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Attending College

Part 2: Completing College and Utilizing a Degree

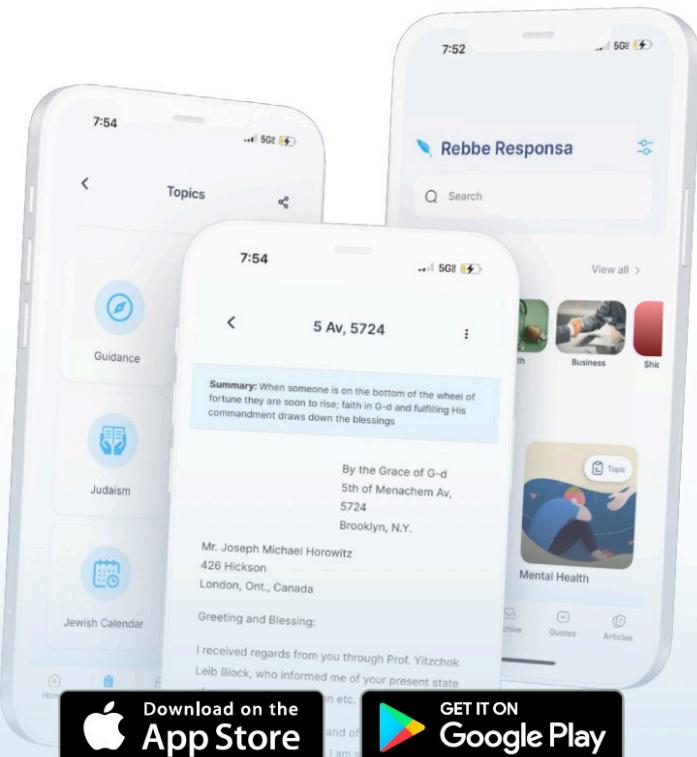
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We are pleased to present *Issue 143* of *Rebbe Responsa*, a compilation of letters originally authored by the Lubavitcher Rebbe in English, culled from the *Rebbe Responsa* app.

Last week, we examined the Rebbe's opposition to attending college, particularly during one's formative years. The letters revealed the Rebbe's unequivocal stance: college jeopardizes Jewish identity and exposes youth to the allure of assimilation. Modern campuses foster ideologies and lifestyles that contradict not only observant life but also the foundations of a moral society. Furthermore, college represents a departure from a Jew's sacred mission to illuminate the world with Torah and Mitzvos.

This week's issue uncovers another dimension of the Rebbe's approach. Addressed to individuals who have already invested years in college, these letters encourage them to complete their studies rather than allow their investment to go to waste, even when it contradicts their inclination to stop. In one remarkable instance, the Rebbe advises a ba'al teshuva to set aside his aspirations of entering chinuch and to finish qualifying as a lawyer, even offering financial assistance to help him complete his studies.

This position flows directly from the worldview expressed in last week's issue: a Jew's mission is to spread G-dliness in this world. In fulfilling this mission, he must utilize everything—including time spent in secular studies and academic degrees—in the service of G-d.

Included are eight previously unpublished letters from the Rebbe.

These two installments present a selection of the Rebbe's correspondence on this subject; a fuller collection is available on the *Rebbe Responsa* app. To properly understand the Rebbe's position, readers are encouraged to study all available sources.

All Titles, Summaries, and Footnotes were added by the publisher unless otherwise noted.

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The Rebbe's English letters represent a previously unexplored facet of the Rebbe's Torah, containing profound wisdom and practical guidance expressed in clear, accessible language. We encourage you to download the *Rebbe Responsa* app, which offers the only comprehensive collection of the Rebbe's English letters available to date. With over 5,000 letters organized by both topic and date, the app makes finding the Rebbe's guidance and worldview simple and accessible.

May the study of these letters hasten the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days.

The Rebbe Responsa Team

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Should I Drop Out of College?

Judaism is an all-encompassing way of life that must inform all decisions, including circumstantial ones; a case in point – whether to complete college or not

By the Grace of G-d
7th of Nissan, 5720
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. A. Gaffney¹
11 Empress Road
East St. Kilda, Vic.

