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A Modern Day Pesach Miracle

- Pesach 5733 -



חג הפסח ה'תש"פ

B"H

Foreword

In connection with the Yom Tov of Pesach, it is our honor to release another section (translated from Hebrew) of the forthcoming book *V'avdi Dovid*, which tells the extraordinary life story of our grandfather, the legendary chossid, Rabbi Dovid Raskin, *a"h*.

This section tells the story, through the lens of R. Dovid's archive and first-hand accounts, of the fascinating Pesach miracle of his daughter – our dear mother, Mrs. Chaya Mushka Pearson, *a"h*. It describes her near fatal motor accident in Adar II of 5733 (1973), R. Dovid's resilient spirit and pure faith throughout the entire ordeal, and the Rebbe's unwavering attention and dedication to her recovery.

We would like to thank the individuals who gave interviews and shared their resources for this project: Rabbi Leibel Groner, *a"h*, Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, Dr. Robert Richter, and Rabbi Shlomo Zarchi. Her classmates: Mrs. Feige Duchman, Mrs. Chavi Einbinder, Mrs. Sheine Friedman, and Mrs. Chani Perelmuter.

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As the world experiences unprecedented challenging times, may this publication bring hope, healing, and comfort as we pray for a world of healing and to witness the fulfillment of the *possuk* (Yeshayahu 25:8): "Death shall be swallowed up forever, and Hashem shall wipe the tears from every face", with the coming of *Moshiach Tzidkainu*, may it be speedily in our days.

A Kosher and Freilichen Pesach!

On behalf of the family,

Bentzion Pearson
Erev Pesach 5780

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On the afternoon of Tuesday, 9 Adar II 5733 (March 13, 1973), Mushka Raskin, a 13-year-old student at Beis Rivkah High School, located at the time at Snyder and Bedford Avenues, in Brooklyn, was crossing the street outside the school and was struck by a speeding van. She was taken to Kings County Hospital in a coma. Upon receiving the news, her father, the legendary chossid, Rabbi Dovid Raskin, of blessed memory, wrote a heartfelt *pan* to the Rebbe, ‘giving her over’ to him. The Rebbe, in response, instructed Dr. Robert Richter to visit her daily and report back to him personally afterwards. A month later, she returned home.

The following are first-hand accounts of this near fatal accident and resulting open miracle.

The Tragedy

Mushka's Classmates

We had just returned from a class trip to the United Nations. At approximately 4:00 PM, as we were leaving school and heading to the bus stop for home, Mushka noticed a teacher of ours, with whom she was close and who had been out of school for some time, and attempted to cross Bedford Avenue to greet her. A speeding van then drove through a red light, struck her, and fled the scene. Mushka was thrown several feet into the air before landing hard on the pavement, leaving her unconscious. Nearby was a fire station, and a fire truck arrived and rushed her to Kings County Hospital.



Mushka in 5732/1972

The Rebbe Instructs

Rabbi Leibel Groner, a"h, Member of the Rebbe's Secretariat

R. Dovid came into the secretariat and told me that his daughter was struck by a vehicle near Beis Rivkah and that she was in critical condition at Kings County Hospital. I told him to immediately write to the Rebbe.

He wrote in his *tzetel* [note]:

“I hereby consign, my daughter, Chaya Mushka bas Chava Elka, to the Rebbe, *shlita*; from now on, she is the Rebbe's daughter.”

“הנני מוסר את בתי [חי' מושקא בת חוה עלקא]
לכ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א שמעכשיו היא בתו של
כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א.”

At the earliest opportunity, I handed it to the Rebbe. After reading it, the Rebbe told me:

“You should contact Dr. [Robert] Richter [a surgeon who shared a close relationship with the Rebbe], and I would like to see him as soon as possible.”

I called Dr. Richter, and his secretary told me that he was in the middle of performing an operation. I told her to please tell him that Rabbi Groner called and it's urgent. A bit later he called me back, and I told him that the Rebbe must see him as soon as possible.

He worked nearby, at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, so a short while later he arrived at '770' and went straight into the Rebbe's room.

When he came out, he told me that the Rebbe told him that he wanted him to visit her daily and report back to him about her condition. He told the Rebbe that he's not a member at Kings County Hospital. To which the Rebbe answered (paraphrasing), “What difference does it make if you're a member or not, according to them, it's practically over.” The following night he came back to '770', and when I saw him, I was ready to go in to the Rebbe to inform him that he had arrived, but he insisted that he would speak with the Rebbe when the Rebbe was ready to go home. When the time came, the Rebbe opened the door, and he went in. He came out around ten or fifteen minutes later and told me that he informed the Rebbe of her condition, and the Rebbe thanked him.

When he came back on that Thursday night, he told me, upon leaving the Rebbe's room, that he could not believe what the Rebbe had just told him: “Tomorrow night, Shabbos, after you finish the Shabbos meal with your family, visit the hospital, and then come here to report.” The doctor, who was *shomer shabbos*, said to me, “Do you understand what the Rebbe is telling me?!”

