



# MEMENTO

From The Wedding Of  
Schneur & Mussie Deren  
2 Elul 5785





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## FOREWORD

With profound thanks to Hashem, we mark the joyous occasion of the marriage of Schneur and Mussie.

It is our joy to share this memento with you – our dear friends and family – who have honored us with your presence.

Included within are:

1. A previously unseen picture of the Rebbe, circa 5735-5737.
2. A selection of English letters from the Rebbe, most never before published. Some are carbon copies and therefore lack the Rebbe’s letterhead and signature. (Several letters were provided by the Rebbe Responsa App, a treasury of thousands of the Rebbe’s original English letters. The app is available on the App Store or Play Store.)
3. A brief biography of R. Boruch Schneur Schneerson, the Rebbe’s grandfather and namesake of the groom.
4. A telegram the Rebbetzin sent to the Kallah’s grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Galperin, in honor of their wedding.
5. Newly released documents from the immigration files of the Rebbe and Rebbetzin.

On the reverse side, we have reproduced several letters from the Rebbe addressed to members of the Deren and Wolf families.

May this joyous occasion hasten the ultimate joy – the coming of Moshiach, speedily in our days.

With the blessing of *kesiva vachasima tova*,

*The Deren and Wolf Families*



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A previously unpublished photo of the Rebbe receiving an Aliyah on a summer fast day.



Circa 5735-5737 (1975-1977)

## An Everlasting Edifice

By the Grace of G-d  
9th of Adar, 5716  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Miss Aviva Kaploun  
429 Inkerman Street  
E. St. Kilda, Vic.  
Australia.

### Blessing and Greeting:

Your grandfather, Mr. Moshe Zalmen Feiglin, has informed me of your forthcoming marriage to Mr. Dov Oberman on the 25th of Adar. I send you and your chosen one my prayerful wishes that your marriage take place in a happy and auspicious hour and that you set up a truly Jewish home, based on the foundations of Torah and Mitzvoth, which is a happy home, both materially and spiritually.

A marriage, in Jewish life, is likened to an edifice, and the traditional blessing is that it be a "Binyan adei-ad" - an everlasting edifice.

To make a building durable and weather-proof, to withstand any kind of weather and storm, the essential thing is to make sure that the foundations are solid and that the material of the structure is of the best; external beauty, or the opinion of passers-by, are of no consideration where the durability and permanency of the entire structure are concerned.

The foundations and essential material of which a Jewish home is built - are the Torah and Mitzvoth; only this kind of Jewish home has proved an "everlasting edifice" and "weather-proof" throughout the generations. It is a truly happy and harmonious Jewish home. Knowing of your family and background, I am sure that this kind of home will also be yours.

Please convey my best wishes to your parents of Mazzaltov and real Yiddish Nachas.

