

## Liska Shul

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was of the opinion that this is a responsibility of the Hungarian government, as the shul was an officially recognized *kehillah*," highlighted Mr. Friedlander.

In Hungary, Orthodoxy enjoyed official status when it broke away

from Reform (Neolog) Judaism, a chapter in history in which Rav Tzvi Hersh of Liska played a dominant role.

Eventually a funding opportunity to preserve the shul was proposed as a joint venture by the Hungarian government and the European Union to mark the 70th anniversary of Hun-



Footprint and last remaining wall of the original shul in Liska in its restored state



Footprint of the shul interior area, with a view of the newly constructed entrance wall

garian Jewry's deportations to Auschwitz, with a mission of preserving Jewish heritage sites across Hungary.

During the planning process, "we raised concerns regarding overseeing such a sensitive project from afar," Mr. Friedlander explained. In response, Hungarian Consul-General Karoly Dan in New York visited the current Liska Rebbe, offering his assistance; he suggested appointing

Chabad in Hungary (which is governmentally recognized as a *kehillah*) to oversee the preservation project.

Indeed, the restoration and preservation of the Shul in Liska was executed with commitment and perfection by Chabad Rabbi Slomo Koves on behalf of the Liska *kehillah* and will immortalize this revered name in Chassidic culture, regarded as one of the most prominent Hungarian Chassidic courts.

"I would like to express my *hakaras ha'tov* to Rabbi Slomo Koves for representing the interest of the Liska *kehillah* here in the United States, as well as descendants of the various Liska Rebbes and countless families worldwide who trace their roots and heritage to Liska," concluded Mr. Friedlander. ❖



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### Remember Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yisrael (Devarim 9:27)

Moshe pleaded: "Master of the Universe! Why are You angry with Israel?" "Because they have broken the Ten Commandments," said G-d. "Well," said Moshe, "they possess a source from which they can make repayment . . . Remember that You tested Avraham with ten trials? Let those ten serve as compensation for these ten." This is why Moshe said, "Remember Avraham . . ."

Another interpretation:

Moshe spoke thus: "Master of the Universe! Do the dead live [in the World to Come]?"

Said G-d: "Moshe, have you become a heretic?"

But Moshe answered: "If the dead are not brought to life in the World to Come, then You are free to do all that You intend. But if they be alive, what will You say to the Patriarchs when they will arise and seek from You fulfillment of the promise which You have made them? What answer will You give them? For did You not promise them that You would increase their children as the stars of heaven?"

(Midrash Rabbah)