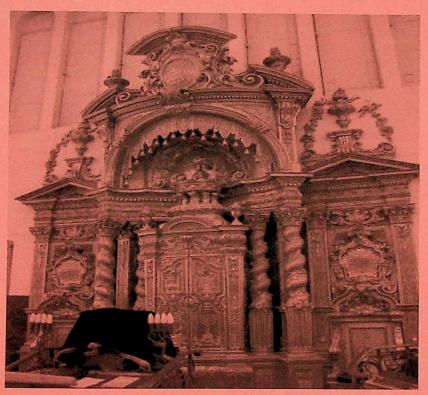
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הגאון הרב צבי דב שלנגר זבר בן נו רצה ב' עלובנו ה' אלוקינו בעמך ישראל ובתפלתם

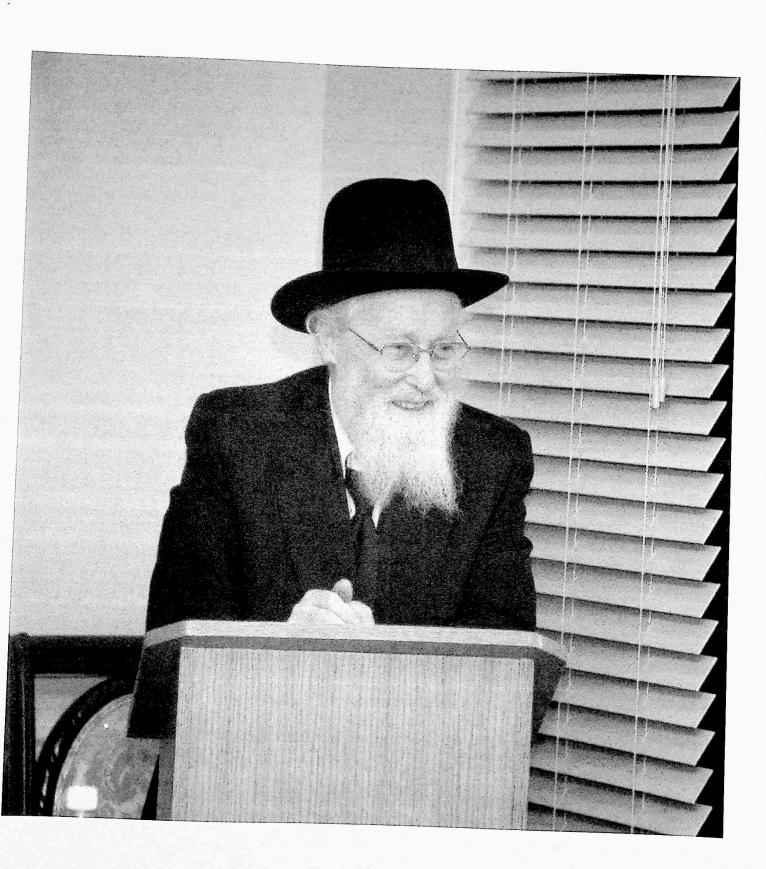


ועל כל ישראל

זכותו יגן עלינו

ישעיה-ל-כ והיו עיניך ראות את מוריך " And your eyes will behold your teachers"

A תורה perspective on the life and times of Rav צבי דב Slanger ראש הישיבה ס דבית מדרש ומתיבתא of Baltimore





The יום הדין, the day of Judgment for בני ישראל, is also a day of retrospection, a day of contemplation, a day that one should look back at his past. What worked for him to enhance his image among his peers and society at large. What habits and מעשים benefited him so that he should advance and raise himself above the mundane. To reach a point that he himself would feel encouraged to continue and go forward with his life. Become a true asset to all of כלל ישראל ond bring ה' סו נחת רוח