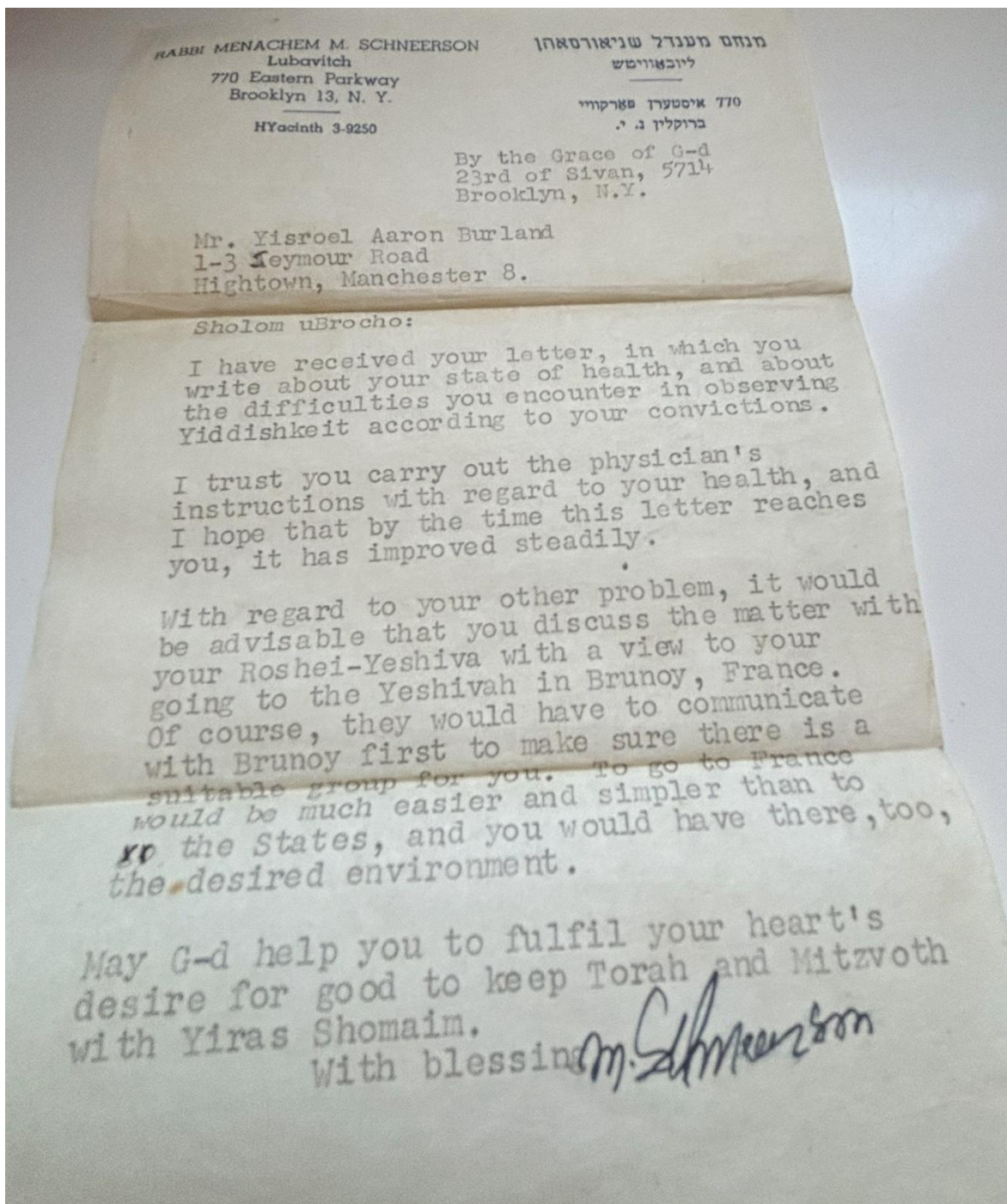
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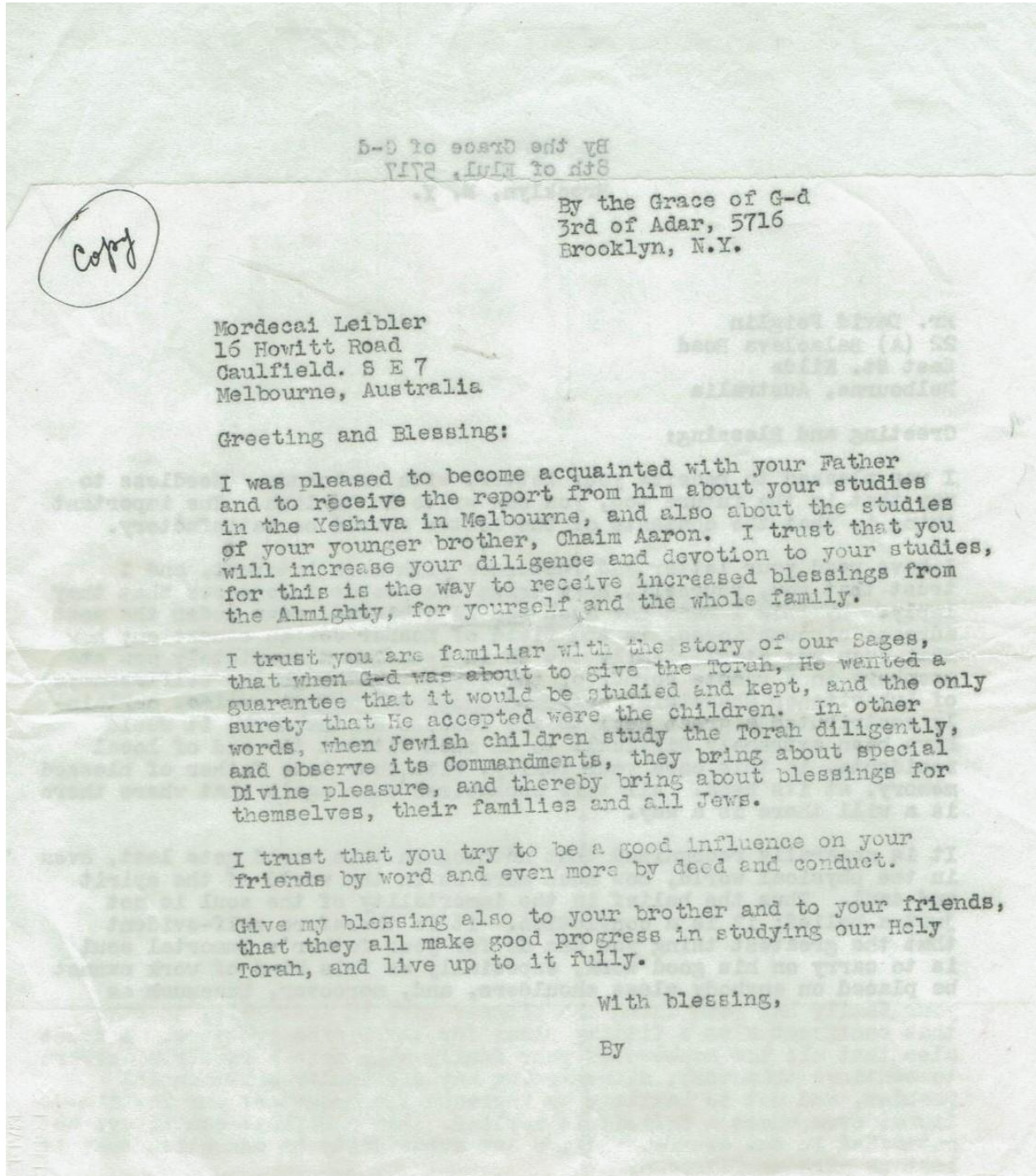
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### Guidance to a Young Student





## Letter to a Child



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Strengthening Orthodox Tradition

By the Grace of G-d  
In the Days of Selichoth,  
5727 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dr. M. Perl  
Pasteur House  
32 Collins St.  
Melbourne, Australia

Greeting and Blessings:

I was pleased to receive your letter of September 8th,  
as well as personal regards, through Rabbi Zalman Serebransky.

I was particularly gratified to note that although, as  
you write, you and your wife are third generation Australian  
born Jews, you have preserved the orthodox tradition of your  
parents and family, despite the fact that for many years,  
and until fairly recently, Australia has by no means been a  
center of Jewish life and tradition. It confirms the state-  
ment of our Sages of blessed memory that, "The heart of a  
Jew is always awake." I trust that, as in the case of all  
good things, where there is always room for improvement,  
you and your wife and children will not only do your utmost  
to preserve this fine tradition of your family, but will  
even strengthen it, and it will be reflected in a growing  
devotion and adherence to the Torah and Mitzvoth in the daily  
life. This is particularly important in the case of a  
doctor, and it is surely unnecessary to emphasize to you at  
length that the physical and spiritual health go hand in  
hand together.

May G-d grant the fulfillment of your heart's desires  
for good, especially in your determination, as you write,  
to do your best to uphold that tradition, and may you go  
from strength to strength.

