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By the Grace of G-d
Roch Chodesh Sivan, 5725
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Blessing and Greeting:

I received your letter of May 25th. As requested, you will be remembered in prayer, when visiting the holy resting place of my father-in-law of saintly memory, in accordance with the contents of your letter.

Judging by your writing, I trust it is unnecessary to write to you at length about the need to strengthen and spread Yidishkeit in your environment, to the fullest extent of your influence. I hope you will not limit yourself to doing this within your own home, and will also bear in mind that V'Ohavto L'Reacho Komocho is the great principle of our Torah.

Having now entered the auspicious month of Sivan, when we will soon celebrate the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, the thought readily comes to one's mind that the Jewish woman had a primary part in this great event. For, as our Sages relate, when G-d was about to give the Torah to the Jewish people, He told Moshe Rabbeinu to approach the woman first, and persuade them to accept the Torah, and only then approach the men. This indicates that not only is the woman's cooperation very necessary, but thanks to Jewish woman, the Torah was given in the first place, and is assured of eternal preservation by our people.

Wishing you and yours a truly happy and inspiring Yom Tov of Kabbalas HaTorah.

With blessing,