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FREE RENDITION

By the Grace of G-d
On the day of reading:
"And you shall be unto Me
a Kingdom of Kohanim and a
Holy Nation" 5730
Brooklyn, N. Y.

To All Participants in the
Thirtieth Annual Dinner of the
United Lubavitcher Yeshivoh

G-d Bless You All

Greeting and Blessing:

On the occasion of the forthcoming Annual Dinner of the Central Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim Lubavitch, I send greetings and prayerful wishes to the honored guests and all participants and friends of the Yeshiva.

The date of the Dinner, on the day after we read the Sidra of Mattan Torah (Parshas Yisro), adds particular significance to the event, in the light of the content of the Sidra.

The highlight of the Sidra is the Revelation at Sinai, and the Ten Commandments, which incorporate all the 613 Mitzvos of the Torah.

The Ten Commandments begin with the fundamental precepts of man's relation to G-d, and conclude with precepts governing man's relation to man. This emphasizes that even the most elementary ethical and moral precepts have a validity and effectiveness only if they derive from the authority of "I am G-d your G-d" and "Thou shalt have no other gods."

The history of mankind has continuously demonstrated that human life can make no real progress where the imperatives of morality and ethics are not based on the authority of the Supreme Being, but are human inventions that can be changed and modified to suit the proclivities of the age. The state of the generation of the present day is the best proof of that.

In Jewish life, in particular, there can be no separation between morality and ethics on the one hand, and our belief in One G-d on the other. Unity is the very core of both our belief and our daily conduct, where the material and spiritual aspects of life must be brought into full harmony,

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with the spiritual aspect being the predominating and determining factor.

There can be no difference of opinion as to the necessity to bring up a child in the proper relationship towards others, with respect for parents and elders, and so forth, from his earliest age. On the same basis, it is equally imperative to bring up a Jewish child in the spirit of Torah and Mitzvoth from his earliest age. Only this kind of upbringing and education can be called a complete and unified Chinuch, a true Torah-Chinuch. This is what the wisest of all men meant when he said, "Train the child in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it when he grows old" (Prov. 22:6).

This is the kind of complete Chinuch which the Central Lubavitcher Yeshiva Tomchei Tminim provides for its students, so that they would grow up to be whole Jews, wholesome both in their relationship to G-d and to fellow-Jew. It is a Chinuch which is permeated with the three loves, love of G-d, love of Torah and love of fellow-Jew, which are inseparably one. This is also the driving force that gives the students and graduates of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva the strength of Mesiras Nefesh for the preservation of the Jewish way of life, and their dedication to revitalizing Torah-Yiddishkeit in every part of the world.

* This year, considering that the Central Lubavitcher Yeshiva has acquired its new home and is in the midst of an extensive building program, it is to be hoped that all the friends of the Yeshiva will make a special effort on the occasion of this Annual Event, to raise the necessary funds and to give the Yeshiva the fullest support and encouragement to carry on its vital work. May G-d grant each and every one of you the utmost Hatzlocho in this, as well as in all your affairs, both public and personal, materially and spiritually.

With blessing /Signature/ Menachem Schneerson