This would continue for around a month; each evening he would come into the Rebbe and report on her condition. Around two weeks after the accident, Dr. Richter reported that her condition was improving. Four weeks later, I received a call at the office from a doctor at Kings County Hospital. He introduced himself as the first neurologist who had treated her, and he told me, “I am not Jewish, but I have to tell you, Rabbi Schneerson performed an open miracle here! Medically, we had nothing else we could've done for her. In about a week or



Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn NY



*Rabbi Leibel Groner, a"l, at work in the secretariat office.
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two, she'll be able to stand, and a week later this young lady will be able to walk out of this hospital on her own two feet!"

R. Dovid's *Panim*

The day following the tragic accident, R. Dovid penned the following heartfelt *pan* to the Rebbe:

B"H. 10 Adar II, 5733

Regarding my daughter, Chaya Mushka bas Chava Elka, I informed the secretariat several times about her condition. She is still in need of abundant mercy. The doctors say that her condition is now in the hands of G-d, Who heals the sick. I request the Rebbe's bracha for her that she be healthy in all aspects, soon, indeed...

Dovid ben Dreiza

ב"ה י' אדר שני תשל"ג

כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א

אודות בתי חי' מושקא תחי' בת חוה עלקא תחי' הודעתי היום כמה פעמים להמזכירות ממצבה. [היא] עדיין צריכה לרחמים רבים הרופאים אומרים שעכשיו ביד השי"ת שהוא הרופא חולים והנני מבקש ברכת כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א עבודה שתהי' בריאה בכל הפרטים ובקרוב ממש..

דוד בן דרויזא
ראסקין

Several days after the accident, and shortly before her 14th birthday, R. Dovid wrote to the Rebbe:

Please arouse abundant mercy for my precious daughter, Chaya Mushka bas Chava Elka, may she be well. On 16 Adar II, she will be turning fourteen years old, may she live long and healthy years. May G-d Almighty send her a full and speedy recovery, in the form of visible and revealed goodness, down in this world.

Money for the *pan*: \$120



R. Dovid handing a *pan* to the Rebbe, 27 Elul, 5739

פ"נ

כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א

אנא לעורר רחמים רבים עבור בתי היקרה חי' מושקא תחי' בת חוה עלקא תחי' תתמלאו לה אי"ה ט"ז אדר שני י"ד שנה לאורך ימים ושנים טובות שישלח לה השי"ת רפואה שלימה בקרוב ממש בטוב הנראה ונגלה למטה מעשרה טפחים.

דוד בן דרויזא
ראסקין

דמי פ"נ 120 דולר

Hospital Visits

R. Shimshon Stock, *a"h*, was a chossid and activist who was known to all for his exceptional kindness in the Crown Heights community and a longtime friend of Mushka's father, R. Dovid. He would visit Mushka daily, often spending many hours at the hospital. He would drive her classmates to the hospital regularly and had them make noise in the hope that she would wake up. One classmate vividly recalls Shimshon shaking Mushka's bed, pleading that she wake up...



R. Shimshon Stock a"h

His son, Benzion, and daughter, Chani, who was also a classmate of Mushka, relate: The doctors who were treating her told R. Dovid that her chances of survival were slim and even asked him to consider donating her organs, particularly the kidneys and eyes, to medical research.



*Beis Rivkah High School graduating class of 1976.
Mushka is standing on far left.*

Strength in Trying Times

*R. Shlomo Zarchi, Mashpia at Central Lubavitch Yeshiva - 770
and a relative of the Raskin family*

My wife and I would visit her in the hospital daily. Even in the most pressing and challenging of times, R. Dovid didn't lose himself.

I remember once during a visit at the hospital, her condition took a turn for the worse, and the doctors told R. Dovid that they didn't see a chance for a recovery, and it was only a short time until G-d forbid...

It was unbelievable how, at that desperate moment, R. Dovid kept his composure, picked up the phone, and called the mazkirus to request a brocha from the Rebbe.

During a Shabbos farbrengen while she was still in a critical condition, R. Dovid approached the Rebbe for a brocha for Mushka. The Rebbe responded that he shouldn't ask a brocha for her until she returns home.

On Purim, several days following the accident, while she was still in a coma, R. Shimshon Stock, had an idea to arrange a minyan of chassidim give the Rebbe a *pan* requesting a brocha for R. Dovid's daughter. He decided that three kohanim, Shimshon himself, R. Zelig Katzman, and I, would present the Rebbe with the *pan* while the rest of the minyan would stand nearby.



