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Sholom uBrocho:

I was genuinely pleased to see you at the Farbrengen, and previously at the Davening. In addition to the pleasure of seeing tangible proof of your satisfactory physical health, it is particularly gratifying to be able to share with good friends the joy of Yom Tov, especially Achron-shel-Pesach. For the Farbrengen on this occasion is in many respects an extension of the Haphtora of the day, which speaks of the blissful days of Moshiach and continues in the note of true fulfilment, when "the earth will be full of the knowledge of G-d, as the waters cover the sea."

While the Haphtorah speaks of the Days of Moshiach, G-d, Who is the Essence of Goodness, desires that the Good (in this case - the universal knowledge of G-d) which He will give us should be enjoyed to the fullest measure. Needless to say, the joy and appreciation of gaining something through toil and effort is incomparably greater than something which comes by without trying. Consequently, the activity now to spread "knowledge of G-d on earth" - the dissemination of Yiddishkeit, Torah and Mitzvoth - is the proper and necessary preparation for it, whereby also it will be possible to enjoy to the full the blessing of "the earth will be full of the knowledge of G-d, as the waters cover the sea."

The joy is compounded when one has the opportunity to bring the knowledge of G-d to spheres which are inaccessible to others, for which G-d provides a special capacity to accomplish it.

As you will easily infer, I am referring to your unique Zechus in being able to bring the "Emes haShem l'Olam" to a circle where few, if indeed any but you, can penetrate - the Emes haShem embodied in His Toras Emes. Truth is, of course, incompatible with compromise, for even the slightest compromise invalidates the real truth.

This reminds me of the story related by my father-in-law of saintly memory during a Farbrengen on Achron-shel-Pesach:

My grandfather, the Rebbe Maharash, once said to the Chosid R' Elia Abeler, a market trader: "Elia, I envy you. You travel and go to markets and fairs, which gives you the

opportunity to exchange a Jewish word with a fellow-Jew and inspire him to learn Nigleh and Chasidus. This creates joy in Heaven, and G-d pays the commission in terms of children, life and sustenance. The busier the market and the greater the effort, the greater the Parnosso."

Scores of years later, when R' Elia recounted this to me, he was aglow and aflame with those words, and his limbs shook, as though he had just heard them for the first time that day." (Sefer Hasichos, 5743, p.111).

The story speaks for itself. I will only add the obvious, that envy in matters of Torah and Mitzvot is quite in order.

To reiterate what I wished you during our meeting afterwards, may it be G-d's Will that for many years to come you should work in the above mentioned direction, in good health, and with joy and gladness of heart, and with a growing measure of vitality and inspiration; and may the above blessings of the Rebbe Maharash be fulfilled in your and yours.

With blessing *m. Schinerzon*

P.S. It was a particular pleasure for me to hear your daughter recite on the sedra of the Torah and ~~about~~ about the Seder, which she did with naturalness and innocence characteristic of a child, oblivious of compromise. It bespeaks your ability, undoubtedly shared by your wife, to instil such pure faith in her. Have much Nachas.