At this time before Rosh Hashono, the beginning of the  
New Year, may it bring blessings to us all, I send you and  
all yours my prayerful wishes for a good and happy year,  
materially and spiritually.

With the traditional blessing of Kesivo vaChasimo Tovo,

Cordially,



## A Chanukah Lesson

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ברוקלין, נ. י.

By the Grace of G-d  
Rosh Chodesh Kislev, 5736  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

To All Participants in the Dedication of  
The Chabad House in Amherst, Mass.

### Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to be informed of the forthcoming Dedication of the new home of the Chabad House, taking place on the fifth of this month of Kislev. The date particularly underscores the timeliness and auspiciousness of the event, since it is taking place in the month which is highlighted by Chanukah, the Festival of Dedication of the Beth Hamikdosh.

Chanukah commemorates the miraculous victory of our people over the forces of darkness and assimilation that had threatened to extinguish the light of Torah and Mitzvos. It also reminds us that this victory was won by a few, but totally dedicated, Jews, and that the victory was celebrated by kindling lights in the Sanctuary with pure, undefiled oil, which gave us the meaningful Mitzva of the Chanukah Lights.

Our Sages of blessed memory say of these lights of Chanukah: "These lights shall endure and shine forever." For, whereas the seven-branched Menorah was lit only in the Beth Hamikdosh, and as long as the Beth Hamikdosh was in existence, and after that remained in effect only in a spiritual way -- the miracle of Chanukah is exemplified and celebrated in a visible way, through lighting the eternal Chanukah Lights ever since, both in the Holy Land and in the Diaspora, and in every Jewish home.

A Jew is expected to learn something useful and practical from all events; how much more so from such a major historical event which has given rise to the eternal festival of Chanukah.

One of the lessons of Chanukah (as emphasized in the Chanukah prayer v'al hanissim) is that although Jews are greatly outnumbered and disadvantaged physically ("few" and "weak" against the "many" and "mighty"), they come out victorious when they are "committed to G-d's Torah" and are "Tzadikim." In other words, it is our spiritual strength that counts - even in areas where physical superiority is usually decisive.

A further lesson is that Jewish strength begins at home, which is the abode of Divine Presence in an individual sense, very much as the Beth Hamikdosh in Jerusalem was in a collective sense. This was al-

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ready indicated in the Divine command, "Let them make Me a Sanctuary that I may dwell among them" - within each Jewish home and Jewish heart. This is also why ~~it is not enough to kindle the Chanukah Lights in Shul and public places, but they~~ must be kindled in every Jewish home. Moreover, the time of the kindling of the Chanukah Lights is "when the sun sets"; - when "darkness" falls outside, that is the time light up our homes with these sacred lights, symbolizing the light of Torah and Mitzvos, the life and strength of our people, of the individual Jew as well as of the Jewish nation. While the place of the Chanukah Lights - to be seen also outside - further indicates that the Torah and Mitzvos must not be confined within the walls of the home, but that their light must illuminate also the outside.

Yet another important lesson must be mentioned, namely, that however satisfactory the observance of Torah and Mitzvos may be at any day, a Jew is expected to do better the next day, and still better the day after, for all matters of Torah and Mitzvos are infinite, being derived from and connected with the Infinite. This, too, is underscored by the Chanukah Lights. For, although lighting one candle the first night of Chanukah is all that is required to fulfil the Mitzva to perfection, the next night of Chanukah calls for an additional light, and when another day passes, it is necessary to light one more, and so on, increasing the light from day to day.

Needless to say, the above practical lessons which are basic to Chanukah as to the Jewish way in general, are the basic principles of the Chabad House and the moving spirit that pervades all its dedicated activities for spreading the light of Yiddishkeit in an ever growing measure.

I am confident that with the fullest cooperation of all friends and of all who are aware of the vital need to preserve and perpetuate our sacred Jewish heritage, the Chabad House in Amherst will go from strength to strength in kindling ever more lights and torch-bearers of Torah-Judaism, who will in turn kindle further lights in an endless "chain reaction."

With blessing for Hatzlocho and  
Good tidings

*M. Schneurson*

## Thank You for Birthday Wishes

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By the Grace of G-d  
25th of Nissan, 5737  
13th of April, 1977  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Honorable Michael S. Dukakis  
Governor of Massachusetts  
Office of the Governor  
Boston, Massachusetts

### Greeting and Blessing:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your message of greetings and felicitations on the occasion of my recent birthday as expressed in your very kind Proclamation. Please be assured of my sincere appreciation.

Your warm sentiments are particularly welcome and meaningful in view of the fact that your great State hosts a regional office of our movement conducting educational and religious activities which are so vital in the present day and age.

In behalf of our movement, therefore, no less than in my own behalf, I prayerfully reciprocate your good wishes by reiterating the Divine Promise given to our Patriarch Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee." Accordingly, may you and all the good citizens of your State enjoy G-d's blessings in a generous measure, materially and spiritually.

With blessing,

Cordially yours *M. Schneerson*



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### R. Boruch Schneur Schneerson

*Presented here is a brief biography of the life and times of R. Boruch Schneur Schneerson, the paternal grandfather of the Rebbe, after whom the groom is named.*

#### Childhood

On Shabbos Parshas Pinchas, the 24<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz, 5613 (July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1853), a son was born to R. Levi Yitzchok and Rebbetzin Sima Schneerson. He was named Schneur Zalman (the name Boruch was added later, see further in the section The Wedding),<sup>1</sup> presumably after his illustrious ancestor, R. Schneur Zalman of Liadi, the first Rebbe of Chabad. R. Levi Yitzchok was the son of R. Boruch Shalom, the oldest son of the Tzemach Tzedek, the third Rebbe of Chabad.

R. Boruch Schneur was one of four children; he had two brothers, Avrohom and Menachem Mendel, and a sister, referenced solely by the initials 'Tzaddik Zayin', her full name unrecorded in surviving sources. The family lived in Podobronka, a small, fully Jewish town in the Mogilev region (today Belarus), where R. Levi Yitzchok served as the rabbi.

