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By the Grace of G-d
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Greeting and Blessing:

I received your letter of the 7th of Nissan.

Needless to say, your activity in gathering every Sunday morning a group of post-Bar-Mitzvah boys for the purpose of discussions in the practical aspects of strengthening and spreading Yiddishkeit, etc., is an excellent thing, as it will do much good to them and through them also it will bring in an additional measure of Yiddishkeit into their homes and surroundings. May G-d grant that this activity, as well as your other activities in connection with the Lubavitch House, will be highly successful.

With regard to the conclusion of your letter, in which you write about your wife, and mention by name certain medication in the form of tablets, generally speaking, the names of tablets and drugs vary from country to country, and it is difficult to express an opinion from a distance. However, it is well to bear in mind that most of these drugs have been introduced fairly recently and have not been fully explored as regards possible side-effects, which sometimes are not evident at once, but are cumulative in nature. For this reason, you surely know that many drugs which have been used in the ^{past} have been discarded after a time, and new ones make their appearance and disappear, in rapid succession, so that many doctors prefer to stay away from them altogether, unless there is no other method. Furthermore, I believe I have already written to you before that if you will consult a Rov and explain to him the health problem involved, according to the opinion of the doctor, it is ^{very} possible that the Rov may suggest certain mechanical means to attain the same end, without any side-effects.

Needless to say, going to the Mikvah does not depend on whether or not it is considered advisable for any reason to postpone the being together. However, as I have written to you before, it is not advisable, generally speaking, to abstain from a normal family life, especially for ~~any~~ length of time, all the more so since it is necessary to avoid things which might cause nervousness, particularly as you write that the nerves are already strained. And this could surely be avoided, even from the point of view of the doctor, provided the necessary precautions are taken.

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On the occasion of the forthcoming Yom-Tov Pesach, I send you my prayerful wishes that the Festival of Our Freedom bring you and yours true freedom, freedom from anxiety material and spiritual, from anything which might distract from serving G-d wholeheartedly and with joy, and to carry over this freedom and joy into the whole year.

Wishing you and yours a Kosher and happy Pesach,

With blessing,

M. Schwartz