The ימים נוראים are days of תשובה תפלה וצדקה Holy days in which all of תשובה, and with the themselves and purify themselves with תשובה תפלה וצדקה, and with the objective to be כלל וד. To receive a favorable judgment so that we all in לל חים בדין במוך בחלים. To receive a favorable judgment so that we all in איז בי בחים במוך במוך במוך במוך במוך במוך במוך שבעה השנה עשב השנה לו הפלות שאר של הבבוד לו הפלות שוראל הבבוד לו הבבוד לו הבבוד לו הבבוד השבעה הקיעים לו הקב"ה to penetrate the שבעה הקיעים לו הקב"ה לו הקב"ה לו שלום במור שלום שלום במור שלום

knowledge of Good and Bad, you must not eat". What was the purpose of this restriction? אדם הראשון had to prove to himself to see if he was ראוי to advance and live an elevated life where he can constantly be נהנה מזיו השכינה of making it אסור to eat from the עץ הדעת was to let אדם and the future generations know that one can only advance to a higher level if there are restrictions. If אדם הראשון would not have eaten from the עץ הדעת he would have then continued to live his life and be נהנה מזיו השכינה. There would be no מיתה. The world that he lived in would remain אדמת קדש . All this sounds great however, the down side of all this is that אדם would never know the difference between טוב and יוב and רע . If one does know the difference between good and bad, he would then come to better appreciate the good. If אדם would have not eaten from the עץ הדעת , he would not be in the שכר ועונש of שכר ועונש . He would not be in a world of reward and punishment. הקב"ה set up this world so that there should be שכר ועונש so that אדם could better appreciate the טוב in this world. He could better appreciate" וירא אלקים כי טוב " . The עץ had to happen so that אדם and all future generations could appreciate the טוב that הקב"ה has to offer us. This is the only way for one to advance and fully appreciate the meaning of נהנה מזיו השכינה . This could only come about through restrictions.

In the תורה we find that there are many restrictions and these restrictions are compounded by דרבנן 's were instituted in order to prevent one from being הלכות שבת ווא אסור דאורייתא we find that there is we find that there is an הלכות שבת to carry in a רבנן added other רבנן and רבנן and רבנן are known to מקום פטור are compounded. These כלל ישראל as the ארבע רשויות.

We must understand when speaking of the ארבע רשויות the word רשות means domain. However, the word רשות also means permission. Whenever one needs permission for something it shows that there is a restriction. There is a restriction to carry on שבת in a רשות, however, one does have רשות to carry in a טהרה here too, one und טהרה here too, one needs רשות . There is a כלל concerning ספק טומאה ברשות הרבים . We say when it . ספק טומאה ברשות היחיד טמא, and, ספק טומאה ברשות הרבים טהור When it comes to the צבור and there is a ספק our חכמים ז"ל did not want to מטריח burden and prevent their עבודה. That is why we have the טומאה of סומאה טירחא . However, when it comes to a יחיד where there is no אדציבורא, we say טמא o is טמא and we make the מברר be - מברר clarify if there is טומאה or not . By making the יחיד work harder to clarify the ספק especially if he's a טמא, he would come to better appreciate the idea of not be coming טמא or getting into a situation of ספק . He would have more appreciation for טהרה. It is through טהרה that one can advance to a more prominent level of קדושה and thus have a closer relationship with מסכת אבות ה-כו in משנה in מסכת אבות ה-כו

"בן הא הא אומר לפום צערא אגרא"

"The reward is in proportion to the exertion."

כבוד That shows. עבודת ה' That shows ועבודת ה' That shows. עבודת ה' wants one to exert himself when it comes to. כבוד מלכות התורה and אמרו לפני בראש השנה מלכיות " we say ראש השנה מלכות מלכות מלכוני עליכם, מלכיות say before Me on כדי שתמלכוני עליכם, מלכיות of מלכיות שמים for you. מלך is telling us show Me that you want Me as your מלך מלכות שמים but מלכות שמים but בריאה but בריאה