R. Shlomo Zarchi

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The Rebbe reads a *pan* at the entrance of his room. 10 Teves 5747

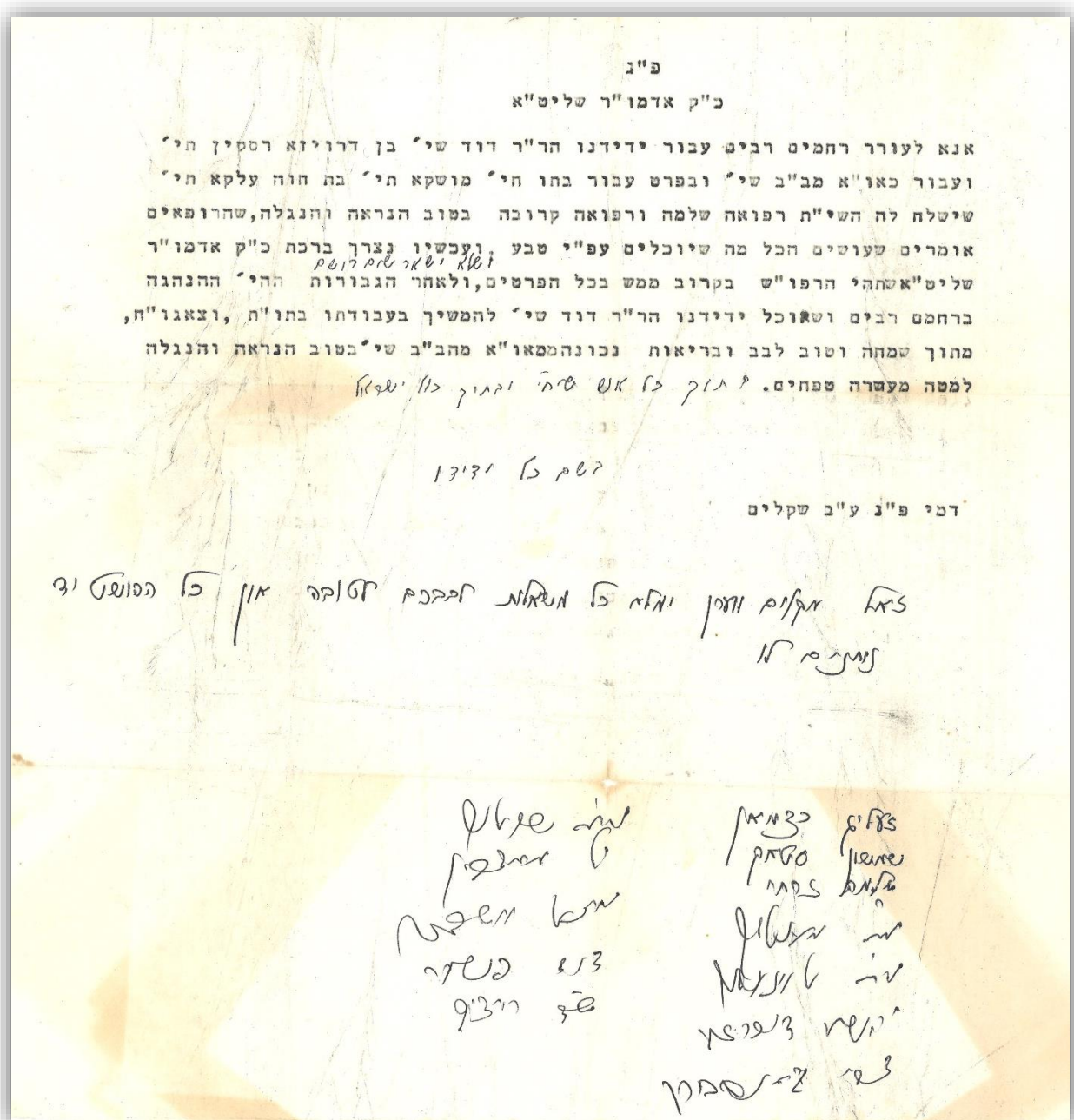
We stood by *Gan Eden Hatachton* [antechamber to the Rebbe's office] waiting for the Rebbe to come out for mincha. The Rebbe left his room and went to the shul without mentioning anything. Following mincha, we were still positioned there; the Rebbe then asked Rabbi Groner, "Why are they standing here?" He answered, "they're here to request a brocha for R. Dovid's daughter." We then presented the Rebbe with the *pan*. After reading the *pan* (see copy below), the Rebbe responded:

"It should be fulfilled that 'G-d will grant your heart's desire for good' (see Tehillim 20:6, 37:4) and 'to anyone who extends a hand, one should give'" (Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim 694:3 (with regard to the mitzva of *matanos l'evyonim* on Purim)).

"זאל מקוים ווערן ימלא ה' כל משאלות לבבכם לטובה און כל הפושט יד נותנים לו." (ראה תהילים כ' ו', ל"ז ד'. שו"ע או"ח רצ"ד סע' ג.)



R. Dovid approaching the Rebbe at a Farbrengen in the 5730's



Copy of the pan.
 The first three signatures are of the three kohanim mentioned;
 the others are the rest of the minyan (copied later by R. Dovid).

