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Mr.

5 Cheshvan, 5735

For some reason, the enclosed letter was not mailed to you promptly, and please forgive the delay.

In the meantime I have just received your letter of Oct. 16, and I hasten to reply to it:

With regard to your teaching profession - it would not be advisable for you to give it up (despite the difficulties involved) until you have another adequately stable Parnoso.

Needless to say, it is not at all in accord with the directives of our Torah, Toras Chayim (our guide in daily life and source of a truly happy life), to delay the Mitzva of "pirya-vrivya" (the first Mitzva in the Torah) until one has an assured Parnoso according to human estimation. I trust that neither you, nor your wife, with your respective backgrounds, require elaboration on this - especially since our Sages of blessed memory have dealt with this at length in various sources.

If you will let me know your full Hebrew name and mother's Hebrew name, as well as the same in regard to your wife, I will remember you both in prayer when visiting the holy resting place of my father-in-law of saintly memory.

Again, with blessing

מובן שאין זה מתאים כלל להוראות תורתנו תו"ח [= תורת חיים] לעכב קיום מצות פו"ר [= פרו ורבו] (מצוה הראשונה שבתורה) עד שתהי' הפרנסה בטוחה לדעת בנ"א [= בני אדם]. והתקוה שלדכותי' ודזוג' [תו] תי' א"צ [= אין צריך] אריכות בזה - לאחרי שהאריכו חז"ל בזה בכו"כ [= בכמה וכמה] מקומות.

כל השמות ודזוג' - ואזכיר עה"צ [= על הציון].