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It is an honor and a pleasure to be able to offer congratulations to Shapell's/Darche Noam and its sister school, Midreshet Rachel V'Chaya, on its fortieth anniversary.

For four decades, inquisitive and searching men and women have found this school somewhere along their journey, and it has irrevocably altered their trajectory. Students enter seeking enlightenment and inspiration, but they leave with the knowledge, skills and commitment to be lifelong learners and thoughtful, dedicated Jews. They serve Klal Yisrael in many capacities, but most importantly as role models, setting an example of scholarship, adherence to tradition and community service. We have sent many bright men and women to study in Shapell's over the past several decades, and each of them returns invigorated and better equipped to live a meaningful Jewish life. Rabbi Karlinsky and his staff invest their hearts and souls into this institution and its students, and the fruit of their efforts continues to impact communities all over the world.

Darche Noam and Midreshet Rachel V'Chaya bear the name of Mr. David Shapell z'l, who shared the vision for this school and contributed greatly to its success. Mr. Shapell understood that the Jewish people needed to rebuild itself after the Shoah, and he understood that a school like Darche Noam could be an indispensable part of that process. He was a moral giant who loved the Jewish People, and the continued success of this school is a most fitting tribute to his legacy. May his wife and partner, Fela, and his beloved children and their spouses, continue to be blessed with good health, and with nachas from their families and from the students of this outstanding institution that they have helped to shape.

Yasher Koach to the many dedicated people behind the scenes who have tirelessly worked to make this Yeshiva thrive. May the staff, students and supporters of Shapell's/Darche Noam be blessed with many more decades of contributing to the growth and education of the Jewish People.

Sincerely,

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