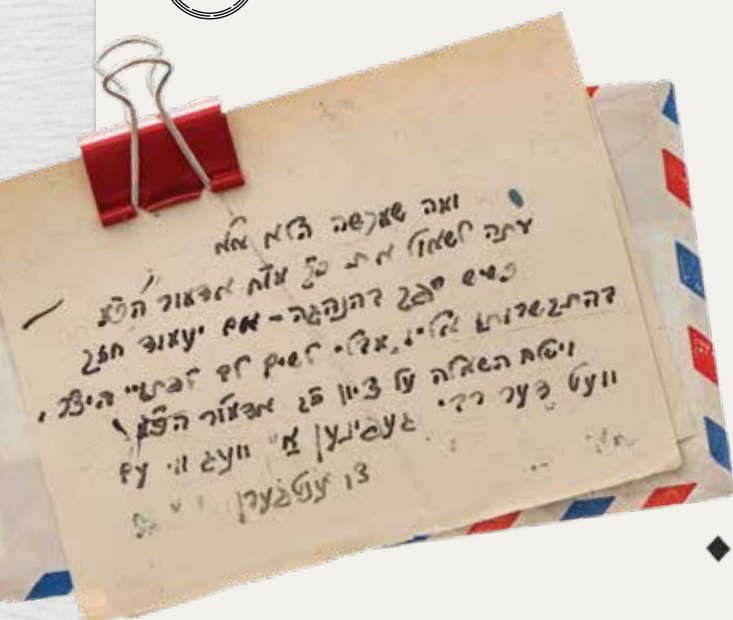




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Hearing From The Rebbe Before And After Gimmel Tammuz

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In 5733*, while I was obtaining a doctoral degree in experimental psychology at the University of Rochester, I met Rabbis Noson Gurary and Heschel Greenberg, and my connection to Chabad activities and the Rebbe began. My research in psychology led to the discovery of a new objective test for hearing loss.

This discovery was obvious *hashgacha pratis*, because my interest was in the behavior of simple reflexes, like the eyeblink; nothing at all to do with hearing. Nevertheless, since I discovered something new, I decided to write it up and send it to the Rebbe.

The Rebbe gave his *bracha* and the paper was accepted for publication in the highly prestigious Journal of Experimental Psychology. The Rebbe encouraged me to continue in this line of research, which I did. After receiving my Ph.D. I received the Rebbe's *bracha* and *haskama* to accept an NIH (National Institutes of Health) post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

While living in Kansas City I became concerned about my Jewish roots after hearing about a Lubavitcher friend who checked his genealogy and found to his



astonishment that his maternal great-great-grandmother was not Jewish. Of course, that meant that he too was not Jewish. Who knows, I thought to myself, after thousands of years since Sinai, the times of *Bayis Sheini*, Ezra, living in the diaspora, and so on, maybe I too am missing a Jewish link in my heritage.

Amazingly, just at the time that I was bothered by this doubt, I received a call from the Rebbe's *mazkir* Rabbi Leibel Groner. "The Rebbe told me to remind you to do Chitas," Rabbi Groner said. This reminder lifted the weight of doubt from my heart. I felt this was the Rebbe's way of assuring me that the golden chain of Yiddishkeit in my family was intact.

In 5778*, 24 years after Gimmel Tamuz, my wife and I went to the Ohel. This time I was bothered by a different doubt. Let me preface by saying that the Rebbe had given me direction and miraculous help in many significant issues facing a Chassidic professor in a secular university, and more. I wondered if 24 years after Gimmel Tamuz, the Rebbe still considered me *mekushar*.

This is precisely what I asked. Can the Rebbe

please give me a sign that he still considers me a *mekushar*?

After washing our hands after the Ohel we entered the room with the video monitor, and naturally, I started looking at the screen. To my amazement, the video playing was of the Yud-Beis Tammuz farbrengen 5745*, and there I was on the screen! I could not believe my eyes, but I felt this was the answer to my question.

The Rebbe's sensitivity to his Chassidim's concerns is as evident today as it has always been. The Rebbe is here with us and for that we must be grateful and strive to bring him *nachas*. May we merit to be together with our Rebbe as he leads us to the *geulah shleimah*, *teikef u'miyad mamosh*. **T**

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