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Dear Norman,

Neil broke the wonderful news to us this morning about your election as the new President of Yeshiva University. It seems he was talking to one of his friends on the phone last night and that's the choice bit of information he received.

Sheila and I are just delighted and proud that the committee and those involved have tapped you for the office. Our only question was why it took them so long to recognize what was patently obvious to us from the beginning.

215 131 to you, Norman, and to Mindella and your family. How proud they are. And your parents - Thank G.d, that they have lived to see this NY.

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You have all the qualities that I, and I am certain, our colleagues wish to see in Y.U.'s new president - Torah, secular and scientific learning, creative thinking and writing, dignity of person, warmth and a twinkling humor. Without being accused of preaching or expressing undue flattery, may I say that the request of *וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁמַח* has been fulfilled -  
*... וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁמַח ... 'ו' 370'*  
- Truly, an *אִשְׁמַח* *לְבָב*.

I know that the years ahead will not be easy for you. The burdens of office will heavily upon you.

We offer our prayers for your health, strength and your success in realizing the goals you have set. Fondly,  
David