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Blessing and Greeting:

I received your letter of 10/3/84, and will remember you in prayer for the fulfilment of your heart's desires for good in the matter about which you wrote.

It often happens, especially nowadays, that when it comes to influencing grown-up children, better results are achieved through the intervention of friends than ~~by~~ directly by parents, though, of course, parents must also do what they can. Therefore it would be well to find friends to speak to the young man, preferably in a way that it would not be obvious that you asked them to intervene.

There is surely no need to point out to you that all blessings come from G-d, and that the channel to receive them is through the everyday life and conduct in accordance with G-d's Will. When a special Divine blessing is needed, a special effort should be made in matters of Yiddishkeit. Moreover, all members of a Jewish family are considered like one body, where a benefit one part of it is a benefit to all the parts. Therefore, when close relatives, certainly parents, strengthen their adherence to the Torah and Mitzvos - though this is always a "must" for its own sake in any case - is bound to bring additional Divine blessings to all the members of the family, especially the one who needs it most.

It would be well to try to encourage the young man to eat kosher and put on Tefillin every weekday morning, and have a kosher Mezuzah on the doorpost of his room. Of course, whatever effort is made, it has to be in a way that it could not be mistaken or misinterpreted as accepting or approving the *very* tragic step he is planning to take. It would be tragic indeed, for it is well known, and statistics have long confirmed it, that such a step is a disaster for both parties.

May G-d grant that as we are now in the auspicious days of Tishrei and are soon to celebrate the joyous Yom Tov of Succos, you should have good news to report in all above.

With blessing *M. Schneerson*

Via Special Delivery.