 40 children for that first year of Hebrew School and for six years we used the facility for many of our programs, with tremendous success.

Since that first meeting on Pesach Sheini, Alex and I remained in touch, and we would meet every week to wrap Tefillin. Two months after we met, he called me with the news that a kidney donor had been miraculously found. He asked me to come to the hospital to wrap Tefillin with him before the surgery.

The surgery was a success and the next day he wrapped Tefillin again to thank Hashem for the miracle. Alex has been wrapping Tefillin every day since.

During the next Kinus Hashluchim, Alex joined me at the Ohel to thank the Rebbe and he has continued to visit.

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