

מבית הגזית

TREASURES

FROM THE REBBE'S LIBRARY



THE SEFER HAFTAROS

THE HAFTARAH SCROLL

For many years, there was a scroll that looked like a *Sefer Torah* in the Rebbe's room. Actually, it was a *Sefer Haftaros*—written on parchment and wrapped around *atzei chayim*, with a velvet mantle.¹ The scroll sat on a table built by the Rebbe Maharash², alongside a walking stick that had belonged to Reb Levi Yitzchok of Berdichev.

Many *sefarim* used by the Rebbe over the years were piled on this table as well. The Rebbe instructed his *mazkir*, Rabbi Leibel Groner, to not place any *sefarim* on top of this scroll.

The origin of this scroll remains unknown. One of the *atzei chayim* bears the following inscription:

Donated by Mrs. Toiba bas Reb Yoel in the year 5687. May this merit protect her and her husband Dovid ben Reb Meir Shlomo Rubin, and their sons and daughters, amen.

There is also a sticker that reads:

Reb Gershon Galin sheyichye, year 5718.

Reb Gershon was a wealthy Jew who lived in Crown Heights and contributed generously to Chabad institutions.

Over the years, many people noticed this scroll in the Rebbe's room during *yechidus*, and assumed it was a *sefer Torah*. The gabbai Reb Yan-
kel Lipsker, once built a miniature *aron kodesh* to house this scroll and brought it to the Rebbe's room. The Rebbe told him that the scroll was actually a *Sefer Haftaros*, and instructed that the *aron* be stored in the library for safekeeping.

MiBeis Hagnazim, article 110, p. 284.

1. See Shulchan Aruch Admur Hazaken, Orach Chaim vol. 2, 284:4.

2. See *Mibeis Hagnazim*, article 103, p. 277.

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