

The Shabbaton Room

Excerpt From a Letter to the Webmaster

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Good morning Geoff,

... Did you know the late Arthur Kohn who was very close with us during our sojourn? Arthur Kohn, A”H¹ related that during Rabbi Tapoohi’s time, a board member once came to the house and told Rebbitzen² Tapoohi that he needs to urgently speak to the rabbi. She apologized that the rabbi was in the bath. He pushed past the Rebbitzen and proceeded to talk to Rabbi Tapoohi while he was in the bath. Mr Kohn transformed the room next to the shul office (it was a later addition to the shul structure) into “The Shabbaton Room” equipped with a carpet, beds and mattresses, so that when minyan numbers started to drop in the shul, I brought groups of a half-a dozen Moriah students and a few yeshiva bochrin³ on Friday afternoons from the East for Shabbatonim and they stayed in that room, but ate meals with us in 73 Albyn Rd. ...

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¹ A”H is short for alav/aleha hashalom (עליו השלום), which means “peace be upon him/her.” It corresponds to RIP in English.

² A rabbi’s wife is called a rebbetzin.

³ male students