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To the Graduating Students of
Yeshiva Achei Tmimim Lubavitch
New Haven, Conn.

Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to be informed of your forthcoming Graduation on the 25th of this month. I extend to each and all of you prayerful wishes to go from strength to strength in your Torah studies, the kind of study that inspires action, namely, the fulfilment of the Mitzvos with increased devotion and joy.

Indeed, this is what Graduation is really all about. For, as has often been emphasized, insofar as Torah and Mitzvos are concerned the road of advancement is endless.

It is significant that your graduation is taking place in the auspicious month of Mattan Torah. Although the Torah contains the loftiest principles and concepts, indeed - the wisdom of Hashem, its main emphasis is on the actual fulfilment of the Mitzvos in the everyday life and conduct, as our Sages expressed it: "Action is the essential thing." This is also why our people accepted the Torah on the basis of na'aseh v'nishma - "We will do (first) and (then) we will understand."

May G-d bless each and all of you with much Hatzlocho in both "na-aseh" and "vnishma" as the guiding principle in your everyday Kabbolas haTorah. And may you be a shining example and a source of inspiration to your friends and acquaintances, all exemplifying that the Torah is our life and the Mitzvos are the laws by which Jews truly live.

Wishing each and all of you an inspiring Yom Tov of Kabbols haTorah with joy and inwardness,

With blessing,
M. Schneerson

P.S. A timely reminder: I trust each of you has acquired a letter in a Sefer Torah dedicated to the unity of our Jewish people. It is also relevant to the date of this letter - the anniversary of The Day on which our Jewish people arrived in Sinai to receive the Torah "all like one person, with one heart."