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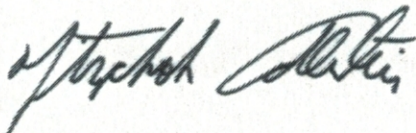
When I first encountered Shapell's/ Darche Noam it was committed to a novel idea – that the great texts of Torah could do a better job engaging the minds and souls of young Jewish men and women than charismatic apologists could. We now have 40 years and hundreds of students that show the wisdom of this idea. The alumni of Shapell's/ Darche Noam and Midrasha grace communities around the world. What most of them share is a firm loyalty to Yiddishkeit without sacrificing individuality or veering towards extremes. In a world in which the Maimonidean “golden mean” is increasingly rare, Shapell's/Darche Noam continues to produce students who are models in their communities of how Torah Jews should live.

It is therefore a privilege to join in saluting my friends Rabbis Karlinsky, Shurin and Hirshfeld at this milestone. They are true visionaries who have impacted thousands and have changed Klal Yisrael for the better.

I wish to make special mention of Rabbi Hirshfeld and his eishes chayil Chavi. Their dedication for 40 years to the students of Shapell's has shaped the lives of thousands, and will continue to produce dividends for generations to come. Roshei Yeshiva never really retire; he will certainly serve as a resource to his students and his people.

May Shapell's/ Darche Noam continue to be a shining light in Klal Yisrael for generations.

Mazal tov!



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