



# A Badge of Honor

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Shalom U'brocha

I received your letter from Wednesday of Parshas Lech Lecha in which you write that you have the possibility to receive a subsidy, from what was allotted at the convention of.. for Yeshivas.. and other Yeshivos.

Surely you are aware that Lubavitch Yeshivas have existed for well over 50 years, and that the [Lubavitch] Yeshiva system is unique in its nonpartisanship; it is not influenced by outside opinions, and is exemplary in its stringent Yiras Shamayim.

Through this, the Lubavitch Yeshivos have earned a name which [when mentioned] doesn't only remind of a city, rather it symbolizes an approach. The pillars on which this approach stands are: to hold strong to the program which the founder of the Yeshiva established, and not to be persuaded by different winds which blow in the street, and to not allow the seal of any party – which ever it be, to be placed on them.

Notwithstanding that oft times this approach created financial difficulties for the Yeshiva, nevertheless in the fifty four years since the Yeshiva's founding, they always exerted extreme effort to not deviate from this program, even when it was regarding colossal and recurring subsidies, regardless of which party they would come from.

From this small review of the Yeshiva's history and modus operandi, it is clear, according to my understanding, how you

must stand regarding your question: there can be no question about accepting a subsidy from a particular party even if it would be a substantial amount of money because this is contrary to the will of the founders of the Yeshiva, whose name and spirit are dear to us, and we must hold onto with all our strength.

Additionally, when taking into consideration that after all calculations it's the Eibishter who is in charge over all income and expenditures of the moisad, a Jew that

believes cannot let such a thought enter his mind, that thru obeying the directives of the founders of the Yeshiva, namely my father-in-law and his father, Hashem will allow less money to be brought into the coffers of the Yeshiva, on the contrary, thru standing firm to their ways Hashem will broaden the channels and wells to uphold and broaden the yeshivas income.

With regards to all your colleagues, blessings of Hatzlacha in your holy work, and kol tuv in your personal affairs.

