

תשורה

משמחת הנישואין של
חיים ישראל יואל וריקל שיחיו
וילהלם
כ' אדר שני ה'תשפ"ב

ב"ה

פתח דבר

לזכרון טוב, ליום כלולות צאצאינו החתן הרה"ת **חיים ישראל יואל** שי' עם ב"ג הכלה המהוללה מ' **ריקל תחי'**,

ועל יסוד הנהגת אדמו"ר הריי"צ, בעת חתונת כ"ק אדמו"ר והרבנית הצדקנית נ"ע, ביום הבהיר י"ד כסלו תרפ"ט –

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By the Grace of G-d
8th of Adar I, 5722
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Australia

Blessing and Greeting:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February the 8th.

My views regarding the advisability of Jewish young men and young women to attend college have been amply stated in my correspondence on the matter with others. A letter of mine on the subject was also published in the press. You will find a copy enclosed.

I would like to add that, for obvious reasons, I have couched my views in relatively mild terms, since one must use a certain amount of discretion in a letter which is published. In truth, my negative attitude towards college attendance is much stronger than indicated in the letter, and it is based on numerous instances which came to my attention, so that I speak from wide experience.

I must make a further observation that my letter was written and published in New York City, taking into account even universities and colleges in New York City, in which there is a very sizeable body of Jewish students, boys and girls, among them a goodly number of religious students, who even have organized daily afternoon and evening services, etc., and, in general, can arrange their own social life without mixing too much with the non-Jewish student body. Moreover, my views take into consideration even universities existing in cities with a Jewish population which may be as high as 25%. In other words, my negative attitude towards the colleges and universities apply even under the most favorable conditions; how much more so to universities and colleges which are not so favorably situated from the Jewish point of view.

You write that you have the fullest confidence that you could resist the negative influences, etc., and as proof you cite the fact that you have attended high school for a number of years without it having a detrimental effect on you.

In reply to this, let me, first of all, tell you that high school cannot be compared with university, and in the case of the former, the Jewish boy or girl attending high school receives a greater influence at home than at school, while in the case of university, the reverse is true, and the influence of the home becomes progressively smaller,

While the influence of the university and the university atmosphere becomes greater.

However, what is even more essential is the fact that while self-confidence is a good thing, one should not be foolhardy and take chances. As you know, every Jew, including the greatest Tzaddik who has lived most of his life in saintliness, still prays every day, at the beginning of the morning prayer, "Bring me not into circumstances of temptation."

It is clear from your letter that you have a desire to attend university and that you would consider it a "painful sacrifice" to give up the idea. In view of this, I would like to add a point which will perhaps make it easier for you to accept the true reality of the situation. As you know, you and your family, together with other families who fairly recently immigrated into Australia, have brought about a revival of Jewish religious life, a revival which is presently progressing steadily. Thus, the broad sections of Jewry in Melbourne and Australia follow with keen interest everything that takes place in your circle and group. If one who is a representative of this circle would break through the fence which has been recognized by this circle as vital to its work and purpose, such a breach is not only a personal matter but one that would have wide repercussions, and it would be viewed as a living example to follow. The consequences would be not only to encourage young men and women who have had considerable Jewish background, to follow this example, but would serve as a "green light" to young people who have no such background.

What I mean to say, in other words, is that by doing the right thing you will be fulfilling a responsibility not only to yourself and your family, but also to many other families in your community, and this will be all to your own good as well as to the good of many others.

I was pleased to read about your activities in Mexibos Shabbos, and also in the Yeshiva. Since G-d rewards in kind, and in a generous measure, your good works for the benefit of others in the vital field of education will stand you in good stead to advance in your own education and stature, along the path of the Torah and Chasidus, to avoid temptation and pitfalls, and to enjoy G-d's protection at all times.

Hoping to hear good news from you,

With blessing,

By *Avram Rindel*

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Greeting and Blessing:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your greetings and felicitations on the occasion of my birthday. I appreciate indeed your warm sentiments and good wishes.

In accordance with the Divine Promise to our Patriarch Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee," may G-d reciprocate your blessings "from His full, open, holy and generous Hand."

With the approach of Pesach, the "Season of our Liberation," I take this opportunity of extending to you and all friends my prayerful wishes for a Kosher and inspiring Yom Tov, and true liberation from all distractions and hindrances, materially and spiritually.

Cordially, *M. Schnererson*

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By the Grace of G-d
28 Adar I, 5738
Brooklyn, N. Y.

To All Participants in the
Annual Governors' Dinner
Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim Lubavitch
Montreal, Que.

Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to be informed of the forthcoming Annual Dinner, and may G-d grant that it be with much Hatzlocho in all respects.

Since the event is taking place on the eve of the 7th of Adar II, the date itself underscores a meaningful connection between this important event and the Leap Year in which it is taking place.

The essence of a Leap Year in our Jewish Calendar is that it makes up for the deficiency between the lunar years and the solar years. For, inasmuch as our Jewish Calendar is basically lunar, and the lunar year falls short of the solar year by about eleven days, the deficiency must be made good by the addition of an extra month (two months of Adar, instead of one) every two or three years, in order that our festivals should occur within their due seasons - Pesach in the spring; Succos in the autumn, etc., as required by the Torah.

However, as all matters in Torah ("Torah" meaning "instruction") instruct the Jew how to conduct himself in his daily life in keeping with his duties to G-d and man, so has the institution of the Leap Year an important practical instruction. It is, that if a person has fallen short of fulfilling his duties, or in fulfilling them to perfection, he should not fail to make up for the deficiency in full measure. Besides, it is surely self-evident that even if a person fulfilled his obligations perfectly in the past, that is no longer perfect enough for the present, since everything is relative, and a human being is expected to rise to higher levels of achievement as time progresses. And, needless to say, in implementing the lesson of the Leap Year, one does not depend on the moon and the sun (or any external forces of nature), but it is a matter of one's own will.

Especially keeping in mind the well-known teaching of my father-in-law of saintly memory that when a Jew firmly resolves to do a good thing - even if at that moment it seems overly ambitious - the Al-mighty opens up for him new channels and opportunities to fulfil it.

If the above is true in all matters of Torah and Mitzvos - how much more so in the area of Torah-true Chinuch, where, however much is accomplished, still more remains to be done. Particularly in the case of the outstanding Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim Lubavitch in Montreal, and considering its specific character - as that of all Lubavitcher Yeshivoth - where the students are imbued with a profound awareness that they have a Divinely given mission in life to disseminate and strengthen Yiddishkeit everywhere, and actually do it with the utmost selflessness.

I am, therefore, fully confident that the Governors and all friends of the Yeshiva, whose support in the past has made everyone truly proud of the Yeshiva's exemplary achievements, will in the spirit of the Leap Year increase still more their support, in order to make up also for that which could have been achieved in a still larger measure in recent years - if the Yeshiva had had the extra financial means to do so.

May G-d help - and assuredly He will help - each and all of you to do the above with ~~with~~ joy and gladness of heart, especially since the Dinner is taking place in the month of Marbin b'simchah, when "joy should be on the increase." And may each and all of you, in the midst of all our people Israel, see the fulfillment of the words of the Megillah, "for the Jews there was light, joy, gladness, and honor" - in both the plain sense of these words as well as in their inner meaning, namely, "Light - this is Torah," etc.

With esteem and blessing for happy tidings
and for a joyous Purim.

/Signed: Menachem Schneerson /

By the Grace of G-d
3rd of Adar II, 5741
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Greeting and Blessing:

After the long interval, I was pleased to receive your letter of the 28th of Adar I.

Many thanks for the good news it contained, and may G-d grant that your good expectations about your very important plans for expanded activities, by yourself and your co-workers, should be fulfilled even in a greater measure than anticipated, and that this should stimulate you all for further and greater accomplishments, in accordance with the saying of our Sages, "He who has 100, desires 200, and having obtained 200, desires 400," etc.

With regard to your son Elia Yehuda Leib - in general, it would be good to talk things over with his teachers, who see him every day and know him well, and at the same time are not emotionally involved and subjective as parents. And after discussing the matter in detail, they would surely be able to help you and your wife find the right way to cope with him.

The Zechus of your communal activities will surely stand you in good stead to have true Yiddish Nachas from each and all of your children, together with your wife, and to bring them up to a life of Torah, Chuppah and Good Deed, in good health and happy circumstances.

In connection with your expecting a new addition to the family, may G-d grant that your wife should complete her pregnancy and that she should have a normal and easy delivery of a healthy offspring in a happy and auspicious hour.

Wishing you and all yours a joyous and inspiring Purim,

With blessing,

Handwritten signature

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החתן הרה"ת חיים ישראל יואל

והכלה המהוללה מ' ריקל

שיחיו וילהלם

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יה"ר שיבנו בית בישראל

בנין עדי עד על יסודי התורה והמצוה

כפי שהם מוארים במאור שבתורה

זוהי תורת החסידות

לנחת רוח כ"ק אדמו"ר

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