R. Boruch Schneur recalled some of his visits to his great grandparents, the Tzemach Tzedek and his wife, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka. "Each Shabbos, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka would sit on a simple wooden bench and recite *Tehillim*. Several times, I wished her 'Bobbe, Good Shabbos!' and she gave me honey cake from the pocket that was tied on top of her white, silk apron."<sup>2</sup>



*R. Mendel Schneerson, youngest brother of  
R. Boruch Schneur*

"One Erev Yom Kippur, two hours after midday, I received a blessing from the Tzemach Tzedek. I was alone, and prior to the blessing, he asked who I was. I told him that I was the grandson of his son 'Rabash' (R. Boruch Shalom). He then placed both of his holy hands on my head and recited the priestly blessing.

"On Erev Rosh Hashana, 5626, the year prior to the Tzemach Tzedek's passing, I went with my grandmother Rebbetzin Radzia, my mother Sima, my sister, and my brother Avrohom and stood at the entrance to his room. My grandmother wished him good Yom Tov and asked him to bless us. 'I

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<sup>1</sup> See Toldos Chabad BeRussia Hatzaris p. 168-169.

<sup>2</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 76.



*The Tzemach Tzedek*

am unable to give blessings,' he replied, 'but I will bless you (as follows): G-d should grant you a *Gmar Chasima Tova* (a good final sealing in the Book of Life) and a sweet year.'"<sup>3</sup>

Just three months before R. Boruch Schneur's *Bar Mitzvah*, the Tzemach Tzedek passed away. He was succeeded by his youngest son, R. Shmuel, known as the Rebbe Maharash. Around a year later, R. Boruch Shalom, the grandfather of R. Boruch Schneur, passed away, and was buried near his father.<sup>4</sup> R. Boruch Schneur was a *Chassid* of the Rebbe Maharash, and received personal guidance from him on several occasions. One instruction was that he immerse himself in the *Mikvah* each day, and R. Boruch Schneur later testified that for over two years straight he didn't miss a

day, including in the winter when the stairs of the *Mikvah* were icy due to the frigid temperatures.<sup>5</sup>

R. Boruch Schneur was known as a great *Talmid Chacham* (Torah scholar). He had a phenomenal memory and was said to know the entire Talmud by heart.<sup>6</sup> He also had a pleasant voice and was a talented *Chazzan*<sup>7</sup> and skilled *Baal Korei* (Torah reader).<sup>8</sup> He was, in general, of a cheerful disposition and his lips bore a constant smile.

### The Wedding

During the first week of Teves, 5631 (the final week of the year 1870), R. Boruch Schneur married Zelda Rochel Chaikin, the daughter of the affluent *Chassid* R. Schneur Zalman Chaikin. It is presumed that the name Boruch was appended at that time, in accordance with the instruction of R. Yehuda HaChassid, cautioning against shared names between father-in-law and son-in-law. Henceforth, he was known as Boruch Schneur.

The Shabbos before the wedding, *Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz*, the *ufrufenish* was celebrated in R. Levi Yitzchok's *shul* in Podobronka. The Rebbe Maharash was present at the time and delivered a *maamer* (a Chassidic discourse) relating to the topic of marriage. The wedding took place in Podobronka, where both the Schneerson and Chaikin families resided.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 78.

<sup>4</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 66.

<sup>5</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 100.

<sup>6</sup> Toldos Levi Yitzchok vol. 1 p. 46.

<sup>7</sup> See Reshimos Harabash p. 18, 19, 153.

<sup>8</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 132-134.

<sup>9</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 79.

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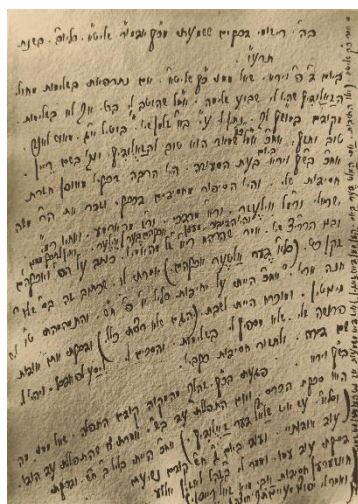
Following the wedding, it was suggested to R. Boruch Schneur to enter the Rabbinate. The Rebbe Maharash was highly supportive of this and said that he'd arrange a position for him. R. Boruch Schneur went to speak to the famed R. Yitzchok Elchonon Spektor. Following three hours of learned exchange, R. Yitzchok Elchonon extended his approbation to R. Boruch Schneur.<sup>10</sup> Ultimately, he made his home in Podobranka, where he dwelled until his final days.

### In Lubavitch

R. Boruch Schneur was a frequent visitor to Lubavitch. After the passing of the Rebbe Maharash, he became a devoted chassid of his son, the Rebbe Rashab (R. Sholom Dovber). During his visits, he would often eat together with the Rebbe Rashab and meticulously recorded their conversations. These writings reveal the closeness between them and remain the primary record of R. Boruch Schneur's life.



*The Rebbe Rashab*



*A page of his diary*

In a letter to the Rebbe, the Previous Rebbe writes:<sup>11</sup> Your grandfather, the Chassid R. Boruch Schneur, would come to Lubavitch throughout the year, at various times. He would mainly come for Shavuos, and he used to say, "*Ich bin a Shvuos'diker*" (loosely, I come for Shavuos). Even though it transpired that he came other times as well, Shavuos was his fixed time.

R. Yehuda Chitrik recalled that there were years when R. Baruch Schneur arrived in Lubavitch in the month of Elul and remained until Chanukah. They stayed in the same home, and R. Yehuda described how different *Chassidim* would come to speak to R. Boruch Schneur.<sup>12</sup> He also described how, for the entire night of Shavuos, R. Boruch Schneur paced in his room, reviewing the *maamer* (Chassidic discourse) the Rebbe Rashab had said that night.<sup>13</sup>

R. Boruch Schneur would review *maamarim* publicly, particularly on Shabbos and Yom Tov. Although he was proficient in many of the printed books and unpublished manuscripts of Chassidus, he regularly reviewed the *maamarim* that he himself had heard while in Lubavitch. At times, he would reward the listeners by sharing something he had heard privately from the Rebbe Rashab.

