

**מכתב תנחומים להר"ר גבריאל ששון מעת הגאון הרב חיים קניבסקי שליט"א**

Wednesday, Parshas Vayikra

"...this is the burnt-offering that stays on the pyre on the Altar all night..."

To our brethren who join with us as one in our dreadful sorrow on the tragic deaths of our seven beloved children whose souls went up in fire to heaven as unblemished burnt-offerings on the Holy Sabbath, Rosh Chodesh Nissan, the anniversary of the very day when Nadav and Avihu perished by heavenly fire in the presence of the Holy One, blessed be He, their bodies remaining intact while only their souls were burned. Truly, our children were pure and perfect sacrifices on behalf of the entire community, serving as a communal atonement for Jewry as a whole.

We are at a loss to find words to explain this tragedy. "Aaron stood in silence". "And an intelligent person will remain silent at such a time, for it is a time of evil".

However, if we wish we can learn a lesson from the pattern of events that led to this catastrophe, which took place just when I, the father, was absent from home, and on my return I find that a conflagration has plundered the souls from the bodies of my children, those who I raised with such tender care.

Our generation is a tumultuous generation which has been through all kinds of trials and tribulations of which the latest one is hard to bear – the trial of modern hi-tech which presents in the form of the various communication gadgets that are freely available a trial of such serious dimensions that our Rabbe'im declare that such a trial has never before existed.

In the time of such *hester panim* – when Hashem is hiding his face from us – the fire of the Internet is consuming many and noble souls from the Jewish nation, the souls are consumed while the body is left intact.

And when our Heavenly Father will decide to return to His House and redeem us, how great will be the sorrow of the Divine Presence for those who voluntarily entered into the Internet crematoriums and thereby cut themselves off from Him and were lost for eternity, G. forfend.

Therefore, it is obligatory on each one of us to endeavor to the maximum of his ability that he will not be a contributor to the sorrow of the Divine Presence in this matter, while those who are compelled to use the Internet for their sustenance will make sure that they are provided with an efficient filter program and that they are working with the permission and under the supervision of a recognized Rabbinical authority.

May the Benevolent Al-mighty atone for us.

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אזער געדער האלדזיס וואך

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## ניסן שמייטה תשע"ה

מכתב תנחומים להרה"צ ר' גבריאל ששון וכל המשפחה החשובה שליט"א,

נדדעזענו לשמוע על האסון הנורא אשר כל שומעיו תצלנה אוזניו על הנשמות היקרות והזכות שנחטפו במיתה כ"כ משונה ודאי הוא בעוון הדור וחשיב את לאיתפושי אדרך והשי"ת ישלח רפו"ש במהרה

איתא בשבת ל"ג א' בעוון נבלות פה צרות רבות וגזירות קשות מתחדשות ובחורי שונאי ישראל מתים וכו' ושם דף קי"ט ב' אין הדליקה מצויה אלא במקום שיש חילול שבת והנה אין איתנו יודע עד מה ועל מה עשה ה' לנו, אך כל הקרובים אל החלל שרוצים לעשות עילוי נשמה צריכים להתחזק לשמור על צניעות וקדושה ולסלק את כל המכשירים הטמאים המטמאים את נפשות האדם ולקבל שבת כמה רגעים לפני הזמן

בבואדאי יהיה בזה עילוי נשמה להני נשמות הנקיות והשי"ת יאמר למלאך הרף ונראה בקרוב בנחמת ציון וירושלים ובניסן עתידים להגאל.