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FOREWORD

We are proud to present the 22nd installment of *Rebbe Responsa*, a selection of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's English letters. The letters found in this publication were originally authored by the Rebbe in English.

In light of the situation in our Holy Land, published in this week's booklet are letters in which the Rebbe discusses the security of Eretz Yisrael and what we can do on our part to strengthen it. A number of the letters were written in the days leading up to the Yom Kippur war.

Published at the end of the booklet are two newly released letters of encouragement written to Jewish soldiers and chaplains serving in WWII.

All footnotes to the letters were added by the publisher.

The Rebbe's English letters contain a wealth of guidance and perspective on myriads of topics in a style relatable to Jews from all walks of life. To view over 5,000 of these letters, download the Rebbe Responsa app.

May we merit to the time when there will no longer be war, with the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days.

The Rebbe Responsa Team

Eretz Yisrael

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Strengthen the Spirit¹

By the Grace of G-d
12th of Tishrei, 5734
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Mordechai Shoel Landow
4340 N. Bay Road
Miami Beach, Fla.

Sholom uBrocho:

It was gratifying to read your inspiring letter of Oct. 3. May G-d grant that you should with joy carry to fruition the program of Torah education which you have made your goal - in the fullest measure and more. I believe I had occasion to quote to you my father-in-law of saintly memory to the effect that when a Jew resolves to do a good thing, the One Above immediately opens for him additional channels, if necessary, to accomplish it even better than expected.

Needless to say, in light of what is happening at this moment in our Holy Land, involving our people everywhere, it is impossible to write a letter at this time without making reference to it. I will only say here that these events once again demonstrate, and will do so conclusively in the coming days, what has been emphasized in my letter of the 6th of Tishrei, namely, that our Jewish people have been given by G-d unlimited capacities - if these are linked with the age-old Prophetic principle, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, says G-d."² At first glance, this seems somewhat at variance with the Torah's own principle that a Jew must do everything possible in the natural order, and

¹ From a photocopy of the original sent letter. This letter was sent two days after the onset of the Yom Kippur War.

² *Zecharia* 4:6.

not rely entirely on miracles. Yet it is an obvious truism and a matter of common experience that even in material aspects, when matching physical forces, it is not brute strength, sheer numbers, or the weight of military hardware that is the decisive factor but rather the quality of the combatants and the sophistication of their methods. The character of the human element, its morale, motivation, selfless dedication, and similar inspired qualities easily outweigh the purely physical disadvantages. And if this is so in the realm of the physical, surely the spiritual capacities of the Jew - and a substantial part of every Jew's life is after all in the realm of the spirit - are inestimable. There is no need to elaborate to you on the above.

May G-d grant that we should all merit soon to see the fulfillment of the Divine promise that "all the earth will be filled with the knowledge of G-d,"³ when, as a matter of course, "Nation will not lift up a sword unto nation,"⁴ which will come to pass with the coming of our righteous Moshiach, bringing us the true Geulo.

With warm regards and blessing for a happy Yom Tov,

M. Schneerson

³ *Yeshayahu* 11:9.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 2:4

The Rebbe's Directives Before the Onset of the Yom Kippur War

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Children Learning Torah and Giving Tzedakah

FREE TRANSLATION⁵

By the Grace of G-d
15th of Tammuz, 5733
Brooklyn, N.Y.

To Each and All of the Campers,
Boys and Girls, of pre-Bar (Bas)-Mitzvah Age
In All Summer Camps, Everywhere-
G-d Bless You All

Greeting and Blessing:

I hope and pray that you are making the fullest use of the present summer days to gain new strength and strengthen your health - both the health of the body and the health of the soul, which are closely linked together. And since the health of the soul is bound up with the Torah, which is "our very life and the length of our days,"⁶ and with its Mitzvos, "by which the Jew lives,"⁷ you are surely doing your utmost in regard to Torah study and the observance of the Mitzvos; in which case you may be certain of

⁵ This letter is printed in Hebrew in *Igros Kodesh*, vol. 28, pp. 258-260. Some of the footnotes are taken from there. The Rebbe later explained the connection between this and the following letters that this was in connection to the coming Yom Kippur War (*Likkutei Sichos*, vol. 14 pp. 404ff.).