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<sup>10</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 81.

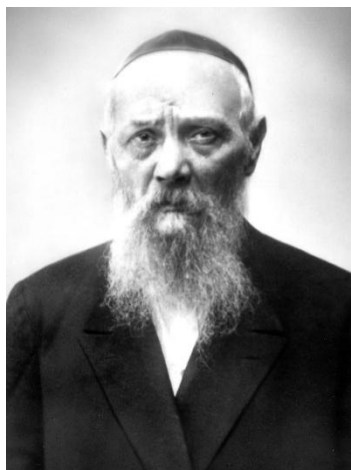
<sup>11</sup> Igros Kodesh vol. 3 p. 408.

<sup>12</sup> Reshimos Devarim p. 360.

<sup>13</sup> Reshimos Devarim p. 178.



### Family



*R. Levi Yitzchok Schneerson*

R. Boruch Schneur and Rebbetzin Zelda Rochel had four children. The oldest, a daughter, was named Radzia Sima after R. Boruch Schneur's grandmother and mother, respectively. Roda Sima later married a member of the Kazatchkov family and lived in Podobranka,<sup>14</sup> where she ran a store.<sup>15</sup>

Their second child, a boy, born on the 18th of Nissan 5638 (1878) was named Levi Yitzchok, after R. Boruch Schneur's father who had tragically passed away several months earlier at the age of 44.<sup>16</sup> R. Levi Yitzchok excelled in his studies, and the Rebbe Rashab suggested he marry Chana Yanovsky, daughter of the revered *Chassid* R. Meir Shlomo Halevi Yanovsky.

Rebbetzin Chana fondly recalled her first visit to Podobranka shortly after her wedding. She shared that R. Boruch Schneur lived in a large home that his father-in-law built for him, and was proud of the blessing she received from her husband's grandfather, R. Zalman Chaikin.<sup>17</sup>

The two youngest sons were R. Sholom Shlomo and R. Shmuel.

R. Sholom Shlomo would marry Rochel, daughter of the illustrious Chassid R. Dovid Tzvi Chein, widely known as the Radatz. Their only child, Sheina Zelda, bore the name of Rebbetzin Zelda Rochel and would one day rise to prominence as the acclaimed Israeli poet Zelda Schneerson-Mishkovsky.

R. Shmuel married another daughter of R. Meir Sholom Halevi Yanovsky, Miriam Gittel. R. Shmuel and Rebbetzin Gittel had one son, also named Menachem Mendel.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of Nissan 5662 (1902), R. Levi Yitzchok and Rebbetzin Chana's first child was born. This child, named Menachem Mendel for his ancestor the Tzemach Tzedek, would later become the Lubavitcher Rebbe. R. Boruch Schneur traveled to Nikolaev and was present at the Bris.<sup>18</sup> Throughout the years, he continued visiting the family, which grew to include another two sons, R. Dovber *HYD* and R. Yisroel Aryeh Leib.<sup>19</sup>



*R. Shmuel Schneerson*

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<sup>14</sup> Igros Kodesh vol. 2 p. 272.

<sup>15</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 141.

<sup>16</sup> Beis Rebbe pt.3 chapter 8.

<sup>17</sup> Di Yiddishe Heim Vol. 4 No. 3 (14) p. 8.

<sup>18</sup> Yemei Melech vol. 1 p. 112.

<sup>19</sup> See Reshimos Harabash p. 67-68.

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HORAV LEVI YITZCHOK SCHNEERSON

The twentieth day in the month of Av marks the yahrzeit of Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Schneerson (may his merits protect us), the illustrious father of the contemporary Lubavitcher Rebbe, Shlita. Reb Levi Yitzchok was born in 5638 (1878) in Russia. His father, Reb Boruch Shalom o.b.m., was a direct descendant of the Tzemach Tzedek, the third Chabad Rebbe, זצ"ל, Reb Levi Yitzchok's unusual

*The Rebbe corrects his grandfather's name in an article about his father*

During his conversations with the Rebbe Rashab, R. Boruch Schneur often spoke about his children and grandchildren. One noteworthy conversation took place shortly before his grandson, the Rebbe, began putting on *Tefillin*. R.

Boruch Schneur told the Rebbe Rashab that his grandson excelled in his studies and asked for a blessing on his behalf.<sup>20</sup> Three weeks before the *Bar Mitzvah*, R. Boruch Schneur took leave from Lubavitch, and the Rebbe Rashab again blessed the *Bar Mitzvah* boy. He also asked R. Boruch Schneur to send his regards to his son R. Levi Yitzchok, perhaps indicating that R. Boruch Schneur was planning to attend the *Bar Mitzvah*.<sup>21</sup>

### Second Marriage

R. Boruch Schneur was predeceased by his wife, Rebbetzin Zelda Rochel.<sup>22</sup> Several years after her passing, during his visit to Lubavitch in the year 5673 (1912), R. Boruch Schneur's great aunt, Rebbetzin Rivkah—wife of the Rebbe Maharash—proposed a *shidduch* with a relative named Rivkah Devorah.<sup>23</sup> The match received the blessing of the Rebbe Rashab, and on Tuesday night, the 19th of Cheshvan, the wedding was held.<sup>24</sup> The festive meal was prepared by Rebbetzin Rivkah herself.<sup>25</sup>

### His Passing

R. Boruch Schneur continued to travel to the Rebbe Rashab, and later to his son R. Yosef Yitzchok Schneerson, the Previous Rebbe, even as his health declined. For the month of Tishrei 5685 (1924), he journeyed to Leningrad to spend the holidays there. R. Berke Chein traveled with R. Boruch Schneur and described that for the full duration of the trip, which took twelve hours, R. Boruch Schneur did not cease to speak words of Torah and Chassidus by heart, amazing all those present.