Greeting and Blessing:

...In this connection I wish to point out that one of the things that differentiates the Jewish religion from others is that in the case of other religions religious practices are reserved for special occasions, for which there is a time and place, whereas in the case of the Jewish religion it is a **way of life** which dominates and regulates the life of the Jew at all times, there being no area in life where the Torah can be excluded. This corresponds to what our Sages said, "G-d looked into the Torah and created the world,"² whereby they meant to indicate that the Torah is the blue-print of the world at large, and of each individual "world" in particular. Hence, when a non-Jew desires to embrace the Jewish religion, he must be cautioned that it entails a total commitment of 24 hours a day, which must be permeated with the Torah, and all his movements must be regulated by the do's and don'ts of the Torah

Source: Photocopy of the original (the [full letter](#) is available on the Rebbe Responsa app).

¹ **Rabbi Shneur Zalman (Abraham) Gaffney** (b. 5698) is a respected Chabad educator who converted to Judaism in his early twenties. At the time this letter was written, Gaffney was studying philosophy and religion at university. In his quest for truth, he developed a close relationship with the Chabad community in Melbourne, which influenced his decision to convert. This excerpt is from a letter responding to his desire to embrace Judaism.

Additional English letters addressed to Gaffney include those dated [3 Cheshvan, 5721](#) and [Days of Selichoth, 5722](#).

² *Zohar* vol. 2, 161b

precepts, There are, of course, certain areas where the Torah leaves some flexibility, depending upon conditions and circumstances, but even in these areas the action and conduct must correspond to the directives of the Torah in relation to the circumstances.

By way of illustration: You have a problem whether or not to continue your studies at the university. This is an area where one generally would use one's own judgment. But from the Jewish point of view, on the basis of the principle that G-d creates nothing in vain, the general view would be to continue such studies to their conclusion, so as not to waste the time and effort already invested. On the other hand, there could be a situation in which the particular individual could use his time to better advantage than the University degree could offer, in which case it would be wrong for him to continue his studies...

...As for your question whether you should continue your academic studies, my view will have become evident to you from the lines above, namely, that you should continue your studies in order not to lose the years of effort you have put in...

With blessing

M. Schneerson

2

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I can only suggest to you that since you have discussed the matter with the members of the Beth Din, and if you are not deterred by the thought of undertaking a total commitment and transformation of your personal daily life in every aspect and phase, you should again take the matter up with the Rabbis and follow their advice. I assume that the Rabbis have told you that to become a Ger is an irrevocable step.

As for your question whether you should continue your academic studies, my view will have become evident to you from the lines above, namely, that you should continue your studies in order not to lose the years of effort you have put in.

With regard to the question of ~~xxx~~ advisability of your visiting the Holy Land, I cannot express an opinion on it without knowing the ~~xxx~~ reasons on the basis of which the Rabbis of the Beth Din have advised you to do so, and whether there has been a change in such reasons in the meantime. Therefore you should again consult them on this.

May the Almighty, Whose benevolent Providence extends to everyone individually lead you in the path that is truly good for you in every way.

With blessing *m. Schneerson*

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Study Can't Go to Waste

*Benefits of completing college studies once they have been started,
irrespective of the general question of college attendance*

By the Grace of G-d
27th of Elul, 5720
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Elie Cohen³
1216, Avenue la Joie
Montreal, Que.

Greeting and Blessing:

I received your letter of the 23rd of Elul, in which you ask my advice about college and the problems connected therewith.

Inasmuch as you write that you are in communication with Rabbi Nissan Mangel, I trust that you could work out together a way to overcome the difficulties. The important thing is to see to it that all the time and effort which you have invested in your studies at college should not be completely lost, and this is possible only if you will complete your studies and obtain your diploma. For then you will surely have opportunities not only to use it for economic purposes, but also to increase your influence in strengthening Yiddishkeit in your environment. Had the question of college arisen in the first place, namely, whether to begin college or not, the situation would have been different. However, since you have already invested time and effort in it, my advice is as above.

I want to take this opportunity to emphasize again the importance of observing the commandment of the Torah to guard one's health, which simply means to take care of one's diet, regular meals, etc. These things can surely be arranged in a way that they

Source: Photocopy of the original

³ **Rabbi Prof. Elie Cohen** (5701-5781 / 1941-2021) was a Tunisian-born Torah scholar and mathematician who settled in Montreal as a teenager. Drawn to Chabad in his student years, he corresponded with the Rebbe, who encouraged him to continue both his Torah learning and academic studies.

For additional letters addressed to him, see letter dated [3rd Day of Chanukah, 5719](#) and as referenced there.

