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By the Grace of G-d
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Mr. Benzion Hakohen
Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim
Kfar Chabad

Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to receive your regards through Rabbi Shlomo Chaim Kesselman, who also reported to me on your progress in the study of the Torah, both Nigleh and Chasidus, and your advancement in the observance of the Mitzvoth with Hiddur. Rabbi Kesselman also turned over your donation, which was earmarked for the "Keren Hoesrim," of which you have no doubt heard.

I send you my prayerful wishes to go from strength to strength, together with all the members of your family. As I have had occasion to mention before, a Kohen has special responsibilities and privileges because of his elevated status, the essential duty being that "They shall teach Thy judgments to Jacob, and Thy Torah to Israel" (Deut. 33:10). This applies, of course, also to your father and brothers, as well as to the ladies in the family, your mother and sisters, for also the daughters of Aharon Hakohen enjoy a special status among the women of Israel. Furthermore, and I have emphasized this also in the past, where G-d bestows special responsibilities and duties, He provides also the capacity and opportunities to carry them out.

With blessing, *m. Schneerson*