It is worth noting that the Rebbe was also in Leningrad for part of that month, and this may have been the last time the Rebbe saw his grandfather. While there, the Previous Rebbe asked that R. Boruch

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<sup>20</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 130.

<sup>21</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 142.

<sup>22</sup> When R. Shmuel Schneerson was questioned by the NKVD about his mother, he said that she passed away in the year 5668 (1908). However, throughout the interrogation, R. Shmuel provided several inaccurate dates. Coupled with the fact that Gita, daughter of Roda Sima Kazatchkov related that she traveled together with her grandmother later than that year, it's possible she passed away a year or two after the provided date.

<sup>23</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 52, 58.

<sup>24</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 54.

<sup>25</sup> Reshimos Harabash p. 58.

In his calendar, the Rebbe marked the 29<sup>th</sup> of Teves as his grandfather's *yahrzeit*. In the NKVD file of R. Boruch Schneur's son, R. Shmuel, the year of his passing is recorded in 5686 (1926),<sup>26</sup> when R. Boruch Schneur was 72. May his memory be a blessing.

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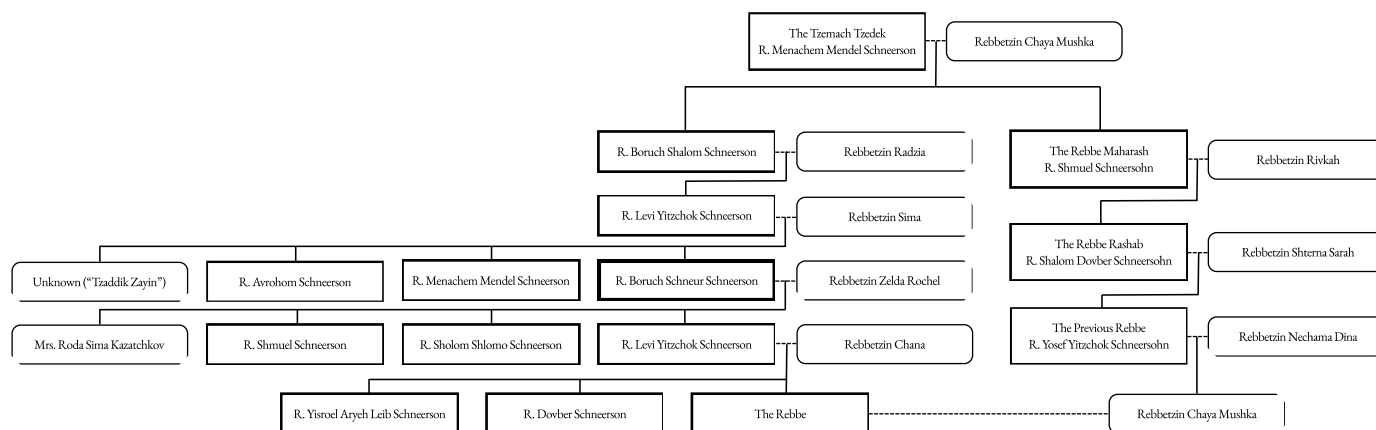
*In a paragraph about his father's yahrzeit, the Rebbe added that R. Levi Yitzchok was “the son of the Chassid etc. R. Boruch Schneur the son the Chassid etc. R. Levi Yitzchok the son the Chassid etc. R. Boruch Shalom the oldest son” of the Tzemach Tzedek.*

<sup>26</sup> See fn. 21.

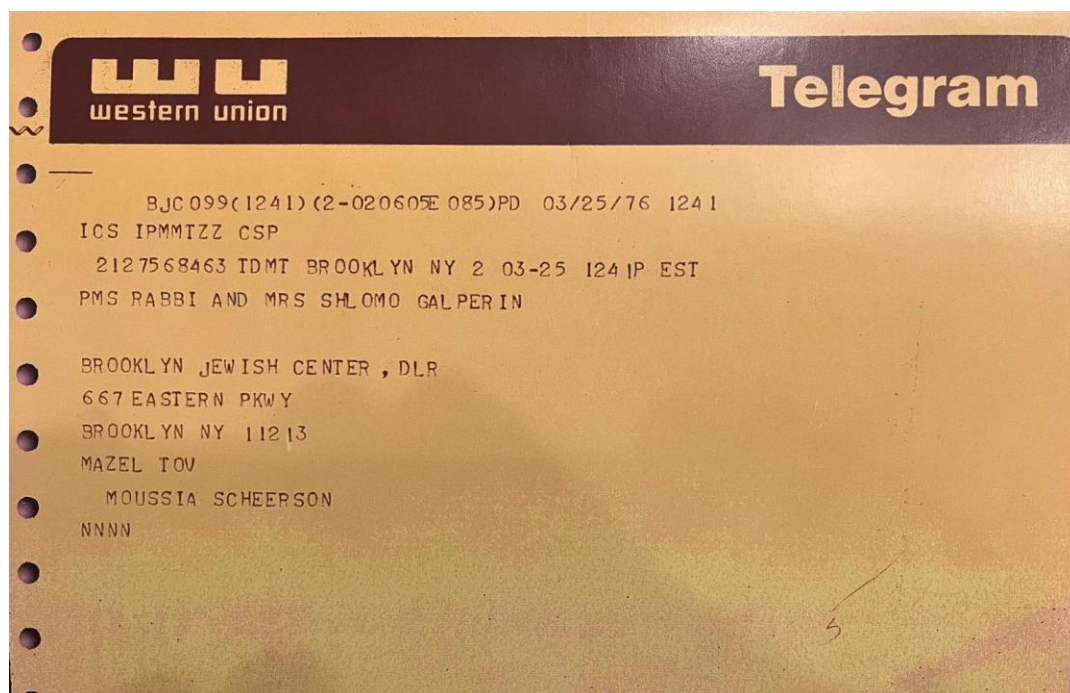


## SCHNEUR & MUSSIE DEREN

### R. Boruch Schneur's Family Tree (Partial)



A telegram the Rebbetzin sent to the Kallah's grandparents,  
Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Galperin, in honor of their wedding.