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As requested, I will remember you and the others in prayer when visiting the holy resting place of my father-in-law of saintly memory, and I hope to hear good news from you.

Wishing you a Ksivo vachasimo toivo,

With blessing,

By Nissan Mindel

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Impact of a Diploma

Do all you can to finish academic studies; the impact a diploma will have on spreading Yiddishkeit and Chassidus; whether to move to another country to complete a dissertation

By the Grace of G-d
25th of Teves, 5729
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. & Mrs. ...

Greeting and Blessing:

No doubt you received my previous letter acknowledging receipt of the newspaper clippings, etc.

I trust that you are doing all in your power in the natural order of things in regard to concluding your studies and receiving your diploma without undue delay. And when the Jew does all that is up to him in the ordinary course of things, G-d blesses him with Hatzlocho.

It is surely unnecessary to emphasize to you the need to consider this not only a matter of Parnosso and other material aspects, but also as an additional force and quality in your efforts to spread Yiddishkeit and Chasidus. For, obviously, people take much greater notice of, and are much more influenced by, a person with an academic diploma.

Although there may be some negative factors in your present place, I think that it is not wise for you to move to another country, for the purpose of completing your dissertation, because the positive aspects in your present place outweigh the negative ones. I have in mind that you will spare yourself the adjustment which would be required when moving to a new place, and that also in your present surroundings you have friends of long standing with whom you can discuss problems, having also the satisfaction of meeting with observant Jews, although their number is at present still not large. The important thing for you at this time is to make a

Source: Photocopy of the original. For an additional letter concerning the recipient's academic studies, see below, letter six.

firm and resolute decision to complete your academic work as soon as possible, and to carry out this decision with perseverance and confidence, with Bitochon in G-d that you will have Hatzlocho in this.

May G-d grant that you should both have good news to report in all matters, and especially in the matter of having much true Yiddish Chasidish Nachas from your children.

With blessing,

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Although there may be some negative factors in your present place, I think that it is not wise for you to move to another ~~place, even another country~~, for the purpose of completing your dissertation, because the positive aspects in your present place outweigh the negative ones. I have in mind that you will spare yourself the adjustment which would be required when moving to a new place, and that also in your present surroundings you have friends of long standing with whom you can discuss problems, having also the satisfaction of meeting with observant Jews, although their number is at present still not large. The important thing for you at this time is to make a firm and resolute decision to complete your academic work as soon as possible, and to carry out this decision with perseverance and confidence, with Bitochon in G-d that you will have Hatzlocho in this.

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A Discouraged Philosopher

Finish philosophy doctorate as soon as possible; since you've already started, you must finish without interruption; examination anxiety

By the Grace of G-d
29th of Tammuz, 5713
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Irving Block⁴
3801 Harding Road
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Block:

I have received your letter of June 17, in which you furnish additional information concerning your status at Harvard in connection with your studies, and request my advice.

As I told you when you visited me, it is my opinion that if in the course of a year you can cover all the required credits for the Ph.D,

Source: Photocopy of the original.

⁴ **Dr. Yitzchok (Irving) Block** (5691-5778) was born to a traditional Jewish family in Nashville, Tennessee. Through the influence of Rabbi Zalman Posner, the shliach to Nashville, he grew closer to Yiddishkeit.

Behind the Letter: In 1952, Block graduated from university with a degree in philosophy and was accepted into graduate programs at several prominent institutions. Before continuing his academic studies, he spent a summer studying at 770, a transformative experience he greatly enjoyed. Before leaving the Yeshiva, the Rebbe persuaded him to attend Harvard University—where there was a larger Jewish student body—rather than the University of Edinburgh, to which he had also been accepted.

Dr. Block later described feeling initially disillusioned during his time at Harvard, particularly after failing several examinations. Although he wished to return to study at the Yeshiva at 770, the Rebbe encouraged him to complete his academic program.

For additional letters addressed to him during his time at Harvard, see letters dated [2 Cheshvan 5713](#), [3 Sivan 5716](#), [16 Tammuz 5716](#), [16 Adar 5717](#), [12 Iyar 5717](#), and [16 Kislev 5718](#).

