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To The Honorable  
HaRav Fishel Todd Shlita  
Director Pirchei Shoshanim  
Lakewood, N.J.

Shalom Rav,

I was very happy to meet you in my office in Yerushalayim. I also enjoyed listening to your comprehensive and clear description of the large network of the spreading of Torah and Learning Shulchan Aruch through your organization, Pirchei Shoshanim which you head.

The Torah Shiurim Lectures are written in an extremely well manner and are presented in a language that is clear and pleasant. The lectures are written in such a thorough manner that they reach down to the bare root of the Sugia (topic) and include both opinions of the Rishonim and Acharonim as well which will bring the dialogue in the Gemara to a final Halachic conclusion.

As you know, the Rabbinat of Israel tests over 3500 Semicha and Dayanat candidates per year. It is interesting to see candidates from a wide spectrum of religious Jews in Israel. BeEzrat Hashem the exams administered by us have been attributed with a good reputation and prestige among the Rabbis in Israel and the entire world alike.

I am confident that the learning of Shulchan Aruch through your program will provide both candidates in Israel and abroad with assistance in preparing themselves for the exams of Rabbinat and Dayanat in Israel.

Wishing you that your springs shall overflow with continued spreading of Torah and its glory. May all your students and instructors that are learning and partaking in your organization have the privilege of being Heavenly blessed.

With the Honor of the Torah and those who learn it.

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