## **The Rebbe and Rebbetzin's A-Files**

With the outbreak of WWII, the Rebbe and Rebbetzin were in France. Following the Nazi invasion, they remained stuck there until they received American visas in the summer of 1941 and were able to journey across the Atlantic to New York. Printed here are the Alien Registration Forms (A-Files) that the Rebbe and Rebbetzin filled out in the American consulate in Marseille, France.

Although the Rebbe was born on April 18, 1902, documents were later forged listing his birth year as 1895 and stating that he had served in the Russian infantry in 1915. These papers were created to avoid conscription into the Russian army, and he used them to leave Russia. He continued using this identity until receiving American citizenship in 1946.

At the time, military service in the Russian Empire was especially dangerous for Jews. Jewish conscripts – especially religious ones – faced systemic discrimination, were denied basic rights, and were often sent to the front lines in battles with little to no chance of survival. Many Jewish families took extreme measures to avoid conscription, including forging documents or assuming false identities.

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Form AR-4

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**ALIEN REGISTRATION ONLY**

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NO ANSWER  
NECESSARY

OFFICIAL STAMP  
AMERICAN CONSULATE  
Marseille, France

CITY Marseille STATE France

1(a) Name Mendel SCHNEERSON

1(c) Aliases SCHNEERSON

2(a) Address 770 Eastern Parkway New York N.Y.  
(Street address or rural route) (City) (County) (State)

3(a) Date of birth March 1st 1895 Age 46  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

3(b) Birthplace Nicolaev Kherson Soviet Union  
(City) (Province) (Country)

4. Citizenship Russian refugee

6. Height 5'9" Weight 142 lbs Hair brown Eyes blue  
Complexion fair Build medium Scars and Marks wears a beard

16. Name of nearest relative or person to be notified in case of emergency:  
Mr. Joseph Schneerson (Name)  
Address 770 Eastern Parkway, New York, N.Y.  
(Street) (City) (State)

17. Ever been fingerprinted? No When? \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
(Yes or no)  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ (City) (State)

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IMPORTANT—ESSENTIAL THAT ALL REQUESTED DATA BE SUPPLIED

RETURNED



Form AR-102  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICEALIEN REGISTRATION  
FOREIGN SERVICE FORM

		OFFICE USE
1. ☆	My name is <u>Mendel SCHNEERSON</u> <small>(FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME) (LAST NAME)</small>	562
☆	I have also been known by the following names (include maiden name if a married woman, professional names, nicknames, and aliases): <u>M. SCHNEERSON</u>	562
2. ☆	My address in the United States will be <u>770 Eastern Parkway</u> <small>(STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE)</small> <u>New York</u> <u>N.Y.</u> <small>(CITY) (STATE)</small>	60 37
3. ☆(a)	I was born on <u>March</u> <u>1st</u> <u>1895</u> <small>(MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)</small>	95
☆(b)	I was born in (or near) <u>Nicolaev</u> <u>Kherson</u> <u>Soviet Union</u> <small>(CITY) (PROVINCE) (COUNTRY)</small>	24
4. ☆	I am a citizen or subject of <u>Russian-refugee</u> <small>(COUNTRY)</small>	24
5. ☆(a)	I am a (check one): Male... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Female... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup>	12
☆(b)	My marital status is (check one): Single... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Married... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> Widowed... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup> Divorced... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>4</sup>	1
☆(c)	My race is (check one): White... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Negro... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> Japanese... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup> Chinese... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>4</sup> Other	192
6.	I am <u>5</u> feet <u>9</u> inches in height, weigh <u>142</u> pounds, have <u>brown</u> hair, and <u>blue</u> eyes. <small>(COLOR) (COLOR)</small>	062341 Ser-Pin
7. ☆	My first arrival in the United States was on <u>-----</u> <small>(MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)</small>	00
8. ☆(a)	I have lived in the United States a total of <u>-----</u> years.	56
☆(b)	I expect to remain in the United States <u>permanently</u> <small>(PERMANENTLY, OR DURATION OF EXPECTED STAY)</small>	V
9. (a)	My usual (or previous) occupation is <u>Rabbin</u>	
(b)	My present occupation is <u>the same</u>	
☆(c)	My present employer (or registering parent or guardian) is <u>-----</u> <small>(NAME)</small> whose address is <u>-----</u> <small>(STREET ADDRESS) (CITY) (COUNTRY OR STATE)</small> and whose business is <u>-----</u>	94
10. (a)	I intend to be engaged in the following activities in the United States: <u>Rabbin</u>	
(b)	I have been, within the past 5 years, engaged in the following activities: <u>Rabbin</u>	

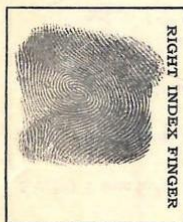
Items must be answered by persons 14 years of age, or older. For children under 14 years of age, only the items marked with a \* must be answered by the parent or guardian. All answers must be accurate and complete.