Ultimately, Block earned his doctorate and became a leading scholar in Aristotelian philosophy. He was appointed as the first Chabad emissary to a college campus, serving the University of Western Ontario where he taught philosophy as a professor for 36 years.

and then write your thesis wherever you will be, this would be the more logical course, inasmuch as you have already begun your studies. For to interrupt your studies at this stage, would make a resumption more difficult later. As for your anxiety with regard to examinations, you will surely pass them with the necessary effort on your part.

Since you write that you hope to be in New York in the latter part of July or early August, there will be an opportunity to discuss your problem again should there be any changes.

With blessing

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Newly Released

The letters that appear on the following pages are being published here for the first time, courtesy of your fellow readers.

We invite anyone who may have letters from the Rebbe to please share them with us. By doing so, you will enable countless individuals from all walks of life to benefit from the timeless wisdom and counsel they contain.

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Pass the Test!

Mood affecting test scores; time spent on secular studies can't go to waste; adenoid removal

By the Grace of G-d
19th of Tammuz, 5720
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. ...

Blessing and Greeting:

After the long interval, I received your letter of July 14th.

Needless to say, it was a good thing that you followed the advice of the doctor to postpone the removal of your daughter's adenoids.

I was sorry to read about your husband's state of mind, which has been reflected in his own studies, down to his marks. I am greatly surprised at him. For surely he knows the ruling of the Shulchan Aruch (par. 231) about the duty to serve G-d in all one's ways. Therefore, having spent so much energy on his studies, and being within reach of completing his course, surely the sooner he will complete it and the better he will complete it, the greater will be the opportunity to use it in the service of G-d. I trust that it is

unnecessary for me to elaborate on something which should be quite obvious to your husband. It is my sincere hope that from now on he will strengthen his faith in G-d and go about his studies and obligations with a spirit of confidence and true joy. All the more so as this is one of the basic principles of Chassidus, and this year being the 200th anniversary of the Yahrzeit of its founder, the saintly Baal Shem Tov.

I conclude with prayerful wishes that you complete your pregnancy and have a normal delivery in a happy and auspicious hour.

Hoping to hear good news from you,

With blessing,

By Nissan Mindel

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A Matter of Parnasa

Pursuing scientific study for the sake of parnasa

SECRETARIAT of RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON
the Lubavitcher Rabbi

By the Grace of G-d
5th of Shevat, 5736

Sholom uBrocho:

In response to the questions posed in your two recent letters I wish to inform you that the Rebbe נ"ע replied that:

1) It is yet too early to consider establishing a Chabad House there at this time,

2) You should continue your studies in the field of science in a manner and to the degree that it will be useful to you for your Parnosso.

With all good wishes,
Sincerely,

Rabbi M. A. Hodakov

Source: Photocopy of the original. For an additional letter to the recipient regarding his studies, see above, letter three.

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By *Menachem Schneerson*

Behind Letters 7-13

Mr. Bentzion Bernstein (d. 5783) was born into a traditional Jewish family in London, England, and earned a law degree from the University of London. While completing his studies, he took a teaching position at the local Lubavitch school, where he became increasingly drawn to deeper religious observance. Over time, he grew disillusioned with the practice of law and decided to pursue a career in Jewish education instead.

After spending some time studying at the central Chabad Yeshivah at 770, Bentzion had a private audience with the Rebbe—an encounter that changed the course of his life. During this meeting, the Rebbe instructed him to investigate the steps necessary to qualify as a lawyer. The suggestion surprised Bentzion, who believed he had moved on from that chapter of his life.

The Rebbe explained that he was seeking to build a "task force" of religious Jews in the sciences and professional fields. As he later wrote, the Rebbe wanted Bentzion to serve as a living example of a lawyer who was also a *Yorei Shomayim* and influence others to follow his example. The Rebbe noted in the audience that since Bentzion was already well on his way to qualification, he was uniquely suited to enter the field.

Following the Rebbe's directive, Bentzion returned to London and began the demanding and complex process of qualifying as a solicitor. "I found it quite difficult," he later recalled, "as I had gotten married and started a family, making it very challenging to study while supporting a household." He conveyed these concerns to the Rebbe, who responded that a scholarship fund would be made available to him for as long as necessary and advised him to discuss the details with Rabbi Hodakov.

"It wasn't something the Rebbe expected us to repay, but we did repay it," Bentzion continued his recollection. "It would have been impossible without that encouragement and financial assistance, and without seeing the confidence the Rebbe had that I would be able to qualify and be of some service to the community."