Although this letter and the following two letters are titled "Free Translation," such letters which were typed on the Rebbe's stationary were usually looked over by the Rebbe who often corrected them.

⁶ Nusach of the evening prayer.

⁷ *Vayikra* 18:5.

the fulfillment of the promise - “Try hard, and you will succeed.”⁸

I wish to emphasize, particularly, one point in connection with the forthcoming “Three Weeks” — and you are, no doubt, familiar with the events and significance of these days.

The point is this: I want you to consider carefully the special Zechus which Jewish children have, a Zechus which affects our entire Jewish people, to which King David refers in the following words: **“Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have ordained strength (oz) ... to still the enemy and avenger”**⁹ - including also the enemy that has caused and still seeks vengeance to this day. In other words, the way to vanquish and silence the enemy is through the study of the Torah, called “strength” (oz),¹⁰ by the mouths of young children. Indeed, so great is their power, that our Sages of blessed memory declare: **“The whole world exists only by virtue of the (Torah) breath of little Jewish / (Torah) school children, whose breath is pure and free of sin,”**¹¹ referring to children who have not reached the age of responsibility for wrongdoing, that is, boys and girls of pre-Bar (Bas)-Mitzvah age.

In this connection it is necessary to bear in mind the words of our Prophet Isaiah (in first chapter): **“Zion will be redeemed through Justice (Mishpot) and her returnees through righteousness (Tzedoko).”**¹² “Mishpot,” here according to one interpretation, refers to the Torah.¹³ This means that through the study of the Torah and the observance of its Mitzvos, especially the Mitzvah of Tzedoko, the Redemption (Geulo) is brought closer.¹⁴ And Tzedoko - in the light of what has been said

⁸ *Megillah* 6b.

⁹ *Tehillim* 8:3.

¹⁰ See *Medrash Tehillim ad loc.*

¹¹ *Shabbos* 119b.

¹² *Yeshayahu* 1:27.

¹³ See *Likkutei Torah*, Devarim 1b.

¹⁴ See *Baba Basra* 10a.

in the beginning of this letter - includes both Tzedoko for the body and Tzedoko for the soul: Tzedoko for the body is, simply, giving Tzedoko to a poor man, or putting money in a Tzedoko-pushke (box); Tzedoko for the soul is to help one's classmates and friends **spiritually** – that is, to encourage them in matters of Torah and Mitzvos, through showing them a living example of how a Jewish boy and girl should conduct themselves, and also by talking to them about these things.

Since it is my strong wish, and also great pleasure, to be your partner in this Tzedoko activity, I have sent out instructions to give each and every one of you a token amount of money in the currency of your country, which is to be my participation in the said Tzedoko campaign.

May G-d bless each and every one of you and grant you Hatzlocho in all above, especially in your Torah learning and practice of Tzedoko, in a steadily growing measure, so that also when you return home from summer camp and throughout the next school-year (may it be a good one for all of us) you will – with renewed vigor and in good health, in body as well as in soul – go from strength to strength in your study of the Torah with diligence and devotion, and that your studies should be translated into deeds – in the practice of the Mitzvos with **Hiddur**; and all this should be carried out with joy and gladness of heart.

And may we all very soon, together with all our Jewish brethren, merit the fulfillment of the prophecy that these days of the Three Weeks will be transformed from sadness into gladness and joy,¹⁵

With the true and complete Geulo through our righteous Moshiach,

“Who shall reign from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth...”¹⁶

“And all the earth will be filled with G-d's Glory.”¹⁷

¹⁵ *Zecahria* 8:19.

¹⁶ *Tehiilim* 72:8.

With blessing for Hatzlocho and good tidings in all above,

/Signed: Menachem Schneerson/

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FREE TRANSLATION¹⁸

Special Zechus of Jewish Children

By the Grace of G-d
Erev Shabbos Mevorchim
Menachem Av, 5733
Brooklyn, N. Y.