Please arouse abundant mercy for our colleague, R. Dovid ben Dreiza Raskin, and his entire family, particularly his daughter, Chaya Mushka bas Chava Elka. May G-d Almighty send her a full and speedy recovery, in the form of visible and revealed goodness. The doctors say that they are doing all that they can naturally, and now the Rebbe's brocha is needed for a full and speedy recovery, in all aspects, so that no trace remains, and, after this painful period, may there be an abundance of mercy, so that R. Dovid can continue his work in Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim and Lubavitch Youth Organization with joy and gladness of heart and good health for his entire household, in the form of goodness that is visible and revealed down in this world, among all Chassidim and all of the Jewish people.

Money for the *pan*: \$72 [equivalent to the Rebbe's years].

On behalf of all his colleagues,
Yehoshua Zelig Hakohen Katzman
Shimshon Hakohen Stock
Shlomo Hakohen Zarchi
Mordechai Mentlick
Yosef Menachem Mendel Tenenbaum
Yehoshua Dubrawsky
Tzvi Hirsh Gansburg
Menachem Mendel Shemtov
Yehuda Leib Mochkin
Michel Vishetsky
Shmuel Chaim Dovid Fischer
Shmuel Dovid Halevi Raichik

פ"נ

כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א

אנא לעורר רחמים רבים עבור ידידנו הר"ר דוד שי' בן דרויזא רסקין תי' ועבור כאו"א מב"ב שי' ובפרט עבור בתו חי' מושקא תי' בת חוה עלקא תי' שישלח לה השי"ת רפואה שלימה ורפואה קרובה בטוב הנראה והנגלה, שהרופאים אומרים שעושים הכל מה שיכולים עפ"י טבע ועכשיו נצרך ברכת כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א שתהי' הרפוא"ש בקרוב ממש בכל הפרטים ושלא ישאר שום רושם, ולאחר הגבורות תהי' ההנהגה ברחמים רבים ושיוכל ידידנו הר"ר דוד שי' להמשיך בעבודתו בתו"ת, וצאגו"ח, מתוך שמחה וטוב לבב ובריאות נכונה מכאו"א מהב"ב שי' הטוב הנראה והנגלה למטה מעשרה טפחים בתוך כל אנ"ש שיחי' ובתוך כלל ישראל.

דמי פ"נ ע"ב שקלים

בשם כל ידידו

יהושע זעליג הכהן כצמאן

שמשון הכהן סטאק

שלמה הכהן זרחי

מרדכי מענטליק

יוסף מ"מ טענענבוים

יהושע דובראווסקי

צבי הירש גאנזברג

מנחם מענדל שם-טוב

יהודא ליב מוצ'קין

מיכל וישצקי

שמואל חיים דוד פישר

שמואל דוד הלוי רייטשיק

You have a Rebbe, there are no problems!

Rabbi Yosef Gerlitzky, Head Shliach of Tel-Aviv, Israel

“That year on Purim or 11 Nissan, R. Dovid held a very emotional farbrengen with the yeshiva students at ‘770’, demanding of us, ‘What does it mean a bochur complains he has ‘problems’? You have a Rebbe; there are no problems!’ It was quite a sight to behold as he continuously repeated this. Everyone present understood quite well that he was essentially demanding this from himself... This left a strong impact on all those present, and on me personally, until this day.”



R. Dovid leading a farbrengen at 770

Improvements

Several days after Purim, Mushka's condition began taking a turn for the positive.

In the letter below from 21 Adar II, R. Dovid reports to the Rebbe about her improvement and the doctors' optimism for a recovery.

[Sunday,] 21 Adar II, 5733

Concerning my daughter Chaya Mushka bas Chava Elka's condition, she is still in need of tremendous mercy for a full and speedy recovery. I request the Rebbe's brocha for her.

Since Erev Shabbos, the doctors have seen no change, and Dr. Richter said so, as well. When my wife, Chava, and I visited her today, the doctors told me that she had opened her eyes slightly and attempted to lean forward as if to get up. They want to perform a spinal tap procedure on her, and were required to obtain parental consent beforehand. I told them [however] that I expect her to arise, and, furthermore, I would consult other doctors.

[א'] כ"א אדר שני תשל"ג

כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א

בקשר בתי חי' מושקא תחי בת חוה עלקא תחי עדיין במצב שצריכה רחמים רבים ורפואה קרובה ורפואה שלימה. ואבקש ברכת כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א עבודה.

מעש"ק וש"ק והיום לא ראו שינוי ניכר וגם הרופא ריכטער ג"כ אמר כן. היום בעת הביקור אצלה משעה 7-8 בקרתי ביחד עם זוגתי חוה עלקא תחי' בת אסתר. ודברו אלי פעם אחת הי' ניכר שינוי שפתחה מעט העיניים והרכינה בראשה באופן כמו שצריכה להשתדל לקום. הי' שם רופא על אתר אמר שבאם לא [חסר]

רוצים לעשות בדיקה הנק' SPINAL TAP, וע"ז צריכים רשות מההורים. אמרתי שהנני מקוה שתקום, ועוד הנני רוצה להתייעץ עם עוד רופאים.

