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Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to receive your respective letters written towards the end of the month of Nissan.

I was pleased to read about Mrs. Solomon's starting her new job, and may G-d grant that it should be satisfactory in every way.

Needless to say, every additional effort in matters of Torah and Mitzvot, and in the dissemination of Yiddishkeit in general, will bring additional Divine blessings.

With regard to the question of davening, you surely know that there are various customs insofar as women are concerned. However this is only as far as the women themselves are concerned. But if, as you write, this also has a bearing on the Chinuch of the children, this gives added reason to adopt the custom which would be most valuable for the children, even though the religious community where you lived previously does not demand it.

Besides, there is nothing more conducive to attune the mind and heart towards the consciousness of G-d's Presence than regular prayer, where the first condition is "Know before Whom thou art standing". Fostering this consciousness is very helpful for the attainment of peace of mind and general contentment. For through prayer and direct personal contact with the Almighty, one is reminded every day that G-d is not far away, in the Seventh Heaven, but is present and here, and His benevolent Providence extends to each and every one individually. This point has also been greatly emphasized by the Alter Rebbe in his book of Tanya, where he urges everyone to remember that "Behold, G-d is standing near him". With this in mind, there is no room left for any anxiety or worry, and as King David, the Sweet Singer of Israel said, "G-d is my shepherd, I shall not want", "G-d is with me, I shall not fear", etc. Thus this is no longer a theoretical idea, but becomes a personal experience in the everyday life.

As requested, I will remember in prayer those mentioned in your letter.

The present days of Sfirah, when we are counting the days and the weeks to Mattan Torah, are particularly auspicious to advance in all matters of Torah and Mitzvot, in order to illuminate one's life more fully with the light of the Torah and Mitzvot, which are also the channels to receive G-d's blessings in all one's needs, materially and spiritually.

Hoping to hear good news from you

With blessing *M. Schneerson*