

לזכות דוד בן שיינא לרגל יום הולדתו, לשנת הצלחה בכל מכל מכל כל, אמן, והצלחה מרובה בעבודת השליחות

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My mother, Mrs. Assia New, was the daughter of Reb Isser Kluwgant, who was a first cousin of the Rebbe's mother, Rebbetzin Chana. Once, when she and my father, Reb Mendel New, went for dollars, the Rebbe told her, "מיר מירינט מירינט פריינט - we should meet as family and good friends."

Earlier this year, on 25 Teves, my mother passed away in Melbourne, Australia. At the time, her grandson's wife, Shira Gutnick from South Africa, was going through a grave medical situation.

During her pregnancy, Shira had been diagnosed with *yeneh machla* and needed surgery soon after she gave birth. On the operating table, her heart failed, and for several

weeks, a series of miracles kept her alive, on life support. A crucial operation was scheduled for the day of my mother's funeral in Australia and Shira's life depended on it. However, it was so complicated and dangerous that the surgeons were hesitant and needed convincing to go ahead with it. The prognosis was bleak.

At the funeral, we recited Tehillim for Shira, who needed miracles, and asked my mother to intercede on High on her behalf. At that very moment, 6,000 miles away in Johannesburg, Shira was being wheeled into the lengthy and complicated surgery.

Approximately an hour after the funeral, my mother's great-grandchildren, Shira's niece and nephew living in



Crown Heights, Zevi and Etti Krinsky, went to the Ohel to daven for a successful surgery.

As they left the Ohel and entered the house by the Ohel, they were shocked to see the video that was playing. It showed both of my parents receiving dollars from the Rebbe on 22 Elul 5751*.

Following is a transcript of their exchange with the Rebbe in Yiddish: (Living Torah #122)

Rebbe: You should have a ksiva vachasima tova.

Mother: I request a blessing for my work supporting the children from Chernobyl who have been brought to Eretz Yisroel. I send money to them in Eretz Yisroel.

Rebbe: It should be with much success.

Mother: I request a blessing for all my undertakings.

Rebbe: (Handing my mother another dollar) *Add this* to the funds you send the children from Chernobyl, it will be a dollar more. (Turning to my father) You probably take part, as well?

Father: I help a little...

Mother: He helps a lot.

Rebbe: (Handing my father a dollar) *Give this to your wife to make things easier for her, it will be one less dollar for her to worry about.*

Father: Thank you.

Rebbe: Good Tidings.

Mother: Ksiva Vachasima Tova.

Father: I ask a blessing for health and livelihood and a blessing for our children who are shluchim, and for our

other children who support their siblings as shluchim.

Rebbe: There should be good tidings, and may they go from strength to strength.

Father and Mother: Amen.

Rebbe: Take advantage before Moshiach comes. When Moshiach will come, we will all go to Eretz Yisroel and you will not need to do more work in Australia.

Overcoming her shock, Etty immediately recorded what was playing on the screen and shared it with the family, writing, "Zevi and I just came to the Ohel for Shira's surgery, and this was playing on the screen. Absolutely incredible. We're speechless."

On the day of my mother's funeral, her great-grandchildren stood near the Rebbe's *Daled Amos* after beseeching the Rebbe for salvation for her granddaughter, and witnessed her encounter with the Rebbe and the powerful *brachos* the Rebbe showered on her family!

When the family heard the story, the Rebbe's *bracha* to my mother that "we should meet as family and good friends" resonated in a very special way.

Baruch Hashem, Shira's operation was a miraculous success and she went on to make a complete recovery.

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