To Each and All of the Campers
Boys and girls, of pre-Bar (Bas) - Mitzvah Age,
In All Summer Camps, Everywhere
G-d bless you all

Greeting and Blessing:

Following the letter of 15th of Tammuz, and as we are now approaching Rosh Chodesh Menachem Av and the "Nine Days"-

Which emphasize even more particularly the special lesson of all the "Three Weeks,"

Namely, that "Because of our sins we have been exiled from our land, and our Beth Hamikdosh was destroyed,"¹⁹

From which it follows that Teshuva (repentance of the sins) coupled with learning Torah and observing the Mitzvos will immediately bring our true and complete Geulo through Moshiach Tzidkeinu-

I come herewith to again remind and urge you about the special Zechus which Jewish children have in all this,

¹⁷ Ibid., 72:19.

¹⁸ This letter is printed in Hebrew in *Igros Kodesh*, vol. 28, pp. 274-275. Some of the following footnotes are taken from there.

¹⁹ Nusach of the Musaf prayer recited during the festivals.

As can also be seen from the commands of our Sages of blessed memory right in the beginning of Medrash Eicho,²⁰ speaking of the excellence of Jerusalem which had been "Great among the nations"²¹ - great in virtues and wisdom. And they go on to relate seven stories about the wisdom of the children of Jerusalem, of a small boy and a small girl, and again about a small boy, and so on, with two more stories about the wisdom of pupils at school -

Be it noted that in the Medrash, as in all parts of Torah, there are no superfluous words, G-d forbid, and that every story and matter, even every word, is meaningful and sacred.

The Sages also relate that there had been in Jerusalem 480 schools for beginners learning the Holy Scriptures, and 480 schools for students learning Mishnah, and 480 more schools for the study of the Talmud.²²

The purpose of all these narratives is also, to impress upon each and every Jewish child, boy and girl, to do all that is up to them, to be like those wise children of Jerusalem - through diligence and devotion in learning Torah, and the learning producing the proper action in the daily conduct and living in accord with the Torah.

Especially in these clays which remind us of the Destruction and its cause ("our sins") - there is even a greater need to study more Torah and observe more Mitzvoth, especially Tzedoko, including the day of Tisha b'Av (studying those sections of Torah which are permitted on that day).

May G-d grant that all of us, in the midst of all our people Israel, should very soon merit to see the fulfillment of the Divine promise, given by "Hashem Elokim, the G-d of Israel, Who Alone

²⁰ *Eicha Rabba* 1:4 ff.

²¹ *Eicha* 1:2.

²² See *Pesichta* to *Eicha Rabba* 12, *et al.*

Works Wonders"²³. "Zion shall be redeemed through Mishpot (Torah) and its returnees through Tzedoko,"²⁴

And these days will be transformed into days of gladness and joy.

With blessing for good tidings,

/Signed: Menachem Schneerson/

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Thank You for Participating in the Tzedakah Campaign

FREE RENDITION²⁵

By the Grace of G-d
In the Month of Elul
Chodesh Horachamim, 5733
Brooklyn, N. Y.

To the Boys
and to the Girls
Participants in the Tezdokoh Campaign
G-d Bless you
Greeting and Blessing:

I was pleased to be informed that you fulfilled my request to act as my agents in the Mitzvah of Tzedoko connecting it with a word of Torah, and adding to it your own Tzedoko.

Needless to say, in every case of doing a Mitzvah there is no place for a "Thank you" from a human being, since doing the Mitzvah in fulfillment of G-d's will is itself the greatest reward

²³ *Tehillim* 72:18.

²⁴ *Yeshayahu* 1:27.

²⁵ This letter is printed in Hebrew in *Igros Kodesh*, vol. 28, pp. 306-307. Some of the following footnotes are taken from there.

and truest happiness, and as our Sages of blessed memory declared: "The Reward of a Mitzvah is the Mitzvah itself."²⁶

However, it is in order to express thanks for acting as my agents in this joint effort and for this I say: Thank you very much to each and every one of you.

I also take this opportunity, as we have entered the month of Elul, to remind you of the special significance of the month, the Month of Divine Grace in preparation for Rosh Hashonoh and for the entire coming year, may it be a good one for all of us.

