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On the occasion of the Yeshiva's 40th anniversary, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the founders, supporters, and extraordinary teachers of Darche Noam. You created a unique educational environment, a place in which talmidim can tap into the depths of unabridged Torah and use it to illuminate the heights of personal greatness. In a sometimes dark world, you maintain an oasis of genuine spiritual light.

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With love, admiration, and profound respect,

Leib Kelemen