With the exception of the first letter, the following letters are being published here for the first time, courtesy of the Bernstein family.

Sources: Interview with Mr. Bernstein, Living Torah, program 312; Here's My Story: The Taskforce; the Bernstein family.

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A Lawyer on a Mission

Why I want your husband to become a lawyer

By the Grace of G-d
19th of Teves, 5725
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. Rachel Bernstein⁵
83 Queen Elizabeth Walk
London N.16, England

Greeting and Blessing:

...I was pleased to read about your participation in the work of the Neshei u'Bnos Chabad. May G-d grant that it should proceed in a growing measure, with devotion and dedication. This is also one of the lessons of this week's Sidra where we read how the Jewish women Shifrah and Puah were instrumental in building up the Jewish homes, and together with the other righteous women of their time brought about the deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

With blessing

By Nissan Mindel

P.S. The dispatch of this letter has been delayed, and in the meantime your recent two letters have been received...

In reply to your question why I advised your husband to continue his studies to qualify as a lawyer - it is simple: Inasmuch as he has already invested so much time and effort in this area, he should not let it go to waste, and should utilize it most effectively, namely by completing the course successfully. Furthermore the additional Parnosso that will eventually follow from this, could also be applied in spiritual matters. There is also a further point, namely

Source: Photocopy of the original.

⁵ **Mrs. Rachel Bernstein** (d. 5783) was a devoted member of the Chabad community in London, UK, a committed communal activist, and the director of the Beis Chana Jewish Women's Center in London. This letter was written to her a little over a month after her wedding.

the setting of an example of being a lawyer and a Yorei Shomayim at the same time, and showing the way to others. And there are yet other good reasons...

8

Don't Worry About Tuition

An anxious outlook is at odds with the teachings of Chassidus; a scholarship to help with your tuition

By the Grace of G-d
Chol Hamoed Succoth, 5724
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Ben Zion Chaim Bernstein
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England

Greeting and Blessing:

I received your letter of Erev Succoth as well as the previous one. No doubt you have received my good wishes for Rosh Hashanah, and I again wish you G-d's blessings to settle down satisfactorily in every respect.

Needless to say, I am somewhat surprised at the state of anxiety in which your letter has been written. For, surely you remember what is written in the books of Chassidus about Bitochon and serving G-d with joy, etc. Thus, your mood is entirely inconsistent with these teachings, especially as it seems that your frame of mind has affected your confidence, energy, etc.

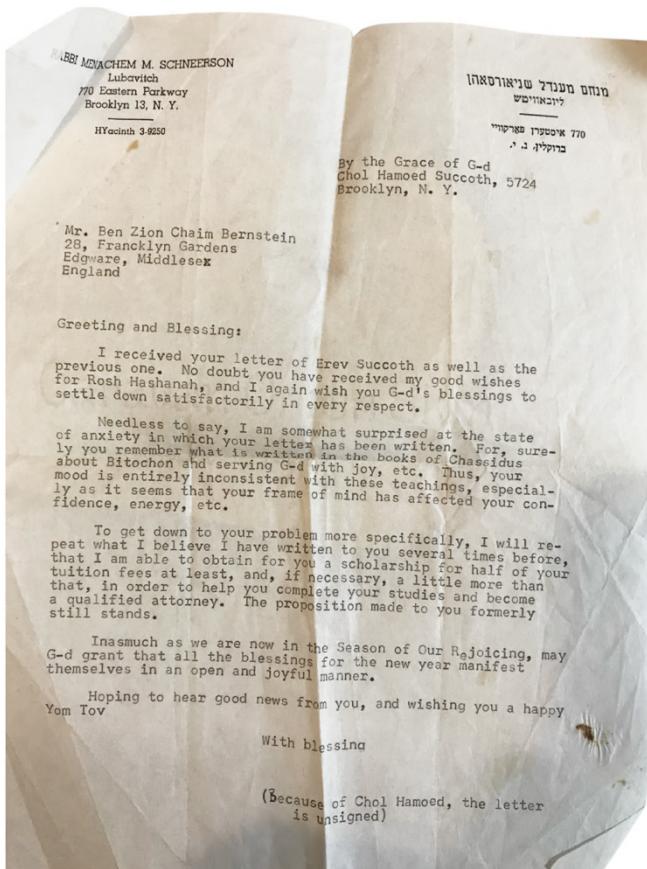
To get down to your problem more specifically, I will repeat what I believe I have written to you several times before, that I am able to obtain for you a scholarship for half of your tuition fees at least, and, if necessary, a little more than that, in order to help you complete your studies and become a qualified attorney. The proposition made to you formerly still stands.⁶

Inasmuch as we are now in the Season of Our Rejoicing, may G-d grant that all the blessings for the new year manifest themselves in an open and joyful manner.

