

# Vaad Harabbanim

## in Charge of Reconstructing Ancient Graves Throughout the World

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After our visit in the Ukraine and Poland for a week, and seeing the extraordinary endeavors of Rabbi Yisroel Meir Gabbay in body, soul and money, we can truly say that hearing can't be compared to seeing. And what we have heard and seen till now is only a small sample of the work that Rabbi Gabbay has carried out, whether it be in fencing cemeteries where needed, or reconstruction of the graves and tombstones of the graves of the righteous themselves. Sometimes he's had to buy the site of the graves from the non-Jews and even at times an entire building in order that the yard in which the grave was located shouldn't be destroyed, and all this has been done using the highest standards. We've also become aware that every little thing costs huge sums of money.

Additionally, we have checked things that need correcting and given general instructions to whoever intends to reconstruct or fence cemeteries, as well as specific instructions concerning the individual graves, places for building entrances for Cohanim, and also instructed them that if they will need to build or reconstruct, we or an agent of ours, will investigate how it should be done to fulfill the Halacha properly.

We have also seen the many places where he has established guesthouses, in which any person may come to visit or spend Shabbat, and all of them under continual supervision with a mashgiach in the kitchen and dining room. It can be said about Rabbi Gabbay what is written in the Mishneh "more than what I've read to you here is written here", because it's impossible to purvey in writing the tremendous undertakings and accomplishments that he's achieved. And also we can say as was written about the Shach in Choshen Mishpat Ch. 91par.33 where he was promised that he would be greeted by great leaders of previous generations, so it will be with Rabbi Yisroel Meir who concerns himself with the graves of the righteous. We also saw the tremendous debts that have accumulated from all his work, and it is a great mitzvah to help him and support him both physically and monetarily. The merit of the holy souls who are buried in each of the various places, will surely defend those who help and support this holy work to be blessed with plenty from the source of all blessings.

Signed on Monday, 1 Av 5767

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