Last Tuesday [16 Adar II – Mushka’s 14th Birthday], when there was a major change for the good as she opened her eyes, all of the doctors said that she would soon recuperate, meaning naturally, too, there ought to be a quick recovery. I ask the Rebbe’s brocha that very soon she should totally recuperate without any procedures, or the like, being necessary. May G-d send her a full and speedily recovery in all aspects, and may I be able to report good news, amidst joy and gladness of heart and true abundance.

Dovid ben Dreiza Raskin

ביום ג' העבר [ט"ז אדר-שני - יום הולדת הי"ד שלה] כשהי' שינוי גדול לטוב כפתחה העיניים כל הרופאים אמרו שבקרוב וועט זי קומען צו זיך והיינו שגם בטבע הי' צריך להיות הרפואה יותר מהיר. ואבקש ברכת כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א שבקרוב ממש זאל זי קומען צו זיך ובלי שום בדיקות וכו' וישלח לה השי"ת הרפואה שלימה והרפואה קרובה בכל הפרטים ושאוכל לבשר בשורות טובות מתוך שמחה טוב ומתוך הרחבה אמיתית.

דוד בן דרויזא
ראסקין

The Doctor's Perspective

Dr. Robert Richter, MD

*General Surgeon and former Associate Director of Surgery
at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital*

I was working at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital at the time when I received a phone call from Rabbi Groner. He told me that the Rebbe wanted to see me urgently. When I arrived, I went straight into the Rebbe's room. The Rebbe told me that Rabbi Dovid Raskin's daughter, Mushka, was hit by a vehicle and she was taken unconscious to the neurosurgical ICU at Kings County Hospital. The Rebbe asked me to go and see her, call her name and see if she responded, and then afterwards I should report back to him with as many details I could give.

I went to the hospital for about a half hour and spoke to the residents who were caring for her. They informed me that she was brain dead and they had little hope of recovery. (Based on the criteria we had at the time, they assumed she was brain dead. She was areflexic [no reflexes, which is a sign of severe brain injury], decerebrate [abnormal posture that is indicative of severe brain injury], and EEG [device that records electrical function of the brain] was flat lined [also indicating severe brain injury]).



*Dr. Richter receiving a matzah from the Rebbe, 14 Nissan, 5750 (1990)
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I came back the following night [Wednesday evening] and reported this to the Rebbe. The Rebbe told me then, without any hesitation, that he wants me to visit her daily and report back to him personally - no matter what time. I asked if Shabbos was included, and he said yes. (On Friday nights when I would pull up at 770, I had to keep my engine running and would ask a yeshiva bochur to watch my car in the meantime...).



The Rebbe
4 Shevat 5733 (1973)
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That meant to me that, if the Rebbe was having me do something that involved *sakanah* [a life-threatening matter], I was not simply acting as an informant for the Rebbe, but was acting as an agent for something directly related to her health. So I visited her daily (Shabbat and Sundays included), and I would go to her bedside and call out "Chaya Mushka," but there were no changes and she remained unconscious. I would report to the Rebbe daily, and he would tell me to continue what I was doing and call her name. This continued for approximately three weeks.

When I would update Rabbi Raskin on her condition, I never sensed any anxiety; it was as if he was expecting a complete recovery.

One day, when I called her name, she opened her eyes. She did not talk; she just looked at me. I got the goosebumps. I reported this to the Rebbe, and he told me that it would not be necessary to continue the daily visits. I then asked the Rebbe if he knew all along that she would recover. He made a twinkle with his eye, as if to say he surely did...

I personally did not think she would survive, and, if she would, she would not function normally. I have seen many traumatic brain injuries throughout my career, including fatal ones, and the injury to Mushka should've been fatal. This was a pure miracle of the Rebbe, and I had the great fortune to act as his *shliach*.

I did not see her until her wedding [in 1981].