, we also want the restrictions. We want the ארבע רשויות so that we can advance and penetrate the שבעה רקיעים and reach the לפום . The word לפום a מספר of 156 which is the same as אהל מועד after the ומשה it states, ומשה" and pitch it outside משה , יקח את האהל ונטה לו מחוץ למחנה the camp, וקרא לו אהל מועד and he would call it the Tent of Meeting, והיה כל so it was that whoever sought 'ה' אהל מועד אשר מחוץ למחנה would go out to the אהל מועד , which was outside the camp ". After the חטא set up בני ישראל. Therefore משה רבינו set up a tent that was חוץ למחנה . That is where he spoke to 'ה. The name אהל מועד was later given when the משכן was built. Although חטא because of the חטא fell from their lofty spiritual level, משה רבינו would still be available to them. However they would have to come to the אהל מועד situated outside the camp. The fact that בני ישראל did come to the אהל מועד in an unfortunate lower status showed that they wanted to become 'מבקשי ה' . It showed that they had true remorse, they had חרטה for being involved in the חטא העגל. Their coming to the אהל מועד in such a diminished status took a lot of effort on their part לפום צערא אגרא . This effort showed that they wanted to rekindle their relationship with הקב"ה and once again reach the lofty level of נהנה מזיו השכינה. In order to accomplish this , they would have to show that they had כבוד and כבוד מלכות. They had to show respect for the מצות and מצות . They had to show that they understood the concept of the ארבע רשויות, that הקב"ה created a world of restrictions that must be kept in order to advance one's self. This is the only way one could reach the highest levels of נהנה מזיו השכינה.

It is interesting to note that in the בית המקדש , one can also find ארבע רשויות , the Courtyard. The main structure

"ומלפניך מלכינו ריקם אל תשיבינו"

" From before Yourself, our King, turn us not away empty handed."

We find in the history of בני ישראל there were two individuals that were able to spiritually as well as physically penetrate the בית of the ארבע רשויות of the ארבע רשויות. They and their תפלות made it into the המקדש , the מקום of , they and on מקום of . They are to the תפלות . Their השכינה and one and one are for spalace, lived a privileged life without restrictions. That in its self was a "פרעה one who lives" one who lives without restrictions. That in its self was a higher level. When a was old enough to understand the plight of בני ישראל being משובעד enslaved to a fected him deeply. For he was a true מצרי . When he saw a was old . When he saw a was old affected him deeply. For he was a true מצרי . When he saw a was old .

hitting a ישראל , he killed the מצרי . At that point everything changed. משה רבינו had to run away for fear of his life for killing a מצרי . He lost his privileged life until many years later when הקב"ה revealed Himself to him at the time of the סנה , the burning bush. It was at that time that משה רבינו entered a spiritual life of restrictions. It was this spiritual life that elevated משה רבינו to the highest level that a human being can reach. Wherever he went that place became אדמת קדש . He was זוכה to penetrate the ארבע רשויות of the בית המקדש . Even though at the time there was no משכן or משכן, however, because of עקידת יצחק, the were established. ארבע רשויות were established. משה רבינו was able to accomplish this because of his total dedication when it came to the מצוה of נשאי בעול חבירו . For a ישראל to care about another Jew and willing to even kill to save the life of a fellow Jew, causing the loss of his own freedom and privileged life, that is called משה רבינו . קדש was able to enter the קדש , he was able to go up to שמים and receive the first and second לוחות. He was on a level of טהרה and טהרה that allowed him to speak to 'ה like a friend speaks to one another משה רבינו . פנים אל פנים was able to penetrate all the רשויות because of his unwavering נשאי בעול חבירו .

