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Greeting and Blessing:

This is in reply to your letter of 15 Tammuz, and may G-d grant the fulfilment of your heart's desires for good.

Especially as your letter was written on the 15th of the month, "when the moon is at its fullest," symbolizing fulfilment and completeness. And in the current month it includes fulfilment of all that is connected with this month's highlight - the anniversary of the Geulo of my saintly father-in-law on the 12-13th of Tammuz.

In practical terms, the anniversary is a source of inspiration and encouragement to everyone of us not to be dismayed by any obstacles in the way of adherence to the Torah and Mitzvos, for we have the assurance that when a Jew is determined to live up to the Will of G-d without compromise, he receives special Divine help to overcome all obstacles, as the Chag Hageulo attests. This is also conveyed in the message the Baal Hageulo wrote for the first anniversary of his Geulo (1928): "it was not myself alone that G-d liberated on the 12th of Tammuz (last year), but also all lovers of Torah and observers of the Mitzvos, including every Jew who responds to his Jewish name."

And Geulo means that the obstacles disappear completely, so that there is no need to have Mesiras nefesh for Yiddishkeit, only Mesiras hoRotzon, surrendering one's personal will to the Will of G-d, as explained more fully at the recent Farbrengen.

May G-d grant that everyone should experience such personal Geulo in the fullest measure, as the forerunner for the true and complete Geulo of our Jewish people, when the current period of the Three Weeks will be transformed into days of rejoicing and festivity, with the coming of Moshiach Tzidkeinu, may it be soon in our time.

With blessing,

M. Schneerson