Dr. and Mrs. Richter at Mushka's wedding, 1 Elul, 5741

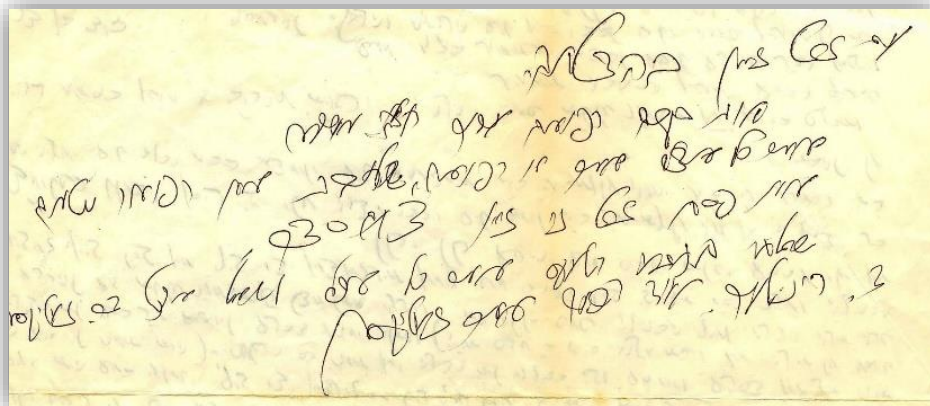
Faith and Full Recovery

On 28 Adar II, while Mushka was recovering in the hospital, R. Dovid, his wife Chava, and their son Yitzchok had a yechidus with the Rebbe on the occasion of Yitzchok's Bar Mitzvah which would take place a week later on 7 Nissan. Chava requested a brocha for a full recovery for Mushka, and the Rebbe responded:

"A speedily and full recovery and she will be [home] at the seder for Pesach."

"א רפואה קרובה און רפואה שלימה און פסח זאל זי זיין צום סדר."

(R. Dovid then asked the Rebbe's advice regarding a medical question. The Rebbe responded to ask Dr. [Avrohom Abba] Seligson, Dr. Richter, and repeated Dr. Seligson.)



Part of R. Dovid's transcript of the yechidus where he records the Rebbe's brocha

On Motzei Shabbos, 5 Nissan, 5733, Yosef Y. Borovisk, an Israeli student at '770' at the time, wrote to his parents:

"...Something extraordinary occurred here recently: a daughter of R. Dovid Raskin was involved in a terrible car accident and has been unconscious for three weeks. A minyan of chassidim presented the Rebbe with a *pan*, therein requesting that she have full and speedy recovery, and the Rebbe responded that there should be good news. On the Thursday after Purim, we heard that she had started to speak. Then, on a recent visit to her in the hospital, when R. Dovid recited the Modeh Ani prayer, she repeated it after him... (If this isn't yet known in Israel, don't publicize it)."

The following is part of a transcript (translated from Yiddish) from the recording of R. Dovid's speech at his son Yitzchok's Bar Mitzvah where he concludes by expressing his unwavering belief and best wishes for Mushka's recovery – 7 Nissan, 5733:

May G-d help that the chosson Bar-Mitzvah, his friends, and his family all be healthy, as the Rebbe has blessed. The Rebbe once said at a farbrengen, "When chassidim gather at a time of joy, there is a great joy Above." Since we recently experienced some painful incidents, there is no doubt that through the participation of everyone in our celebration,

will surely ease the pain, and the brochos of the Rebbe will surely bring an end to this [catastrophe].

May G-d help that we all should never hear of any hardships, and when something affects a family – and since all chassidim are one family – everyone will surely rejoice to eradicate any trace of sorrow.

May G-d help that very soon we merit to the coming of Moshiach, as the Rebbe often quotes [from the Gemara], "In Nissan they were redeemed [from Egypt] and in Nissan they will be redeemed [from their final exile]," may it indeed be very soon.



R. Dovid speaking at the Bar Mitzvah



R. Dovid celebrating with pure faith for Mushka's recovery

Following the Bar Mitzva, R. Dovid wrote a detailed report to the Rebbe about the simcha, concluding:

"My daughter Chaya Mushka bas Chava Elka, thank G-d, is steadily improving; still, however, she requires a feeding tube. The doctors are training her to eat normally. May Hashem help that she have a full and speedy recovery, leaving no trace, and there be no obstacle to her being home for Pesach in proper health..."

"...בתי חי' מושקא תחי' בת חוה עלקא תי' ב"ה מיום ליום נעשה יותר טוב, אבל עדיין עוד אוכלת ע"י הפייפ. מרגילים אותה לאכול בעצמה. ויעזור השי"ת וישלח לה רפואה שלימה ורפואה קרובה בלי שום רושם כלל וכלל.

ויעזור השי"ת שלא יהי' מניעות שתוכלה אי"ה להיות על פסח בבית מתוך בריאות נכונה..

The Rebbe responded:

Thanks for the good news; I will mention it at the Ohel.

ת"ח על הבשו"ט. אזכיר עה"צ.

