13 Massapoag Lane Sharon, Mass. 02067 Lag B'Omer

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

I don't know whether has yet made your acquaintance, but he did tell me on one of his visits to Sharon that he had made a few visits to your office at Yeshiva University without finding anyone in. I know he wanted to thank you for the interest you showed in connection with his admission. He said he had put on his best clothes in order to make the best impression, but that your office was closed each time.

He has had a few weekends at home during the year, and of course has come to our synagogue here each time. His enthusiasm for Yeshiva University and particularly for his Jewish studies has been an inspiration and a delight to many of us here. On one occasion he and a group of his friends went downstairs to have their own minyan for husaf, apart from the main congregation, and delivered a little sermon on that occasion, which it was my pleasure to hear. It had no connection to the week's portion, but it dealt with a bit of Rashi that he had lately studied in class and which had excited him so much that he was bursting to share it.

The joy he takes in his studies is quite infectious. To see and hear this boy is to understand the reality of the statement that the study of Torah is a delight. It bubbles over from irrepressively.

I understand that he has worked with groups of Jewish children around New York in the past several months, and that his enthusiasm has made him a very able young leader.

His commitment seems as strong as ever. He has thoughts of studying for Semicha after he completes his undergraduate program, but is a little dismayed by the thought that he would then be a student until his late twenties, which seems to him a ripe old age. I have tried to encourage him to think more of the present for now and the tasks immediately at hand.

He has made the Dean's List at Yeshiva. His favorite course by far seems to be a course on Chumash with commentaries.

I am very glad that he was admitted to Yeshiva. I hope also that his acquaintance with men like yourself will serve to strengthen his resolve. The influence of family and home town may have a partially negative effect in this case, which sometimes must cause him considerable soul searching.

Sincerely,

Myron S. Kaufmann

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