

תשורה מחתונת הרה"ת ר' שניאור זלמן וברכה מרגולין שיחי

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

Mrs.

Blessing and Greeting:

In reply to your letter, let me, first of all, remind you that there is a psak-din to the effect that nothing stands in the way of Teshuva. And just as a Jew is obligated to fulfil all the Mitzvos of the Torah, so is a Jew obligated to fulfil also the Mitzva of Teshuva *and you have done T. long ago*

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Secondly, the Torah commands a Jew to serve G-d with joy, which means that a Jew is expected to be in a state of joy all the time. Indeed, if all Mitzvos must be carried out with joy, how much more so the Mitzva of Teshuva which brings a Jew close to G-d than ever, add it comes with the assurance that "nothing stands in the way of Teshuva."

Thus, the Alter Rebbe explains in the Tanya at length that if a Jew feels sad or depressed, it is a sure sign that this is the work of the yetzer-hara, which uses all sorts of trickes to detract a Jew from his purpose in life, which is to serve G-d with joy. Yet, this itself can serve as a moral lesson: If the yetzer-hara tries so hard to carry out its duty of distracting a Jew from his purpose, how much more determined should a Jew be not to allow himself to be distracted in order to fulfil G-d's Mitzvos wholeheartedly add with gladness of heart.

Hoping to hear good news from you,

With blessing.

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