Similarly, we also find by פינחס. It states "לא נתכהן פינחס עד שהרגו לזמרי." מרית למרים, כהן מוחס מוחס לשלים." מרית explains the רש"י. "זמרי explains the ברית אוחס פינחס, until he killed רש"י. "זמרי explains the פינחס אוחס מוחס הבית ביש באים באים ביש בייש באוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס הבית עולם מוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס הבית אוחס בינחס שליש ביותר של אהרן של אהרן של אהרן של אהרן של אהרן thad not been given to anyone but אוחס שבים אוחס שבים באוחס שבים שליש ביותר של אהרן של אהרן שליש הבינחס שליש ביותר שהרצו לזמרי ביותר שהרצו לזמרי הבינחס שבים ביותר שהרצו לזמרי ביותר שהרצו ליש ביותר בי

and eventually became the כבוד because he stood up for the הקב"ה . כהונה גדולה and eventually to the כהונה and eventually to the כהונה . פינחס was able to both spiritually and physically penetrate the ארבע רשויות and make it into the פינחס and משה רבינו . יום כפור on משה רבינו and פינחס were able to accomplish this great feat because if one has true כבוד התורה , כבוד שמים and of מצוה would do anything to prevent himself from being עובר any מצוה of the תורה. This is especially so when it comes to שמירת שבת by not transgressing any of the הלכות שבת of הלכות שבת which includes the restrictions of the ארבע רשויות of שבת . If one is a שומר שבת כהלכתו , it shows a true allegiance to the בורא עולם. There is nothing greater than that. Showing allegiance to הקב"ה is the true acceptance of מלכיות . If one shows that, then his תפלות are ראוי to penetrate the ארבע רשויות of the בית המקדש . The connection to the הלכות of the and ארבע רשויות of the בית המקדש is very clear. When one is a שבת and does not penetrate the ארבע רשויות of שבת it shows that he admits that הקב"ה created the world and that He alone is the הקב"ה "אין עוד , בעלים של הבריאה that is the highest form of מלבדו" . It is through this מלבדו of מלכיות that is the highest form of can cause one to be זוכה and receive בורא עולם from the בורא עולם to penetrate the ארבע רשויות and בקשות and בית המקדש and ultimately reach the כסא הכבוד . This is especially so on ימים נוראים and the ימים נוראים when we are judged for our מעשים that we do throughout the year . We ask הקב"ה

"רצה ה' אלוקינו בעמך ישראל ובתפלתם"

"Be favorable,'ה , our G-D, toward your people ישראל and their תפלות "

better connect with הקב"ה because he was alone with Him. He had his ד' אמות and קונה זד' אמות to hopefully make a spiritual קונה זד' אמות and gain a closer relationship with הקב"ה . A relationship that through ones ד' אמות במח penetrate the ארבע ארבע ארבע , they learned an are important lesson from פרעה. They kept their יעקב אבינו in the sense that they did not change their name, mode of dress or language. פרעה פרעה could not penetrate into their name, mode of dress or language. ארבע רשויות and elevate themselves from the מ"ט שערי טומאה to penetrate the הר סיני משערי טומאה זיט שערי טהורה מזיו השכינה של זוכה and were הר סיני to the הר סיני or to the הר סיני or to hear הר סיני to hear ארבע רשויות. They were able to accomplish this because they never gave up their העובדי ומבקשי ה' they never gave up from becoming true '.

How great it would be if we could find an individual in our generation who was a true 'מבקש ה'. One who never gave up his ד', for the sake of הקב"ה. One who only sought to have a closer קשר to the בורא עולם and was thus זוכה to penetrate the בית המקדש of the בית המקדש and create a true atmosphere of כבוד שמים and cell שמים and cell with.

ב"ה, we can say that we were indeed דוכה to such an individual who possessed these qualities of being able to penetrate the ארבע רשויות that could only bring נחת רוח ליוצרו.

He was none other then the ראש הישיבה of

דבית מדרש ומתיבתא דבלטימור

מוריון הגאון הרב צבי דב שלנגר זצוק"ל זכותו יגן עלינו ועל כל ישראל

There were many worthwhile publications written about Rav Slanger, such as the Yated Neeman, Hamodia, as well as personal thoughts of his תלמידים. All are highly recommended.

