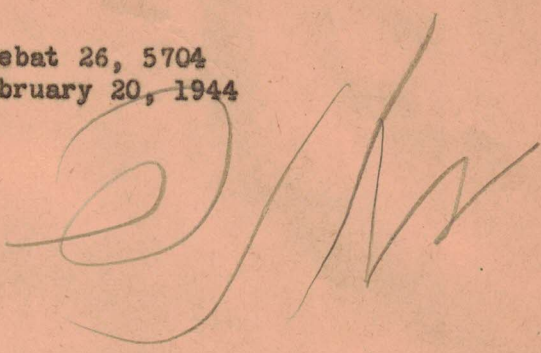


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Capt. Harry Sohn M.C.
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Dear Captain Sohn:

We are sure that by this time you have already received the material which sent to you on the order of my father-in-law, the Lubavitcher Rebbe. You will find of great use in any work which you may do to strengthen the cause of Judaism among your fellow soldiers.

It is the sacred task of every serviceman to interest himself in the spiritual life of his coreligionists in arms, both in respect to giving the moral support they need in order to be strong and brave and confident of victory, as well as to encourage them in their faith and observance of our precepts to the utmost possible.

Our sacred and divine Torah recognized thousands of years ago that faith in G-d is a prerequisite to courage and confidence in victory. "And it shall be when you draw nigh unto battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people and shall say unto them, 'Hear O Israel, ye draw nigh this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your heart faint, fear not nor be alarmed, neither be you frightened of them; for it is G-d your G-d who goes with you to fight with you against your enemies, to save you.'" (Deut. 20:2-4) and (ibid 23:10-15): When thou goest forth in camp against thine enemies, then thou shalt keep thee from every evil thing..for G-d thy G-d walketh in the midst of thy camp; therefore shall thy camp be holy".

The heart of every Jew is always awake, and how much more so in such times of stress. It is therefore the privilege of every serviceman to impress upon his comrade-in-arms our great spiritual heritage and religious obligations, and we trust that he will get the full benefits of this opportunity, so that he may enjoy them later in peace and happiness.

With all good wishes for your success and complete victory of the United Nations; May we merit G-d's gracious mercy and the complete Redemption of our people Israel.

Yours very sincerely,

Rabbi M. Schneerson
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