

Rebbe Mordechai of Zvhil zy'a (before he became Rebbe) needed twenty-six thousand dollars for his daughter's upcoming chasunah. At this time, Rebbe Mordechai of Zvhil was learning in Yeshiva Eitz Chaim in Yerushalayim. He went to the office and asked the director for the names and the addresses of the wealthy supporters of the yeshiva. He explained, "I want to write letters to solicit money for the upcoming chasunah." The director was reluctant to give him the addresses, as he was afraid to lose funds earmarked for the yeshiva. Instead, he gave Rebbe Mordechai the names of people who had not given a donation to the yeshiva in a long time. Rebbe Mordechai came home with the list, but his wife wasn't happy with it. "Do you really think this will help you? The director probably gave you addresses of people who don't have money anymore." Rebbe Mordechai explained that he was merely doing his hishtadlus. "If your goal is hishtadlus," she chided him, "why do you need to send letters to all of them? Send one letter and that will be your hishtadlus..." "You're right," he said. "I'll send only one letter."

It didn't take long when they received a money order in the post office for twenty-six thousand dollars. Reb Mordechai went back to the yeshiva's director, and thanked him for the addresses. "You really helped me. I received the money I needed." The director was shocked. "You mean your letters were answered?" "Not the letters. I only sent one letter, and I received twenty-six thousand dollars." The director called up the baal tzedakah who helped him, "I see you have money because you just sent twenty-six thousand dollars for hachnasas kallah to one of our students. Why have you stopped giving money to the yeshiva?" The man replied, "I don't have money anymore, and it wasn't my money that we sent. It was my daughter's money." He explained, "My daughter is a kallah. After the engagement, we discovered that she has an illness. We went to Reb Moshe Feinstein and asked him whether we need to tell the chassan and his family about the disease. After inquiring about the nature of the illness, Reb Moshe ruled that we don't have to say anything. 'However,' Reb Moshe advised, 'if your daughter has her own money, I suggest she give it for hachnasas kallah. In the merit of helping another kallah go to the chuppah, she will merit going to her chuppah in good health.' We returned home, and there was Rebbe Mordechai's letter soliciting money for hachnasas kallah. My daughter emptied her bank account, and immediately sent the money to Rebbe Mordechai for his daughter's wedding."

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