The Alter Rebbe explains²⁷ the special significance of this month by means of the well known parable of a "King in the field,"

When a King approaches the city of his royal residence the people of the city go out to welcome the king in the field. Then everyone who wishes is permitted to come and greet the king and he receives everybody graciously and with a smiling face. But after he enters his Royal Palace special permission is required to see the king and this also is the privilege of a chosen few.

This, then, is the significance of the whole month of Elul, when the King of Kings, the Holy One Blessed be He, makes known that He is "in the field," and everyone - man, woman, boy and girl can come to Him without difficulties, or special introductions.

But - one may ask - what is the meaning of approaching the King in the field, since G-d has no likeness of a body, nor a body and as the Torah warns; "You have not seen any image (of G-d)."²⁸

Therefore the Alter Rebbe goes on to explain that this approach has to do with prayer,

²⁶ *Avos* 4:2.

²⁷ *Likkutei Torah* 32b.

²⁸ *Devarim* 4:15.

For prayer in general and in the days of Elul in particular is an occasion concerning which is written, - **May G-d cause His face to shine upon thee**²⁹ - face to face - the person praying standing directly in the presence of the King, as in the parable above.

And the Alter Rebbe adds, that in order that such closeness be truly meaningful in a lasting and tangible way, it must be followed by actual study of Torah, by Tzedoko and Good Deeds.

May G-d grant that each and every one of you should go from strength to strength in all matters of Goodness and Holiness, Torah and Mitzvos, and be a source of pride and true Nachas to your parents and teachers, and may you make fullest use of the auspicious days of this month and be inscribed for a good and sweet year materially and spiritually.

With the blessing of

כתיבה והתימה טובה

Signed / Menachem Schneerson

²⁹ *Bamidbar* 6:25.

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Jews Are Only Dependent On G-d³⁰

5734

Mrs. . .

Detroit, Michigan

Blessing and Greeting:

I am in receipt of your letter.

It is surely unnecessary to point out to you that events in the Holy Land, and those concerning the Holy Land, are moving with such swiftness and mutability that it makes it difficult to express an opinion on the situation in reply to a letter which was written a few days earlier, and which will reach its destination a few days later. For, even in the course of a week, there are certain to be changes in the situation possibly important changes.

One observation may be made, however, on a matter not subject to change, and it is surprising and regrettable that it does not receive the emphasis that it merits. I refer to the fact that the Jewish claim to, and connection with, the land which is universally recognized as the Holy Land - the holiness of which is derived from the Torah - is based on the Torah and dates back to the Covenant which G-d made with our Father Abraham in which He promised "Unto your children I have given this land."³¹ It follows immediately that, for this claim to be recognized by

³⁰ This letter was printed in the *The Letter and the Spirit*, Vol. 1, pp. 279ff.

Note: Letters printed in "*The Letter and the Spirit*" are from the Archives of Rabbi Nissan Mindel A"H, the Rebbe's personal secretary entrusted with writing up the Rebbe's orally dictated responses. The "Nissan Mindel Archives" are comprised of secretarial copies, including first drafts, and may have subsequently been published with editorial changes. Therefore the letters as they appear in the book may not be the final signed version.

³¹ *Bereishis* 15:18.

the nations of the world, it is necessary that the Jews themselves live up to that Covenant by showing that they are truly a holy people.

Furthermore, in the present situation, when the whole world has involved itself in the future of the Holy Land, when every nation has its own ideas about it and external pressures are mounting daily, it is well to bear in mind that in the area referred to, namely, in fulfilling the Covenant with G-d, the Jewish people are completely independent and not subject to outside pressures and the good will of the nations, nor subject to international consultations and negotiations.

In the present situation, the plain words of the Torah: "If you walk in My statutes . . . you will dwell in your land safely, and I will give peace in the land . . . and none shall make you afraid . . . and I will be your G-d, and you shall be My people,"³² become even more crucial. The sooner and more fully Jews will live up to this condition, the sooner G-d's promise will be fulfilled.

