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מנחם מענדל שניאורסאהן  
ליובאוויטש

770 איסטערן פארקוויי  
ברוקלין, נ. י.

By the Grace of G-d  
5th Day of Chanukah  
5745  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. Chassia Chiena Peerce  
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*Very*  
I was saddened to hear of the passing of your husband,  
Yehoshua Pinchas HaKohen, may he rest in peace. I extend  
to you, and to all the bereaved family, heartfelt sym-  
pathy and the traditional blessing of condolence -

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

The Almighty comfort you in the midst of all  
mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

Expressing condolence during these days of Chanukah  
brings to mind the rare Zechus of your late husband in  
bringing light and delight into the hearts of so many  
fellow Jews through his songs and melodies in the spirit  
of Chanukah, throughout his lifetime on earth. Indeed,  
he will continue to touch and inspire Jewish hearts also  
posthumously through his records, which, hopefully, are  
still available and will be kept in adequate supply also  
in the future.

This Zechus, together with his other endeavors in the cause  
of Torah and Torah education, will certainly accompany his  
soul in the World That Is All Light, while it will also  
stand you in good stead, since you have been so much part  
of his life and achievements in this world. May you be  
blessed with many more healthful and fruitful years.

The Torah assures us that every good deed performed in  
this world hasten the time when "those who sleep in the  
dust will awake to sing G-d's praises" - among them Yehoshua  
Pinchas HaKohen, of blessed memory.

With blessing

*M. Schneerson*

P.S. Although our representative attended the L'vayah, etc.,  
it is our custom to postpone personal condolences to the  
latter part of Shivah. Please convey my sympathy to your  
son and daughters, though I had not the pleasure of meeting  
them. May goodness and benevolence be with you always.