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Dear Shapell's/ Darché Noam family:

On behalf of Beis HaMidrash LaTorah – Hebrew Theological College, we wish to express our heartfelt congratulations to Shapell's/Darché Noam on this milestone occasion. For forty years, the bond between our two institutions has been strong, with the many Rabbeim, students and alumni we have had in common. The strongest bond, however, unquestionably derives from Rabbi Yitzchak Hirshfeld, an esteemed alumnus of our Yeshiva and the co-founders of yours. Rabbi Hirshfeld, is one of the finest exemplars of a true Manhig b'Yisrael, one in whom the Chicago Jewish community, in general and Hebrew Theological College, in particular, take great pride.

For four decades Rabbi Hirshfeld, and his ezer k'negdo, Chavi, have dedicated their lives to positively influencing lives, drawing countless students closer to their Yiddishkeit. In so doing they have enriched the fabric of Judaism worldwide and helped assure that future generations will benefit from the tapestry of Jewish heritage which envelopes our people, protecting us from the myriad challenges of apathy, assimilation, and anti-Semitism. Alumni of Shapell's/Darché Noam serve as a living testimony to the Hirshfeld's tenacity to never give up on any soul, and their amazing ability to find the tiny spark hidden within with which to ignite a soul yearning for Torah knowledge and authentic Jewish living.

We proudly salute Rabbi Yitzchak and Chavi Hirshfeld on this singular occasion and wish them, and the entire Shapell's/ Darché Noam family, continued Bracha and Hatzlacha in their Avodat HaKodesh.

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