Rav Slanger was born in Budapest, Hungary, on - 5694 - ח' אייר תשצ"ד - 5694 corresponding to April 23 1934, to his parents הרב אברהם יצחק and הרב. שבע ירעות of the מחבר Ullman the הרב שלמה זלמן of the ירעות and of the שלמה. Rav Slanger was only ten years old when conditions became unbearable in Hungary. The Slanger family was granted transport on the kasztner transport which was supposed to take them to Spain and then ארץ ישראל. However, after spending several days under miserable conditions, the passengers on the train found themselves in the city of Linz, where they were herded into gas chambers. Many hours passed inside the gas chambers, and finally the doors were opened and they were taken to regular showers. They were then taken to Bergen-Belson, where they were assigned to barracks. Even though they were not subject to the same inhumane treatment as most of the inmates and did not have to work, it was a terrible experience. After five months they were sent on a grueling march from Bergen-Belson to a train station in Celle. From there they where taken to Switzerland and then to ארץ ישראל.

upstanding ארץ ישראל a young צבי דב Slanger developed himself into an upstanding ירא שמים and ישיבת זכרון יעקב אליה. He learned in אישיבת זכרון יעקב where he had the חורה to meet and learn from הגאון הרב אליה Lopian. Watching Rav Lopian saying קריאת שמע with such מונה made a lasting impression on him. As time went on Rav Slanger joined the Slabodka Yeshiva in זוכה, where he was חוכה, where he was זוכה to develop a close relationship with many of the גדולים which included הרב יחזקאל, גאון the Steipler הרב שך, Abramsky as well as others. All of them כלם זכרונם לברכה. Having even somewhat of an association with these great גדולים created such חיום in him. It gave him a life of true שכינה שכינה שכינה.

" ואתם הדבקים בה' אלקיכם חיים כלכם היום "

This is the life that he lived and it carried him wherever the השגחה העליונה sent him.

In 1959, he married חנה Mandelbaum the daughter of הרב ברוך Mandelbaum who lived in the famed Mandelbaum Gate of ירושלים . She was a true הקב"ה a true הקב"ה grant her many years of health , נחת and הצלחה .

As time progressed the Slanger's raised a family. However, some of their children needed special medical attention that could not be found at that time in ארץ ישראל . It was suggested by רב שך who Rav Slanger had a personal close relationship with, that he travel to America. Rav Slanger would consult with רב שר concerning all matters pertaining to him and his family. שר became his רב שך Rav Slanger was somewhat understandably apprehensive about traveling to America. As long as

he was in close proximity of his רבעים , he felt as if he was living in the era of the ארץ ישראל .He wandered , "How can one leave ארץ ישראל and its גדולי , how can one leave the בית המקדש , how will he survive?" The חנוך that Rav Slanger received from his ארץ ישראל in ארץ ישראל gave him a clear understanding of ארץ ישראל meant when they said,

בזמן שאין בית המקדש קיים אין לו להקב"ה בעולמו " אלא ד' אמות של הלכה בלבד "

Rav Slanger understood that the ד' אמות של הלכה is ones survival kit no matter where in the world he is. No matter in what situation one finds himself. הקב"ה gave each יחיד in כלל ישראל his own ד' אמות , his own ד' אמות . A Yid can survive any place in the world with his ד' אמות של הלכה . Rav Slanger understood that as long as he has his ד' אמות and never gives it up, he will always feel the influence and שכינה around him even שכינה around him even בזמן בית המקדש קיים . Even if not in the presence of his רבעים. Even in America through his ד' אמות , he will be זוכה to penetrate the ארבע רשויות of the בית . Rav Slanger looked at this as such a wonderful opportunity that הקב"ה gave us. To Rav Slanger the greatest מתנה one can receive in the world besides the תורה itself is ones ד' אמות , ones private domain in order to serve הקב"ה without distractions. Rav Slanger never allowed himself to be distracted from his עבודת ה' from his 'עבודת ה. If one wanted to truly understand the meaning of "והיו עיניך ראות את מוריך " one had to look at Rav Slanger. He did not allow the גדולי ישראל whom he was זוכה to meet and learn from, out of his ד' אמות and out of his מחשבה. His especially close relationship with הגאון הרב שך זצ"ל would not allow him to be מסיח דעת from him. It was as if רב שך was constantly in

