

מכתב בענייני חתונה

By the Grace of G-d
24th of Teveth 5712
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr.

Greeting and Blessing:

I am informed by your brother Rabbi that you will be married next Shabbos night. I want to send you herewith my prayerful wishes that the marriage take place in an auspicious hour and that it be an everlasting edifice.

In constructing a building, consideration is given to both the quality of the material and the outer appearance. But this applies only to the outer walls of the building. As far as the foundation is concerned, however, the superficial appearance is of no importance whatever, for the important consideration is the quality and durability of the material that goes into the foundation. Obviously, the entire structure is dependent upon the foundation, and of what benefit are beautiful walls if the foundation will not be solid and durable.

Marriage is the foundation of an everlasting edifice. On this foundation depends not only the future life of the married couple, but also of their children and future generations to come. It is therefore very important to make sure that all details concerning the marriage itself, and the resolutions and plans for the future, should be of the best possible 'material,' and material which has been tested and proven sound, solid and durable.

Among us Jews such a thoroughly tested material is to be found in the Torah and Mitzvoh, with the help of which Jews have survived 1900 years of exile, and proved indestructable. I trust that you and your bride will build your foundation on this material, with utter disregard for anything that other people might think or say about it from their point of view.

If you and your bride will bear this in mind and build your home accordingly, the Almighty will surely bless you with happiness and success, a truly happy married life and an everlasting edifice.

With the blessing of Mazzaltov,