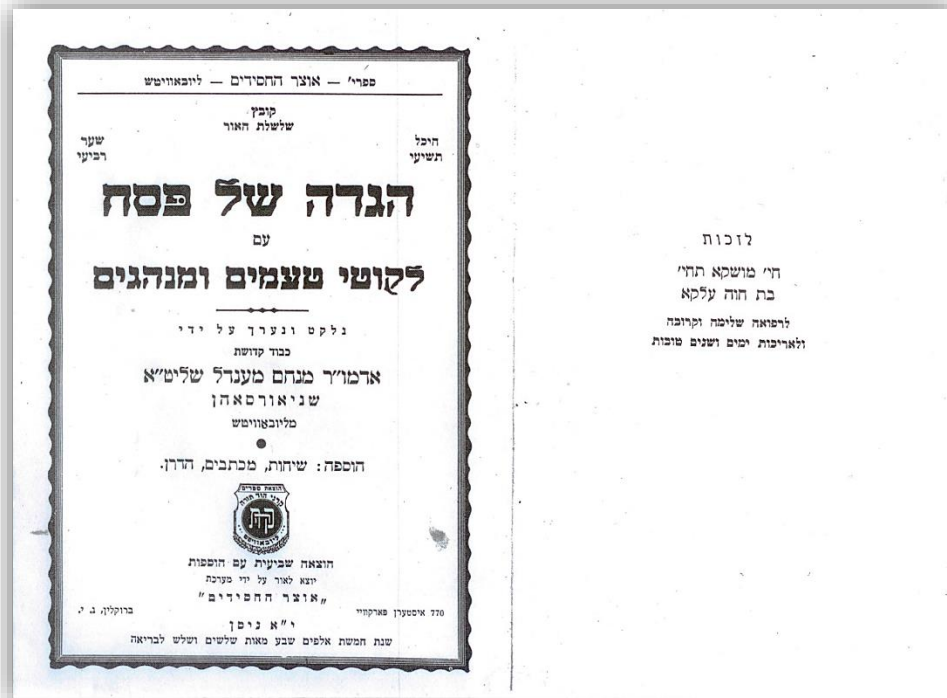
In Her Merit

R. Tzvi Hirsh (“Heske”) Gansburg, a”h, was a dear friend of R. Dovid and worked in a printing house, publishing many volumes of Chassidus. He also served on the executive board of Lubavitch Youth Organization (Tzach), which R. Dovid chaired. His children recall him going regularly with R. Shimshon Stock to visit the hospital.

In merit for a full and speedily recovery for Mushka, he dedicated the Kehot 5733 new edition of the Haggada for Pesach with the Rebbe’s commentary, which would include, for the first time, the Rebbe’s *michtovim klotim* which he sent out for Pesach and his edited sichos on the Haggada.



Siting aboard a brand new Tzach “Mitzva Tank”
Left to Right: R. Heske Gansburg,
Tzach supporter R. Avraham Parshan, R. Dovid



The 5733 edition of the Kehot Haggada with the Rebbe’s commentary,
printed in merit for a recovery for Mushka.

Home at Last

Besides for a scar on her lower right leg from the hit of the vehicle, Mushka did not sustain any permanent damage from the accident. Indeed, as the Rebbe assured, on Erev Pesach (April 16th), she was discharged from the hospital and returned home.

New York City Health & Hospitals Corp. Bill

The Following Information Should Appear On All Correspondence Regarding This Bill

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 NYCH & H Corp. Case No. 538-11521-73

TO THE AMOUNT OF \$ 877.53
 AND REMIT TO: LIABILITY UNIT
 POST OFFICE BOX 6918
 CHURCH ST. STATION
 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10249
 CANCEL 5-29-74 bill
 BILL DATE: March 9, 1976

CORRECTED BILLING

Muska Reskin
 634- Montgomery St.
 Brooklyn, N.Y.

SEPARATE STUB AND ENCLOSE IT WITH PAYMENT TO INSURE PROPER CREDIT

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FOR INSTITUTIONAL CARE PROVIDED

TO Reskin, Muska
 AT Kings County - 538
 FROM 3-13-73 TO 4-16-73

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A medical bill from Kings County Hospital recording Mushka's stay

Two months after she returned home, in a letter dated 27 Sivan, 5733, R. Dovid wrote to the Rebbe:

"[The condition of] my daughter Chaya Mushka, may she be well, thank G-d, is improving day-to-day. On the third of Tammuz, they will perform an X-ray on her leg in order to know whether she will be able to walk straight. We don't know yet whether she'll be able to attend summer camp for the first trip, though I expect that she will attend for the second, or at least for the third."



The Rebbe exiting the Shul after addressing N'shei Chabad 27 Elul 5740 (1980) JEM/The Living Archive 188952

This past Sunday, she was present when the Rebbe addressed the staff of the girls' summer camps. When the Rebbe was exiting the Shul, he made a gesture of encouragement to her, which raised her spirits extraordinarily."

"..בתי חי' מושקא תי', ב"ה מיום ליום שינוים לטוב, וצריכה בג' תמוז לעשות עוד תמונה מהרגל כדי לידע אם יכולה לילך ישר. ועדיין אינה יכולה לנסוע למחנה קיץ ואקוה שתוכל לנסוע על מחזור ב' ולפחות על מחזור ג'.

ביום א' העבר כשדיבר כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א

להמדריכות היא ג"כ היתה. כשיצא כ"ק אדמו"ר שליט"א מהבמ"ד עשה בידיו הק' לה. זה גרם לה הרבה שמחה וטוב לבב."