front of him . והיו עיניך ראות את מוריך. Whatever רב שך would tell Rav Slanger he would do it with an attitude of רב שך . If רב שך said something it was תורה . Rav Slanger lived his life within the ד' אמות של הלכה . He would never ever give up his ד' אמות . When it came to הלכה it was חק ולא יעבור . It is interesting to note that the word חק has a מספר of 108 the same as צבי דב. Rav Slanger through his מקיים was able to be מקיים the restrictions of the ארבע רשויות of הלכות שבת , thus making him זוכה to be able to penetrate the ארבע רשויות of the בית המקדש with his תקיעת שופר , תפלות and דברי מוסר . When the Slanger family first came to America, they found it somewhat difficult. They first traveled to Philadelphia PA. During their stay Rav Slanger and his family were warmly greeted by the Kamenetzky and Svei families. They made the transition for the Slangers so much easier. Rav Slanger personally benefitted from the close קשר that he gained with the Philadelphia מורינו הגאון הרב שמאול , ראשי הישיבה שליט"א and קשר helped Rav Slanger and his מורינו הגאון הרב אלי'ה זצ"ל,יב"ל family immensely in a most difficult period. When it was time to move on, Rav Slanger and his family moved to Queens, NY where he continued to teach in a Hebrew Day School. It was challenging because he was not accustomed to speaking English. There was obviously a language barrier that he had to overcome.

Rav Slangers big break came when he was invited to come to מכינת נר in Baltimore to serve as משגיח and משגיח. This was a wonderful opportunity to be מחנך תלמידים on a level to his liking. He wanted to be מחנך תלמידים on a higher level and higher standard to teach, guide and be אונר א oung מחנך מחנך and higher standard to teach, guide and be נר At בחורים in the same way that he was taught from his great ישראל he saw the great opportunity to reach out to generations of young

After many years at נר ישראל, נר ישראל, נר ישראל, נר ישות of הגאון הרב שך of נר ישראל, fulfilled his lifelong dream of and with the blessings of the הנהלה, נר ישראל, fulfilled his lifelong dream of opening his own ב"ה successfully started the ב"ה successfully started the בית מדרש ומתיבתא of Baltimore. Rav Slanger aspired to open a דרך that he experienced in the דרך that he experienced in ארץ ישראל ווארץ. Rav Slanger's life long mission was the rebuilding of הורה that was lost in the וחרבן in Europe. Rav Slanger was quoted as saying, "I saw the lived through the destruction of תורה in Europe, and it is clear to me that we must rebuild this tremendous loss."

Rav Slanger built a beautiful מוסד of outstanding בני מוסר and בני תורה and רבעים who were **enriched** by their outstanding מוסר who were **enriched** by their outstanding מוסר that is required for every תורה מוסר that is required for every יחיד that is required for every תורה חנוך . נחת רוח ליוצרו To reach their full potential and give . כלל ישראל in ליוצרו ישראל ווחת רוח ליוצרו אישראל ווחת בוח ליוצרו שראל ישראל ווחת בוח ליוצרו שראל ישראל ווחת בוח ליוצרו שראל ישראל ישראל ווחת בוח ליוצרו שראל ישראל יש

It can truly be said that Rav Slanger lived a life that was " ריח ניחח לה' a satisfying aroma to 'ה ". A life of עבדו את ה' בשמחה . It is interesting to note that Rav Slanger's life evolved around the number "כא" . What is so special about the number 21? It states in פרשת ראה ,

"ושמחת בחגך והיית אך שמח

The word אך has a מספר of 21. When Rav Slanger was freed from the Germans ימ"ש it was ו' ימ"ש. For Rav Slanger it was a day of אבלה a day of מא ב מלו מעודת הודאה. Rav Slanger would make a בני הישיבה for הקב"ה. For Rav Slanger would make a בני הישיבה. For Rav Slanger Slanger ובי מע כסלו הישיבה. For Rav Slanger ווהיית אך שמח אוכד to his יבי אמות to his זוכה מזיו השלו ווהיית אך שמח וו the highest level. Rav Slanger מא freed from the מבקש ה' a day of בא ב משפרו וחדשו מעשיכם" a day of renewal a day that he can "שפרו וחדשו מעשיכם" a day of renewal a day that he can

We mentioned before the פסוק of

ושמחת בחגך והיית אך שמך.

