



כתב יד
קודש

An Affective Response

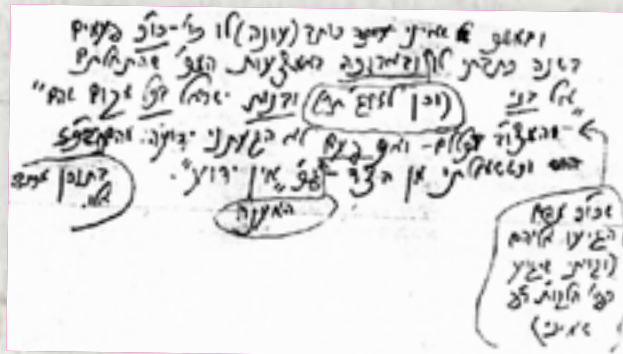
The following is a handwritten response from the Rebbe to an individual who complained that the Rebbe wasn't responding to his letters in writing. The Rebbe replied with a strongly worded explanation as to how he actually did respond.

Presented in honor of Yud-Aleph Nissan, the date on which the Rebbe sent out many of the *michtavim klali'im* to all the Yidden:

לעילוי נשמת
יהודית ב"ר שלום ע"ה
פוזנר
נלב"ע י"ג אלול ה'תשע"ט
ת'נצ'ב'ה'

ולעילוי נשמת
הרה"ח הרה"ת ר' מנחם מענדל
בן ר' זאב ע"ה בוימגארטען
נלב"ע ג' אדר ראשון ה'תשע"ט
ת'נצ'ב'ה'

נדפס ע"י משפחתם
הרה"ת ר' מנחם מענדל
וזוגתו מרת חנה ומשפחתם שיחיו
פוזנר



Regarding what you write, that I don't write ([i.e.] respond in writing) to you, etc.:

[In fact] I did write to you (and to your wife *tichyeh*) **many** times during the year, at **length**, through my letters beginning with the words “To the **sons** and **daughters** of Israel **wherever** they may be.” Many of these letters reached you (and I hope they will also “reach” you in the sense that they “touch” and affect you, as explained in Likkutei Torah, beginning of Parshas Shemini). The [letter] attached herein is one of them.

Not **once** did I receive word from you about the content of these letters [i.e. that you are carrying out the instructions given in the *michtavim klali'im* and applying its lessons in your lives –Ed]. When I asked others about this—the response I got was also “we don't know.” [I.e. that others are also not aware of you taking initiative in these matters. –Ed.]²

ובמש"כ [=ובמה שכתב]
שאיני כותב (עונה) לו כו' -
כו"כ פעמים בשנה כתבתי
לו (וכן לזוגי תחי') ובארוכה
באמצעות המכ' שהתחלתם
"אל בני ובנות ישראל בכל
מקום שהם" שכו"כ מהם
הגיעו אליהם (וקויתי שיגיע
כפי' הלקו"ת ר"פ שמיני)
והמצו"ב בכללם - ואף
פעם לא הגעתני ידיעה
מהם בתוכן מכתבי אלו.
וכששאלתי מן הצד -
המענה גם כן "אין ידוע".

1. For an extensive overview on the subject, see Derher, Elul 5778.
2. Since we do not have the original letter of the writer, this translation is only speculation. There may be other ways of understanding what the Rebbe means with these lines.