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LETTERS *of* LOVE

*The Rebbe's guidance to the
paternal grandparents of the groom*

תשורה

משמחת הנישואין של
מנחם מענדל טובי' ויאשא ליבא
סאקס
ג' אלול, תשפ"ה

By the Grace of G-d
3 Elul, 5785

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for joining us in celebrating the wedding of our dear children, Mendel and Leeba.

As a memento from this most special occasion, we present you with this collection of letters written by the Rebbe, of righteous memory, to Mendel's paternal grandparents, who were then living in London.

The letters present a glimpse into the Rebbe's intimate involvement in their lives, ranging from issues in personal growth, family, and even business affairs.

Especially noteworthy are the letters found on pages 5-7. They concern a couple, relatives of the Saacks family, who had not been blessed with children.

Through the Saacks family, they were connected with the Rebbe. The Rebbe's advice to them was far-ranging, including a reply regarding the use of artificial insemination, which was then still in its infancy.

The Rebbe advised the couple—who were not observant—to learn about and live in accordance with Taharas Hamishpacha, which they did. Sure enough, they were blessed with three sons, the eldest of whom they named Yosef Yitzchak as an expression of gratitude to the Rebbe. Another letter of note is on page 9, an official invitation to him to spend Tishrei with the Rebbe. This was written at the Rebbe's behest, after Binyomin Saacks had trouble when entering the United States. Sure enough, with the letter in hand, he had no issue entering the US.

With wishes of mazal tov,

Refoel Yisroel and Miriam Saacks

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By the Grace of G-d
11th of Tammuz, 5717
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Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to receive your letter of the 8th of Tammuz, in which you describe your wedding, that it was a real Jewish marriage, which left a deep impression on the families of both sides, with evident results of inspiring them to increased Jewish observance.

Inasmuch as a Jewish marriage is called an "Everlasting Edifice," as is the text in the blessings recited ~~under~~ the Chuppah, and this edifice is set up on the day of marriage, I trust that this will be so in your case, and that you will be truly happy, materially and spiritually, all your ~~lives~~.

I hope, as in the past, you will continue to maintain close contact with Rabbi Gurkow and ~~A~~ circle of friends, which will be a source of inspiration to you and will increase your success in all your affairs.

Once again I send you my prayerful wishes for Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov, coupled with the blessing of the Day of Deliverance (12-13 of Tammuz) of my father-in-law of saintly memory. I trust that you know something about the importance of these days, and will also participate in the special Chassidic gathering which will observe this historic occasion in true Chassidic fashion, which means increased inspiration and devotion in matters of Torah and Mitzvoh, and the Chassidic way of life.

With blessing

M. Schneerson

In reference to your P.S., in which you write that you would like to do something for me, you can do a great deal more than "something," namely:

As you know, one of the main objectives of our work is to strengthen and disseminate real Yiddishkeit among Jews everywhere. Experience has shown that whatever can be achieved through propaganda, and all kinds of effort, infinitely more can be achieved through living examples. By this I mean that when we can point to people who conduct their lives in accordance with the true Jewish way, despite difficulties that might sometimes arise, and they do so with pride and happiness, which not only pervades their inner being, but also inspires others; especially when we can point to young people who begin their married life and set up a true Jewish home, serving as living examples

to others --- this is worth a great deal more than any amount of preaching and propaganda. Therefore, when you will so conduct your life, and will continue to advance and rise along this path of the Torah and Mitzvoh, with Chassidic inspiration and vitality, you will be a great help to me in my work, which covers also England, and your immediate environment.

May G-d help that you always fulfill the injunction "Serve G-d with joy."

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By the Grace of G-d
25th of Adar, 5718
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Greeting and Blessing:

I received your letter of the 18th of Adar, in which you write about the problem you had with davvening, asking my advice.

You should henceforth davven at home in the morning, whenever you cannot davven in Shul, and you should not leave your davvening for your place of work. As for making amends for the past, you should resolve (bli-neder) to devote 10 to 15 extra minutes daily as an addition to your Shiurim, not permitting this time to be interrupted by anything. As to when this extra period should be, you should decide upon a week or two in advance. But above all, you should davven at home, whenever not in Shul, so you will be able to concentrate better, and it will also be in the proper time.

