

זכרון מרדכי Avoyseinu Bulletin

על שם הרבני החסיד ר' מרדכי בערקאוויטש ז"ל

A brief overview on our weekly activities

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In honor of completion of the holy work in the Shenia, Slovakia cemetery we express our praise and gratitude to those who have worked with us for many years, starting in 2000 until we have merited completion of the מצוה in 2024:

Hagaon the Rav of Yemerung

Harav R' Yisroel Isser Greenfeld ז"ל

Hagaon R' Shia Lieberman, Head of Kollel Shomrei Hachomos

Family of Hagaon R' Toviva Lieberman ז"ל, Rav of Holain

Harav R' Chaim Refoel Ferencz

Hagaon the Rav of Shenia

Harav R' Yechiel Michel Fischbein

Harav R' Moshe Greenfeld

Harav Berish Mandel – Greenfeld

Harav R' Shmiel Lieberman

Sena, Slovakia Resting Place of Hagaon R' Yitzchok Yida and his son R' Shimon Lieberman ז"ל

Restoration of tombstone of Hagaon R' Shimon Lieberman ז"ל complete
Sponsored by Family of Harav R' Yitzchok Isaac Reich,
headed by his sons Harav R' Chaim Arye and his brother Harav R' Yosef

Short sketch of restoration work thus far:



During erection of tombstones



Family heads negotiate with the mayor at the cemetery



Restoration work on part of the cemetery that was returned with great effort, after much toil several tombstones were discovered, among them the Resting Place of Hagaon R' Shimon ז"ל



Nizhna Apsha, Ukraine

Photos of sheep grazing between the tombstones in a terrible disgrace to the cemetery



Nasaud, Romania

Historical event – erection of tombstone of Harav R' Dovid Harnik ז"ל

Headed by Harav Hagaon R' Yosef Dov Landau, Rav of Zlotchev-Kiryas Yoel and his son Harav Yoel Landau



Nasaud, Romania; Reflections of a participant

Inspiring moments took place this past 19 year when over one hundred grandchildren gathered on the mountain in the Nasaud cemetery to recite Tehillim Chapter 119, sing uplifting songs, light candles and recite prayers at the erection of the new tombstone for their grandfather Harav R' Dovid Harnik ז"ל whose Resting Place was recently uncovered. The new tombstone was made by the competent Harav Yosef Meisels. R' Dovid was born in Tlust, Galicia to his holy father Hatzaddik R' Shloime ז"ל, Baal Ateres Shloime (Resting Place in Tzfas) and he moved to Bistrits, Romania and then to the village of Salva. R' Dovid was a great תלמוד חכם renowned for his integrity and noble deeds. He merited esteemed sons and sons-in-law, among them his son-in-law Hagaon R' Reuven Yoel Harfenes ז"ל, Dayan in Telts.

We could not believe our eyes; the deserted cemetery is located on an abandoned mountaintop; it was surprising that the gravesite could even be found. We were pleased to meet Avoyseinu's general director R' Shmiel Sabo supervising his

workers in building the new gate and cleaning the cemetery. The grandchildren were moved by Avoyseinu's holy work in protecting cemeteries. In amazement we saw up close the holy site being transformed into a respectable cemetery and truly understood the importance of Avoyseinu's work. Several grandchildren evoked the memory of the Patriarch of the Family R' Dovid Harnik ז"ל with their heartfelt words; may he be a מליץ יושר for all who exert themselves for his honor.

Hagaon R' Yisroel Dovid Harfenes addressed the crowd via a live hook-up and led the gathered in the recitation of Tehillim. The listeners were deeply inspired and clearly felt their grandfather's presence and blessings as their prayers reached heavenward.

It was a rare occurrence - a Yid who passed on more than 140 years ago merited to have such a large crowd of pious descendants from all over the world come and pray at his gravesite – truly, a heavenly gift.

This column is dedicated in memory of the holy tzaddikim whose yohrtzeit is this week and whose gravesites are being restored by Avoyseinu:

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