

לע"נ מרת **חסיא** בת הרה"ח ר' איסר ע"ה **ניו** נלב"ע **כ"ה טבת ה'תשפ"ג** ת'נ'צ'ב'ה'

נדפס *ע"י* נכדה הרה"ת ר' **איסר** וזוגתו מרת **חי' מושקא ומשפחתם** שיחיו **ניו**





Presented here is a note written by Rabbi Menachem (Meni) Wolff of Eretz Yisroel, with an interesting backstory: Written By: Rabbi Mendel Jacobs

Rabbi Wolff studied in the yeshiva at 770 twice as a *bochur*; once during 5725* and again during the years 5728*-5729*. He was due to leave back to Eretz Yisroel after Pesach 5729*, along with a group of Israeli *bochurim* who were studying at 770 as part of the *kvutza* program.¹

At the last farbrengen before they left, on Shabbos Parshas Shemini, the Rebbe addressed the group during one of the *sichos*, saying:

"There is a group of *bochurim* here who will be traveling this week to Eretz Yisroel, the place that affects the entire world, because it contains the 'even shesiya,' the stone that serves as the basis for the entire world...

"May their elevation be successful; may they have success in the study of Torah in a manner of 'shnei-or'

(double-lights), both in nigleh and in Chassidus..."2

After the *sicha*, the Rebbe instructed those *bochurim* to say *l'chaim* along with members of the *hanhala*.

On Tuesday afternoon, just as the group was about to leave for the airport, Rabbi Hodakov called Rabbi Wolff into the *mazkirus* office and gave him several instructions for the *bochurim* to carry out during their travels. With his mind fixated on the trip, he was unable to concentrate and memorize all the instructions, and he hastily left for the airport.

En route, Rabbi Wolff realized that these instructions must have been given by the Rebbe and he regretted not paying closer attention to them, so as soon as they reached their gate he called the *mazkirus* office and spoke with Rabbi Hodakov once more. While Rabbi Hodakov spoke, Rabbi Wolff realized that the Rebbe had picked up the line and he even heard the Rebbe's voice adding to the conversation in an undertone.

Not wishing to miss the important instructions again, he wrote down what he heard on a paper of El-Al stationary.

The following is a copy of that paper³:

While on the airplane, review the *sicha* that was said about the travelers, until its contents are clear to them, so they can convey it in [clear] words.

If there are [any inquiries from] the press, we should convey the message about our mission, that we are traveling to the Holy Land, Eretz Yisroel, the foundation of the world, and that we are coming to learn and to illuminate [our surroundings] with the double-lights.

We should also convey to the press about the Rebbe's *sicha* against Jews leaving their communities,⁵ and that this will embolden the Jewish people in Eretz Yisroel as well not to leave the liberated territories—emphasize that they are *liberated* [not occupied].

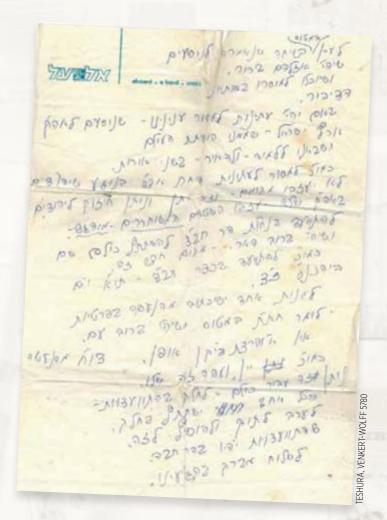
We are to farbreng in Nachlas Har Chabad, everyone should participate; the gathering should be done nicely. This is a newly established place.

We are also to farbreng in Kfar Chabad, at [Yeshivas] Toras Emes, in Yerushalayim, and in the Tzemach Tzedek Shul [of the Old City of Yerushalayim].

We are to appoint one individual to write a detailed report [to the Rebbe].

We should learn Chitas on the airplane, in a large group.

[Everything should be carried out] in a manner of "Ufaratzta" [beyond limits].



[Send in] a report of what gets done.

[The Rebbe] also [sent] wine, making it belong to each individual.

He gave it for everyone, to distribute at these farbrengens.

Each one [of the *bochurim*] should participate in part of the farbrengen.

Mix [this wine] into the [drinks at these farbrengens] and add more to it [making the new drink a continuation of the wine from the Rebbe].

The farbrengens should be expansive [and joyous].

We are to send a telegram [notifying the Rebbe] when we've arrived.

- 1. See "A Year With the Rebbe," Derher Elul 5779.
- 2. Toras Menachem vol. 56, p. 171.
- 3. Published in Teshura, Venkert-Wolff 5780.
- 4. Toras Menachem ibid.
- 5. Acharon Shel Pesach 5729. See "Crown Heights The story of the Rebbe's battle to uphold the neighborhood," Derher Cheshvan 5777.
- 6. Nachlas Har Chabad was established in Adar 5729. See "*A Mountain of Pride*," Derher Tishrei 5780.