As in every case of a transgression, a cent or two extra Tzedoko goes along way to forgiveness, and this too should be bli-neder.

With blessing

This letter having been delayed, your letter of 24th of Adar arrived in the meantime. I was pleased to read in it that you had an enjoyable and inspiring Purim. I wish you and your wife a kosher and happy Pesach, a Festival of Freedom in the fullest sense of the word, meaning also freedom from all things distracting and interfering with kosher and ample Parnosso, peace of mind and serving G-d with joy. I hope to hear good news from you always.

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14th of Shevat, 5718
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Greeting and Blessing:

I received your letter of the 19th of Teveth, and, subsequently, your second letter of the 7th of Shevat, enclosing photograph, for which I thank you very much.

I was particularly pleased to receive the good news that your sister has not only resolved to observe the Jewish way of life, but is actually doing so. The Almighty, the Giver of the Torah and Mitzvoth, Whose Divine Providence extends to every one individually, may be relied upon to fulfill His promise of Blessings, not only in after-life, but also on this earth, as a direct reward for walking in the ways of the Torah and Mitzvoth, which He has commanded.

I noted that you have given up your own work and are now employed by someone else, which has increased your peace of mind. Needless to say, that this is one of the most important things, and I hope that the change will prove beneficial also in Parnosso.

No doubt you know that we recently observed the Yahrzeit of my father-in-law of saintly memory. I trust that you have also participated in some such special function which took place in this connection. As you know, the importance of observing such a Yahrzeit, is to be inspired by the courage and determination of our great leaders, in order to follow their examples and walk in their ways, which brings true spiritual and material happiness.

Last, but not least, I was pleased to read about your wife's pregnancy. May G-d help that she complete her pregnancy normally and give birth, in due course, to healthy offspring.

I trust that she is observing the good custom of Jewish daughters to put aside a couple of pennies for Tzedoko before lighting the candles. It would be well for her to add an extra penny until after she gives birth, in a happy and auspicious hour. This should be done, of course, Eli Neder.

With blessings

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4th of Teveth, 5719
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Greeting and Blessing:

I received your two letters. With regard to the contents of the first, about artificial insemination, there are different methods and conditions involved, and it is necessary to know all the particulars before giving a definite ruling as to what the Jewish point of law is in this regard. Therefore, I suggest that you consult an Orthodox Rabbi in your neighborhood, who could make the necessary inquiries at the hospital in question, in addition to the information that you can submit to him, and then he will be able to advise you on the matter.

I was pleased to read that you participated in the Farbrengen of Yud-Tes Kislev, and that your affairs are generally improving. May G-d grant that the improvement continue steadily, in accordance with the message of Chanukah which we have just celebrated, when the candles are lit in increasing numbers throughout the days of Chanukah. May there be a steady intensification of the light of Torah and Mitzvoth in your home, with a corresponding increase of light and happiness also in your physical and material aspects.

Hoping to hear good news from you always,

With blessing

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By the Grace of G-d
6th of Menachem Av, 5719
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Greeting and Blessing:

I received your letter of the 3rd of Menachem Av. Mazel Tov on the birth of a son to your sister, Mrs. Batsman. I trust you will continue to use your good influence over your sister in her affairs, that everything should be in accordance with the Torah and Mitzvoth, all the more so since your sister and brother-in-law have been enjoying G-d's blessings.

I will also remember in prayer your mother, and I hope that you will have good news to report.

Though we are in the sad part of the beginning of Menachem Av, may G-d's promise soon be fulfilled that these days will be converted into days of gladness and joy.

With blessing,

By *Avraham Schneer*

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By the Grace of G-d
23rd of Av, 5720
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Greeting and Blessing:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th of Menachem Av, in which you request a letter for the Consul, in connection with your desire to come to New York for Succos.

It is assumed that this trip is with the consent of your wife, and, therefore, such a letter is enclosed herewith.

Looking forward to greeting you here,

With blessing,

Menachem Schneerson
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23rd of Av, 5720

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Greeting and Blessing:

We cordially extend to you herewith an invitation to be our guest during the forthcoming High Holy Days.

