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

Greeting and Blessing:

I duly received your letter in which you write about your daughter [redacted]. Please write to me also the Hebrew name and mother's Hebrew name of her fiancé, and I will remember them in prayer when visiting the holy resting place of my father-in-law of saintly memory, in accordance with the contents of your letter.

I do not know whether the doctor has such a pessimistic view, but there have been similar cases where positive results were accomplished through getting the person interested in some outside activity to help others. Thus, it would be well if some suitable youth group or organization would approach her with a request to help out in its activities, in an area compatible with her ability, appealing to her for her help. This would give her a stimulus to overcome her present frame of mind, even if she would not make the effort to get out of her own shell for her own sake. Perhaps it would be advisable to discuss this with your family doctor, in order to ascertain what activity would be most suitable for her. Needless to say, this should be done in a way that would not arouse her suspicion that it was all prearranged, but that she should really believe that her aid is needed. As a matter of fact, it may well be possible to find an activity where she could really make a positive contribution.

Needless to say, especially as you are a communal worker, you are no doubt aware of all that is going on in the community.

Judging by your writing, it is unnecessary to emphasize to you at length the need to spread Torah-true Yiddishkeit in your immediate environment, as well as in the community at large. Indeed, this is the obligation of every Jew, for we are commanded to keep all things of holiness on the ascendancy. And no matter how satisfactory things may be at any particular time, there is always room for improvement in matters of goodness and holiness, which are infinite, since they derive from the Infinite.

בכתי"ק:

Others

And You

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I would suggest that the Tefillin and Mezuzoth should be checked to make sure they are Kosher, if this has not been done within the past twelve months.

With blessing, *M. Schwartz*