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<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Any military or naval service has been <u>Has served Russian Army</u>  <small>(COUNTRY)</small></p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><u>Infantry</u>  <small>(BRANCH OF SERVICE)</small></p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">From <u>1915</u> <u>(Six months)</u> to _____  <small>(DATE) (DATE)</small></p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I <u>have not</u> applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application _____  <small>(HAVE, HAVE NOT)</small></p> <p>First citizenship papers received _____  <small>(DATE) (NUMBER) (CITY) (STATE)</small></p> <p>Filed petition for naturalization _____  <small>(DATE) (CITY) (STATE)</small></p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have the following specified relatives living in the United States: <u>my parents-in-law</u></p> <p>Parent(s) <u>none</u> Husband or wife <u>No</u> Children _____  <small>(NONE, OR ONE, OR BOTH) (YES OR NO) (NUMBER)</small></p> <p>14. I <u>have not</u> been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:  <small>(HAVE, HAVE NOT)</small></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><u>Nature of offense</u></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><u>Date of arrest</u></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><u>Place of arrest</u></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><u>Disposition of case</u></td> </tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table> <p>15. Within the past 5 years I <u>have not</u> been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering in the United States, the political activities, public relations, or public policy of any other government.  <small>(HAVE, HAVE NOT)</small></p>	<u>Nature of offense</u>	<u>Date of arrest</u>	<u>Place of arrest</u>	<u>Disposition of case</u>													<p>OFFICE USE</p> <p>5</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p>
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## AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

I have read or have had read to me the above statements, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that these statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. G. M. M. M.  
(SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 17 day of April, 1941, at the place designated by the official seal below.

Myles Standish  
(REGISTERING OFFICIAL)  
 Vice Consul

## AFFIDAVIT FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I am the \_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR)

the above-named alien, who is \_\_\_\_\_  
(UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, OR INSANE)  
 and have made the above allegations for him (or her). I have read or have had the same read to me, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that they are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

PRINT NAME, ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS OF PERSON SIGNING THIS AFFIDAVIT IN 9 (c), ABOVE.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1941, at the place designated by the official seal at the right.

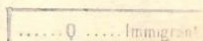


\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ALIEN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(REGISTERING OFFICIAL)

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I certify that the within named registrant arrived in the United States on the S. S. NEW YORK on JUN 23 1941 at the port of \_\_\_\_\_ and was inspected by me and duly ☒ admitted. ☐ rejected.



Hein  
(IMMIGRATION OFFICER)



Form AR-102  
OFFICE USE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICEALIEN REGISTRATION  
FOREIGN SERVICE FORM

		OFFICE USE
1. ☆	My name is <u>Haya (Chaia) Moussia (Schneersohn) SCHNEERSON</u>	582
☆	I have also been known by the following names (include maiden name if a married woman, professional names, nicknames, and aliases): <u>maiden name: Schneersohn</u> <u>alias: Schneersohn</u>	582 362 562
2. ☆	My address in the United States will be <u>770 Eastern Parkway</u> (STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) <u>New York</u> <u>N.Y.</u> (CITY) (STATE)	60 37 37
3. ☆(a)	I was born on <u>August</u> <u>13th</u> <u>1901</u> (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)	01
☆(b)	I was born in (or near) <u>Smolensk</u> <u>Soviet Union</u> (CITY) (PROVINCE) (COUNTRY)	24
4. ☆	I am a citizen or subject of <u>Russian Refugee</u> (COUNTRY)	24
5. ☆(a)	I am a (check one): Male... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Female... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup>	1
☆(b)	My marital status is (check one): Single... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Married... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> Widowed... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup> Divorced... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>4</sup>	19.2
☆(c)	My race is (check one): White... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Negro... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> Japanese... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup> Chinese... <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>4</sup> Other	062341 SER-PIN
6.	I am <u>5</u> feet <u>==</u> inches in height, weigh <u>118</u> pounds, have <u>fair</u> hair, and <u>blue</u> eyes. (COLOR) (COLOR)	001
7. ☆	My first arrival in the United States was on <u>----</u> (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)	5
8. ☆(a)	I have lived in the United States a total of <u>----</u> years.	01
☆(b)	I expect to remain in the United States <u>permanently</u> (PERMANENTLY, OR DURATION OF EXPECTED STAY)	01
9. (a)	My usual (or previous) occupation is <u>housewife</u>	X
(b)	My present occupation is <u>housewife</u>	
☆(c)	My present employer (or registering parent or guardian) is <u>----</u> (NAME) whose address is <u>----</u> (STREET ADDRESS) (CITY) (COUNTRY OR STATE) and whose business is <u>----</u>	OX
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<p>11. My military or naval service has been -----  <small>(COUNTRY)</small></p> <p>-----  <small>(BRANCH OF SERVICE)</small> From ----- to -----  <small>(DATE) (DATE)</small></p> <p>12. ☆ I <u>have not</u> applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application -----  <small>(HAVE, HAVE NOT)</small></p> <p>First citizenship papers received -----  <small>(DATE) (NUMBER) (CITY) (STATE)</small></p> <p>Filed petition for naturalization -----  <small>(DATE) (CITY) (STATE)</small></p> <p>13. ☆ I have the following specified relatives living in the United States: <u>my father and my mother</u></p> <p>Parent(s) <u>both</u> Husband or wife <u>No</u> Children -----  <small>(NONE, OR ONE, OR BOTH) (YES OR NO) (NUMBER)</small></p> <p>14. I <u>have not</u> been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:  <small>(HAVE, HAVE NOT)</small></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 30%; text-align: left;">Nature of offense</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: left;">Date of arrest</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: left;">Place of arrest</th> <th style="width: 30%; text-align: left;">Disposition of case</th> </tr> <tr><td>-----</td><td>-----</td><td>-----</td><td>-----</td></tr> <tr><td>-----</td><td>-----</td><td>-----</td><td>-----</td></tr> <tr><td>-----</td><td>-----</td><td>-----</td><td>-----</td></tr> </table> <p>15. Within the past 5 years I <u>have not</u> been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering in the United States, the political activities, public relations, or public policy of any other government. -----  <small>(HAVE, HAVE NOT)</small></p>	Nature of offense	Date of arrest	Place of arrest	Disposition of case	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	<p>OFFICE USE</p> <p>9</p> <p>0</p> <p>4</p> <p>0 X</p> <p>0</p>
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H. M. Schneerson  
(SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT)

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Myles Standish  
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I am the -----  
(PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR)


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(UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, OR INSANE)

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(DATE) rejected

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(IMMIGRATION OFFICER)