

BAIS CHANA OF NEW HAVEN

A few months after the *histalkus* in 5725, Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Hecht of New Haven, Connecticut decided to build a high-school for girls bearing the Rebbetzin's name, suggesting that it be called "Chana Schneerson High-School for Girls". The Rebbe responded:

פשה שיי' תעבם ביקט לשחול אם יש מקנה להכבדו פלפני כשדוקים
 שבו שאל אורנה אם יבול לקרוה שמה של הדיי מקול לנקרוה ע"ש
 אם כ"ק ארסור שליט"א, וכמב שם איזו תעקוה בוא, תעקוה ה' הי'
 Chana Schneerson High School for Girls ועוד תעקוה. וכיוון שפשה שייט
 ענינים פכנים שמוחץ לו לפרו בוא, שואל אם יש מקנה לזה.

ר"ח שבט
 ק"ק מו"ח אדמו"ר: בית רבקה וכו'.
 ע"פ הנ"ל מובן - שכדאי הוספת
 התיבה "בית" היינו "בית-חנה".
 אלא שצריך לברר מקודם - האם
 לא תפסו שם זה מחוץ לחב"ד.
 ויהא בשטומ"צ.
 ואזכיר עה"צ להצלחה רבה.

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

ר"ח שבט

- 1) The family-name should not be mentioned in this regard [as seen from the names that my father-in-law, the [Frierdiker] Rebbe chose: Bais Rivka etc.]
- 2) In light of the above it is understood – that it's worthwhile to add the word "Bais"; i.e. "Bais-Chana".
- 3) However you must first ascertain that this name has not already been used by others aside from Chabad. May it be in a good and auspicious hour. I will mention [this] at the Ohel for much success.

- (1) שם המשפחה - אין להזכיר בכגון זה (וכנראה מהשמות שקבע כ"ק מו"ח אדמו"ר: בית רבקה וכו').
 - (2) ע"פ הנ"ל מובן - שכדאי הוספת התיבה "בית" היינו "בית-חנה".
 - (3) אלא שצריך לברר מקודם - האם לא תפסו שם זה מחוץ לחב"ד. ויהא בשטומ"צ.
- ואזכיר עה"צ להצלחה רבה.

In a press-release prepared by Lubavitch News Service (LNS) and edited by the Rebbe, Rabbi Hecht is quoted as saying: "This was the first of the numerous Lubavitcher institutions in so many parts of the world which had received the Rebbe's consent to adopt the name of the Rebbe's mother. The school will be called 'Bais Chana High School for Girls'..."

It should be noted that in 5730, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka visited this mosad while on a trip to New Haven.

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Blessing and Greeting:

I am in receipt of your letter, and I reiterate my prayerful wishes that you and your husband should bring up your newborn daughter, Chana, together with your other children, to a life of Torah, Chuppah and Good Deeds.

May G-d grant that you should always have good news to report in all matters, both general and personal, materially and spiritually.

Especially as we have now come from the month of Tishrei, the month which is sated with festivals and with a complete variety of deep religious experiences, culminating in a most joyous note, that of Simchas Torah. As explained in our holy sources, the month of Tishrei is a "general" month, the epitome of the whole year, and the source of inspiration and blessing for every day of the year. May G-d grant that it should be so for you, and that all your affairs should be permeated with true joy, the joy of the Torah and Mitzvoth.

With blessing - מנחם מענדל שניאורסאהן
 As described in your letter - the building can be named בית-חנה.

בית חנה

This letter was sent to Rebbetzin Basya Garelik, Shlucha in Milan, Italy with blessings upon the birth of her daughter named Chana, after the Rebbe's mother.

At the end of the letter, the Rebbe added "Mazal Tov" in his holy handwriting, and then wrote in English: "As described in your letter – the building can be named בית-חנה."