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Greeting and Blessing:

I received your letter postdated April 28th, in which you write that you have made the acquaintance of a young lady about whom you have serious intentions. You ask whether she ought to become more acquainted with Yiddishkeit before you get married, or can it be done also after the marriage?

The answer to such a question depends on several factors: a, how deficient is her knowledge and practice of Yiddishkeit? b, and this is perhaps even more important, how eager is this person to become acquainted with and carry out the Jewish way of life? For if she shows a willingness to do so for its own sake, and not merely to please you, it has a bearing on the question. c, it also depends on the degree of maturity of the person in question and if the resolutions are taken after mature consideration, *obeyd* will therefore be lived up to.

In view of the above, you ought to consult your local friends who know you both personally and with whom you could consider the above points, and make a decision accordingly.

May G-d, whose Divine Providence extends to everyone individually, lead you in the way that is best for you, both materially and spiritually. Needless to say, every additional effort in matters of Torah and Mitzvoth will bring you additional Divine blessings in all your affairs, especially in such an important matter as a Shidduch.

With blessing,

By

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