Mushka lived for another 30 years. She married and had six children. She always referred to herself as the Rebbe's child, and in that vein, was truly his devoted chossid, and an exemplar of emunah and bitachon in Hashem - a trait which she imparted to her family and the many women she affected as an active member of N'shei Chabad in Philadelphia. On the 14th of Teves, 5764 (January 8, 2004), at the age of 44, after a lengthy illness, she returned her pure soul to her Maker.



Mushka with her walker. Summer 5733.

As we share this miracle of the Rebbe, may it inspire us to follow in his ways and to strengthen our bond with him, until we merit to the fulfillment of the *possuk*, "Those who lie in the dust will rise and sing", with the coming of *Moshiach Tzidkainu*, may it be very soon.

תהא נשמתה צרורה בצרור החיים

May her soul be bound up in the bond of life.

In the Rebbe's Presence

Below are photographs of Mushka with the Rebbe on various occasions



Mushka (wearing red scarf) passes the Rebbe on one of two rare occasions when the Rebbe personally distributed dollars to women at the end of a Farbrengen. Purim Katan 5738 (1978).



Mushka receiving a roll of coins from the Rebbe 27 Tishrei, 5744. JEM/The Living Archive 197974



Mushka receiving a dollar from the Rebbe with her son, Yaakov, as her father, R. Dovid, looks on. 19 Av, 5749

Letters from the Rebbe

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הרה"ח אי"א נו"נ מלאכתו
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מוה' דוד ש"י

שלום וברכה!

במענה על הודעתו אשר נולדה
להם בת למזל טוב ונקרא שמה בישראל הי"י מושקא
שהליט"א,

הנה יה"ר מהשי"ח שיגדלה ביהוד
עם זוג' הי' ואח כל ילדיהם שיחיו לחורא ולחופא
ולמעשים טובים סחוך הרחבה.

י"דוע מכ"ק אדמו"ר (מוהרש"ב) נ"ע,
אשר מנהגנו הוא לאמר גם בלידה בה לחנה ולחופא
ולמעשים טובים, ע"פ מרז"ל (ברכות יז"א) נשים
במאי זכין באקרוי"כ כו' באחנוי"כ כו' ונטרין כו'

בברכה מזל טוב ולחנה חנה
ולחופא ירה קיימה

The Rebbe's letter to R. Dovid on the occasion of her birth. The Rebbe concludes the letter, "May you always share good tidings, and much success in your holy work."

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חי' מושקא הי'

ברכה ושלום!

במענה למכתבה מר"ח אדר בו כוחבה
אשר הגיע בקרוב לגיל שנים עשרה שנה, היא
עונת בה מצוה,

הנה יהי רצון שחקבל עליך עול מלכות
שמים ועול מצוה בלבב שלם, והשם יחברך יצליחך
בלימודך ובהנהגה ותגדלי להיות ראוי' לשם בה
חב"ד, מהאימה לרצון נשיאנו הקדושים זצוקלה"ה
נבג"מ זי"ע,

ותשפיע גם על החבירות הי' שלך בזה,
בדבור ועוד יותר - על ידי היותך דוגמא הי' של
בת ישראל המחזקת בדרכי החסידות.

וזה יביא לך אושר רוחני וגשמי.

בברכה

The Rebbe's letter to her on the occasion of her Bas Mitzvah

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שלום וברכה!

במענה על ההודעה מקביעות זמן חתונה
בחם מרת חי' מושקא חי' עם ב"ג האברן מוה'
יעודה דוד שי' ליום בדר"ח אלול הבע"ל,

הנני בזה להביע ברכתי ברכת מזל טוב
מזל טוב ושתהי' בשעה טובה ומוצלחה ויבנו
בית בישראל בנין עדי עד על יסודי התורה
והמצוה כפי שהם מוארים במאור שבתורה זוהי
הורת החסידות.

ויררו מהם ומכל יו"ח שי' רוב נחת
יהודי אמיתי חסידותי.

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חי' מושקא חי' למזל טוב ונקרא שמה בישראל נחמה
דינה חי'.

הנה יה"ר מהשי"ת שהורי' שי' יגדלוה לתורה
ולחופה ולמעשים טובים מהוך הרחבה.

ויררו מהם ומכל יו"ח שי' רוב נחת יהודי
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The Rebbe's letter to R. Dovid
on the occasion of her marriage

The Rebbe's letter to R. Dovid
on the occasion of the birth of her first daughter

לע"נ

אמנו היקרה

מרת חי' מושקא

בת הרה"ת ר' דוד ע"ה

פירסאן

נלב"ע י"ד טבת ה'תשס"ד

ת' נ' צ' ב' ה'

לזכות

הרה"ת ר' שלמה הכהן בן ליובא מיכלא

לרפואה שלימה וקרובה

ולאריכות ימים ושנים טובות

בתוך שאר חולי ישראל