Hoping to hear good news from you, and wishing you a happy Yom Tov

With blessing

(Because of Chol Hamoed, the letter is unsigned)



⁶ In a letter dated [Lag B'Omer 5724](#), the Rebbe followed up on this matter: "With regard to the question of the scholarship, I trust that you have already received Rabbi Hodakov's reply. At any rate, my promise that I wrote to you some time ago still stands, of course..."

9-13
Law School on the House

Five letters on the Rebbe's efforts to help a chossid become a qualified lawyer

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the Lubavitcher Rabbi

28th of Adar I, 5725

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Sholom uBrocho,

Though much time has lapsed since we last met, as far as I can remember I was left with the understanding that after your return to England and formulation of your plans for the future, you were to let us know how much we would be able to help you with for the completion of your studies.

I hope you will let me know how everything is with you and that you will feel free to write to me with regard to the above.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely

Rabbi M. A. Hodakov

II

SECRETARIAT of RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON
the Lubavitcher Rabbi

By the Grace of G-d
11th of Nissan, 5725

Benzion Chaim Bernstein
83 Queen Elizabeth Walk
London N. 16, England

Greeting and Blessing:

Thank you for your letter of 27 Adar Sheni.

I was pleased to learn that Rabbi Sudak has been taking care of the loan matter, and that he will continue to do so in the future for as long as necessary, so that you needn't worry about it.

Wishing you and all yours a very happy and
Kosher Pesach,

Sincerely,

Rabbi M.A. Hodakov

III

SECRETARIAT of RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON
the Lubavitcher Rabbi

Elul 15, 5726

Mr. Benzion Chaim Bernstein
8 Allerton Road
London N. 16, England

Greeting and Blessing:

In response to your letter of Rosh Chodesh Elul, we have agreed to enlarge the amount of our scholarship-loan over the next six months, and we have informed Rabbi Sudak of same.

With best wishes for a Ksivo Vachasimo Tovo,

Sincerely,

Rabbi M. A. Hodakov
c.c. Rabbi N. Sudak

Tel: HYacinth 3-9250

Cables: LUBAVITCH NEWYORK

מִזְכִּירָה
כ"ס אַדְמֹרִיךְ מַנְחָם מַעֲנָדָה שְׁלִימָ"א שְׁנִיאָרְסָהָן
לִיּוֹבָגָן וּמִזְרָחָן

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Ch. Hodakov
Rabbi M.A. Hodakov

IV

SECRETARIAT of RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON
the Lubavitcher Rabbi

By the Grace of G-d
MarCheshvan 2, 5728

Mr. Benzion Bernstein
8 Allerton Road
London N. 16, England

Greeting and Blessing:

With reference to your letter of Tishrei 28, the opinion of the Rebbe נ"טילש is that you should follow the advice of your principal by studying full time.

As for the financial problem, we will be able to extend further loans to you. We wish you much success in your studies.

Sincerely,

Rabbi M.A. Hodakov

V

SECRETARIAT of RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON
the Lubavitcher Rabbi

By the Grace of G-d
19th of Kislev, 5729

Mr. Benzion Bernstein
8 Allerton Road
London N. 16, England

Greeting and Blessing:

In reply to your letter of Kislev 14, the Rebbe נ"טילש advises that you resume studying and that you will be able to borrow the sums which will be necessary.

With best wishes for your success,

Sincerely,

Rabbi M. A. Hodakov

לזכות החתן
הרהור"ת ר' מנחם מענדל שיחי
וויכנין

והכללה המהוללה
מרת מושקא שתחוי וואלף

לרגל חתונתם בשעטום"צ
כ"ד שבט ה'חשפ"ו

יה"ר שיבנו בית בישראל בנין עדי עד על יסודי התורה
והמצווה כפי שהם מוארים במאור שבתורה זהה תורה
החסידות כרצו"ק כ"ק אדמו"ר נשיא דורנו

לזכות
הרהור"ת ר' שמואל בן אסתר שיחי
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