As you know, this is the time when many delegates and friends arrive in New York from all parts of the world to participate in the special services conducted under the auspices of our President, His Eminence, Chief Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, as also in the special meetings and conferences which are arranged during this festival season.

We will look forward to your participation and reports on the activities of the "Lubavitch House" in London, as well as on the educational activities of our London office and institutions, with which you are well familiar.

Needless to say, as our guest you will enjoy the complete hospitality of this organization in the way of accommodation, food, etc.

Please let us know the exact date of your arrival, so that you can be met.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

M. A. Hodakov
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B.H. 24th of Tammuz, 5722
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Sholom uBrocho:

I am in receipt of your letter of 18th of Tammuz, in which you write about the difficulties which have developed in your partnership, and the proposition of going into business with a new partner.

Generally speaking, a decision in such a matter depends on various details, which makes it difficult to give advice from a distance. But one of the essential consideration is that the partner should be a person with whom it is not difficult to get along.

I also wish to add another point which has an important bearing on your situation. I refer to the basis of all blessings - sholom. So important is it, that the whole Shass concludes with the statement that sholom is the vessel which contains G-d's blessings. It is particularly related to one's Parnosso, especially when there are difficulties. To remedy the situation, it is necessary to widen the whole area of Sholom in one's relationship with people in general, and in the matter of Sholom-Bayis especially.

As for the other anxieties about which you write with discouragement, etc., this is the doing of the Yetzer whose job it is to undermine a person's confidence and wellbeing, spiritually and materially. To a person of your background it is surely unnecessary to emphasize this at great length. It is necessary, however, to bear in mind the well-known and established principle: "As water reflects the face, so does one heart respond to another." This is true not only in personal relationships, but also in matters of general outlook: אז דו וועסט קוקן אנדערש וועסטו זען אנדערש:

With blessing for improved Parnosso
and good tidings,

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By the Grace of G-d
22nd of Kislev, 5722
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Greeting and Blessing:

This is in reply to your letter of the 16th of Kislev, and the previous one.

You write about difficulties which you have encountered in your new business, and that it appears to you that your partner's attitude is not as it should be, etc., and you ask my advice.

It seems to me that you are justified in your apprehension that if you should leave at this time you would not be paid for your past work, or, at best, it might take a long time. On the other hand, the reason for your partner's attitude might well be explained by the fact that he simply is pressed for funds, or that the money is invested in some other way, and he feels embarrassed, and therefore is prone to be evasive or even rude at times. However, inasmuch as Rabbi Spector has been the go-between and is a friend of both of you, you ought to ask him to try to straighten the matter out, both for the present as well as for the future.

I was surprised to read that you have no written agreement. This is very unbusinesslike. At any rate, you should try to find a suitable way to make a written agreement, whether in your present business, or any other partnership that you might contemplate. A written agreement, where all conditions and terms are spelled out, surely serves to save a lot of misunderstanding and friction.

As we are approaching the Festival of Chanukah, I trust that you are familiar with the essential message of the Mitzvah of the Chanukah lights, namely, to spread the light of the Torah and Mitzvoth both at home and "outside" in an evergrowing measure, just as the lights of Chanukah are kindled each night in increasing numbers and are supposed to shine both at home and outside.

With regard to the difficulty of Parnosso, it is frequently implied in the words of our Sages, that such difficulty is often connected with the lack of peace and harmony at home. While I do not want to take sides, it is a matter of principle that the husband mainly has the responsibility for Sholom Bayis, in view of the fact that a woman is generally more emotional and sensitive, which should make the husband more considerate and more forgiving. So important is the matter of Sholom Bayis that it is included in the morning blessings which we say each morning in the Mishnah Eilu Dvorim, as you know. I trust that this is not the case in regard to your family

life. However, it is well to bear this in mind, for there is always room for improvement.

No doubt you celebrated Yud Tes Kislev in the proper way, and I hope that the inspiration will last you throughout the year.

Hoping to hear good news from you, and wishing you and yours a happy and inspiring Chanukah,

With blessing,

By *Avraham Sidel*



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