It is indeed remarkable that precisely many of our young people now defending the frontiers of the Land of Israel, who have not been brought up in the true Jewish tradition, yet, after seeing the miracles which G-d wrought on all fronts, began to put on tefillin and openly declared themselves to be dati, believing in G-d, the Creator of the world, Who alone determines the outcome of events. One can only hope and pray that those who are behind the lines, as well as our brethren in the Diaspora, will not put to shame the tremendous spiritual revival and inspiration of these young people. For, unfortunately, too many seek refuge in the excuse that living among the nations of the world and under economic pressures, etc., makes it difficult to retain full Jewish identity and independence, or to observe the mitzvot in the fullest measure in the daily life. It obviously militates against common sense to say that G-d, Who created the whole universe, including the Jewish people, has placed Jews in a position where

³² *Vayikra* 26:3-12.

they cannot fulfill His precepts. Even your typical manager of a small business or industry would not expect his employees to accomplish something that is beyond their capacity. Certainly G-d does not act so capriciously, or despotically, as to expect Jews to do the impossible.³³

Needless to say, the above is not meant to imply that Jews should not do everything in their power in the natural order of things to cope with the present situation. However, it should be understood that in order to make the proper decisions, and in order to have hatzlacha in these efforts which concern the Holy Land and the holy people, there must be a definitive and substantial change pointing in the direction of faith and trust in G-d and His Torah - a change that should immediately be evident in the daily life which is conducted in accordance with the will of G-d, as embodied in the Torah and clearly set forth and codified in the Shulchan Aruch.

With blessing,

³³ See *Avoda Zara* 3a.

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How to Strengthen Eretz Yisrael in the Diaspora³⁴

By the Grace of G-d
19th of Tammuz, 5740
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. . . .
Bronx, N.Y. 10467

Blessing and Greeting:

I received your letter.

I trust it is unnecessary to explain to you at length that giving support to the Land of Israel can take various forms, especially as it does require help in various areas. And sometimes it is possible to offer greater help from the Diaspora than by living there. The examples of this form of help are too numerous and obvious to be listed here.

Let me mention just one example with reference to the subject matter of your letter. One of the most vital needs is to strengthen the security of Eretz Yisrael and in this matter the Torah gives clear directives. In fact, a whole portion of the Torah is devoted to it, namely the Parsha of Bechukosai, where the Torah declares, "If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them... I will give peace in the land... and none shall make you afraid... and you shall chase your enemies and they shall fall..."³⁵ And since the G-d-given Torah is a Toras Emes and Toras Chaim, it is the true Divine guide for every Jew and all the Jewish people.

Now, in view of the fact that the Jewish people constitutes one entity, one organism and every Jew is a member of it, no Jew can claim that his actions and way of life is something private and nobody's business, for they do affect the whole body of the

³⁴ This letter was printed in *The Letter and the Spirit*, Vol 5, pp. 443ff. See note to previous letter.

³⁵ *Vayikra* 26:3-7.

Jewish people and have a direct bearing on the security of Eretz Yisrael and our Jewish people living there.

To cite a well known analogy: a person who is making a voyage in a ship surely cannot claim that since he has his private cabin, he can do there what he likes and is prepared to take the consequences, for the safety of the whole ship and all aboard depends on the safe and proper conduct of each individual passenger.

It follows from the above that if sometimes the proper Jewish conduct of a Jew in accordance with the Torah as mentioned above entails certain difficulties and even if the difficulties are not imaginary or exaggerated but real, it is necessary but to reflect that the situation and destiny of all our Jewish people is so intimately linked with the personal life of every Jew; no effort would be too great to overcome any difficulty.

There is surely no need to elaborate further on the above and even what has been written would be superfluous except to the terrible ignorance or disregard of the real issues affecting our Jewish people everywhere and how vitally important it is for every Jew to do his and her utmost to spread and strengthen Yiddishkeit, Torah and mitzvos, to the fullest extent of one's capacities and opportunities.

Now that we are in the period of the Three Weeks, commemorating the destruction of the Beis Hamikdosh and Jerusalem it is particularly timely to reflect along the above lines, with a view to rectifying the cause of the churban which is, as we say in our prayers – "Because of our sins we have been exiled from our land."³⁶ Only through rectifying those sins of omission and commission can we hasten the fulfillment of G-d's Promise of the true ge'ula of our people through our Righteous Moshiach, when these days of mourning and sadness will be transformed into days of rejoicing and festivity.