We all know that הקב"ה הקב"ל ישראל 21 days of בית המקדש over the loss of the בית המקדש a said that he הקב"ה However, in return בין המצרים said that he will give us 21 days of שמחה from אר בה through ראש השנה These 21 days are days of יום טוב וום טוב For Rav Slanger the day he was freed on אך שמח וום טוב was one long י"ט אותיות There are יום טוב was one long אותיות in the words ראשי תיבות הוום וושמחת בחגך והיית אך שמך the abbreviation for יום טוב Rav Slanger was able to accomplish everything in his life because his life and יום טוב was one long עבודת ה' was one long יום טוב.

והיית אך שמח

It is because of this that we feel it is fitting and appropriate to ask the

ראש הישיבה

מורינו הגאון הרב צבי דב בן מורינו הרב אברהם יצחק זכר צדיק וקדוש לברכה to be a רעבעצין to his רעבעצין who stood by him as a true עזר כנגדו and אשת חיל , allowing him to reach great heights in עבודת ה' and .

May he be a מליץ יושר to his children whom he cared for with with every limb of his body , רמ"ח איברים ,never being מסיח דעת from them.

May he be a מליץ יושר to his his Son in law the ממלא מקום and ראש הישיבה הגאון הרב חיים כהן שליט"א

May הקב"ה grant him strength to follow in the דרך of his Father in law the מובדי ה' and inspire generations to become true ראש הישיבה זצ"ל .

May he be a מליץ יושר to the members of the הנהלה, the outstanding מוסר נפש who, too, are שוסר נפש by giving of themselves with their entire being, הדרכה too cherish the תלמידים, guidance and השפעה and realize that their רבעים are most desired in the רוח

. הנחמדים מזהב ומפז רב

May he be a מליץ יושר to his precious תלמידים who he cared for and exerted himself to the fullest for their benefit in the רוח of . He was so proud of them. They gave him so much נחת רוח .

May he be a ישיבת נר ישראל to the ישיבה ומכינה and הנהלה of ישיבת נר ישראל. It was at נר ישראל where Rav Slanger and his family found a home. They were able to settle down and enjoy a life of מנוחת הנפש in a true תורה environment. Rav Slanger must have thought "If I and my family could not live in ארץ ישראל, then it might as well be in נר ישראל ". נר ישראל ". נר ישראל ". נר ישראל ". נר ישראל ".

giving him the opportunity to penetrate the ארבע רשויות and build his בית המקדש , his קדש קדשים

בית מדרש ומתיבתא דבלטימור

May he be a מליץ יושר to the entire community of Baltimore who benefited from his הדרת פנים . Who benefited from him by the mere fact that he was a גאונים וגדולי ישראל . Who they themselves penetrated the ארבע רשויות of the בית המקדש any decades earlier.

Finally, may he be a מליץ יושר to all of כלל ישראל who can only benefit from one who penetrated the ארבע רשויות of the בית המקדש , through his תורה and .

We ask that he take are תפלות מעורר רחמים before the ארבע רשויות before the בקשות and me ארבע רשויות so that our ארבע רשויות and בקשות and הפלות so that we, too, could penetrate the ארבע רשויות so that our מחלות הפלות and the the ראש השנה for it is these days of מחילת עוונות that can bring us could reach the כלל ישראל that ישעות ונחמות and a

כתיבה וחתימה טובה

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יהי רצון מלפניך

שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה





