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To the Graduates of Beth Chana

Blessing and Greeting:

The memories and inspiration of the Festival of Mattan Torah, which we have just celebrated, are still fresh in our minds. We remember particularly the saying of our Sages that it was only after our children were made the guarantors for the preservation of the Torah that the Torah was given to us at Mt. Sinai.

This means that in addition to sharing with the rest of the Jewish people in the unique experience of Torah and Mitzvoth in the daily life, Jewish children and youths, boys and girls, have a special Zechus (merit) in that they have been chosen to be the guarantors for all the Jewish people, and made it possible for them to receive the Torah.

Consequently, Jewish children and youth have a particularly strong attachment to the Torah. Moreover, it is clear that they have been endowed with special powers in order to be able to fulfill their task as the guarantors for the Torah. For when G-d gives anyone a special task, He provides the necessary powers to fulfill it.

The students of the Beth Chana have had their task made much easier by having had the good fortune to be students in a Chinuch institution founded and conducted in the spirit of my father-in-law of saintly memory.

Today, when this letter is being written, is the anniversary of his imprisonment in Soviet Russia forty-two years ago, for his dedicated work to strengthen and spread the Torah and Mitzvoth among Russian Jews. He was particularly dedicated in his efforts to maintain a widespread network of educational institutions for Jewish children. His Mesiras Nefesh, in the face of a hostile and ruthless regime, surely serves as an inspiration to all of us, while his ultimate triumph over the forces of evil is certainly an encouragement to each and every Jew to overcome hostile forces, both within - in the battle against the Yetzer, and without - overcoming the negative influences of the environment.

On the occasion of your forthcoming graduation, I send you my prayerful wishes to go from strength to strength in your advancement in Yiddishkeit and meticulous adherence to the way of the Torah and Mitzvoth in the daily life.

With blessing for Hatzlecho
and good tidings.

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