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By the Grace of G-d
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Greeting and Blessing:

I am in receipt of your recent letter, and I am pleased to note that you are making progress in your advancement in the knowledge and observance of the Torah and Mitzvoth. I trust you will continue to do so in a growing measure.

As we have now entered the auspicious month of Tammuz, and will soon observe the anniversary of the liberation of my father-in-law of saintly memory on the 12th-13th of Tammuz, the history of which I trust is well known to you, may these days inspire each and every one of us towards a greater measure of dedication to the Torah and Mitzvoth, and their fuller observance in the daily life, as our Sages taught, "The essential thing is the deed". May his example also inspire every one of us towards greater efforts to help our fellow Jews, and bring them closer to their Father in Heaven. We have been assured that, "He who is determined to purify himself, receives help from On High". To which, the Old Rebbe, author of the Tanya and Shulchan Aruch and founder of Chabad (whose 150th Yahrzeit Anniversary is observed this year), added, "to purify himself - and others", as indicated in the word *ל(י)טהר*.

Hoping to hear good news from you

With blessing

BY *Assa Schneer*

P. S. With regard to your question regarding those who require such influence, it is obvious that the influence should be directed towards bringing them closer to the way of the Torah and Mitzvoth. However, as to how to make the influence most effective, this depends on various factors, and you should therefore consult with your local friends.

As for the question how to influence your mother - this depends on her general disposition and nature, and therefore you ought to consult with friends who know her. Similarly in regard to the question as to what gift to give to your sister.

I am glad to see you decided to grow a beard, and may you do so with joy and gladness of heart always.