With blessing,

³⁶ Musaf prayer recited during the festivals.

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Encouragement to Servicemen³⁷

[Chanukah, 5704]

Dear Friend:

We are pleased to send you herewith our pocket encyclopedia "FROM DAY TO DAY",³⁸ which we feel sure will be of great interest to you and be your constant companion. It is with this view in mind that we published it in pocket size, and provided in it space for your memoranda also.

We would like to take this occasion to add a few words of encouragement, of which there is a great abundance in our sacred Torah. Our holy Torah says (Deut. 23:10-15): "When thou goest forth in camp against thine enemies then thou shalt keep thee from every evil thing... for G-d thy G-d walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to subdue thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy."

Remember, therefore, that wherever you may go, the Almighty G-d is watching you and guarding you. Be loyal to your faith; make every effort to observe G-d's sacred commandments which He has given us through our Torah, for our own benefit and safety.

³⁷ The following two letters are sourced from a secretarial carbon copy bearing archival markings in the Rebbe's handwriting, and were sent on the stationary of Machne Israel.

This letter is printed in Hebrew (from the Rebbe's handwritten draft to be translated into English) in *Igros Kodesh*, vol. 1, letter 123 (pp. 219-220). Regarding this letter and the sending out the *Pocket Enclyclopedia* see *Kovetz Lubavitch*, No. 1, p. 8.

³⁸ Regarding this booklet see letter dated Erev Rosh Hashana, 5704 (preface to the *Pocket Enclyclopedia*) in the Rebbe Responsa app.

Read the "Message to Jewish Servicemen" of the Lubavitcher Rabbi [של"ט],³⁹ sent to you previously, and if you want an extra copy just drop us a line.

With all good wishes for your success and speedy and safe return home, with complete victory for the United Nations; May we merit to behold the complete Redemption of our people Israel.

Yours very sincerely,

Rabbi Mendel Schneerson
Chairman, Executive Board

³⁹ Regarding this message and to access this message see letter dated Erev Rosh Hashana, 5704, addressed to Jewish Serviceman in the Rebbe Responsa app.

Soldiers

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Rabbi Mendel Schneerson
Chairman, Executive Board

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Encouragement to Chaplains⁴⁰

[Winter of 5704]

Dear Friend:

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We would like to take this occasion to add a few words in connection with your position as chaplain.

It is your sacred privilege and task to serve as spiritual guide and minister to the Jewish servicemen under your influence, both in respect to giving the moral support they need in order to be strong and brave and confident of victory, as well as to encourage them in their faith and observance of our precepts to the utmost possible. We feel sure that you are succeeding well, with G-d's help.

Our sacred and divine Torah recognized thousands of years ago that faith in G-d is a prerequisite to courage and confidence in victory. "And it shall be when you draw nigh unto battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people and shall say unto them, "Hear O Israel, ye draw nigh this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your heart faint, fear not nor be alarmed, neither be you frightened of them; for it is G-d your G-d who goes with you to fight with you against your enemies, to save you:" (Deut. 20:2-4) and (ibid 23:10-15): When t|hou goest forth in camp against thine enemies, then thou shalt keep thee from

⁴⁰ This letter is printed in Hebrew (from the Rebbe's handwritten draft to be translated into English) in *Igros Kodesh*, vol. 1, letter 124 (pp. 220-221).

every evil thing.. for G-d thy G-d walketh in the midst of thy camp; therefore shall thy camp be holy”.

The heart of every Jew is always awake, and how much more so in such times of stress. It is your privilege to be the one to impress upon the Jewish serviceman our great spiritual heritage and religious obligations, and we trust that he will get the full benefits of this opportunity, so that he may enjoy them later in peace and happiness.

With all good wishes for your success and complete victory of the United Nations; May we merit G-d’s gracious mercy and the complete Redemption of our people Israel.

Yours very sincerely

Rabbi M. Schneerson
Chairman, Executive Committee

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