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By the Grace of G-d
20th of Kislev, 5732
Brooklyn, N. Y.

To the Students of
Rabbi Alter Benzion Metzger
82-46 Lefferts Blvd.
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Blessing and Greeting:

I was pleased to receive your letter and enclosure,
and may G-d grant each and every one of you the fulfillment
of your hearts' desires for good.

Receipt is enclosed for your contribution to the Tefil-
lin Campaign, and may the Zechus of this Mitzvo additional-
ly stand each and every one of you in good stead.

Now that we are in the days between the 19th of Kis-
lev and Chanukah, the history and significance of which
are surely known to you, may each and every one of us be
inspired to intensify the efforts to spread the fountains,
both the fountains of Torah in general, and the fountains
of Primus HaTorah in particular, in a growing measure.

Indeed, the Mitzvo of the Chanukah lights brings us
vividly the three fundamental aspects of such activity:
a) to spread the light of the Torah and Mitzvoth in a
growing measure from day to day, as indicated by the addi-
tion of a candle each succeeding night of Chanukah; b) to
do so not only within one's own home, but spread it also
"outside", as indicated by the fact that the original
place of the Chanukah lights is "at the entrance of his
home, outside"; c) when it is dark outside, one must not
be discouraged, and that is precisely the time to start
kindling the lights - as the Chanukah candles have to be
kindled after sunset.

Chanukah is particularly significant to Jewish women
and daughters; inasmuch as our Sages emphasized the fact
that "they too had a share in that miracle." It is also
well known how much the Alter Rebbe and his successors em-
phasized the role of Jewish women in Jewish life, a role
which goes back to the dawn of Jewish history and down to the
present day.

Wishing each and all of you a bright and inspiring
Chanukah,

With blef

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