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Rabbi Dov Ber Schneerson Honored with New Monument

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DNEPROPETROVSK, Ukraine – On the outskirts of Dnepropetrovsk, near the village of Igren, a ceremony took place for the opening of a complex built in the memory of Rabbi Dov Ber Schneerson, the brother of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of righteous memory.

Nothing about this event is coincidental, with the memorial erected at the actual location of Dov Ber's shooting and on the same day that he was died in 1941. At the time the Nazis occupied this region, he was located here as part of a health retreat. It was through the assistance provided by one individual that this site was pinpointed. This man shared the same hospital room as Rabbi Dov Ber, but instead of being shot was sent to a concentration camp to work. He survived and later helped the local Jewish community to identify the site of this tragic murder.

The event involved Chief Rabbi of Dnepropetrovsk Shmuel Kaminetsky, Jewish community Chairman Grigoriy Korol, Deputy Head of the Regional Administration Grigory Verbitzkiy, Deputy Chair of the Dnepropetrovsk Region's Council Andrei Shipko, and the Chief Doctor of the institution where Rabbi Dov Ber Schneerson had been resting at the time of his death.

The gathering concluded with a reading of the commemorative prayer 'El Molle Rachamim', after which attendees laid stones at the grave of Dov Ber Schneerson, light candles in his memory, and paid a minute of silence in his memory.

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