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By the Grace of G-d
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Brooklyn, N. Y.

Greeting and Blessings:

I duly received your letter of November 21st with the clippings, as well as the previous correspondence. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me these newspaper cuttings.

As for your mentioning the fact that you had requested to "leave me out", surely you know that there is a Psak Din (in the Responsa of the Rashbo, quoted also in the Shulchan Aruch) to the effect that it is a Mitzvo to give public acknowledgment to the doers of a Mitzvo. Especially as in the present case there is also the aspect of Zechus Horabim, and it is well that such good works be publicized in order that they be emulated. Moreover as I had occasion to point out - and I believe also to you - the good works of Baalei Batim are usually more effective in their wider and profounder influence than the good works of a Rov which are taken for granted.

I heartily reciprocate your good wishes for Yud Tes Kislev. May G-d grant that all these blessings be augmented by G-d's blessings, in a measure far exceeding human measures, and that, together with your wife, you should have true Yiddish Chassidish Nachas from all your children and their offspring.

To conclude with the traditional blessing for the "Chassidic Rosh Hashono" of Yud Tes Kislev

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לשנה טובה בליטות החסידות
תבאנו ותחתנו
ורכבי החסידות

