

## Exemplary Report



Presented here is part of a report written after a Merkos Shlichus trip to Toronto and other towns in southern Ontario during the summer of 5729\* by Rabbi Daniel Goldberg and Rabbi Binyomin Cohen (now the Rosh Yeshiva in Melbourne, Australia), who were then bochurim studying at 770.

Rabbi Daniel Goldberg relates:

Before leaving, we had an appointment with Rabbi Hodakov, the Rebbe's head secretary, who gave us guidelines for our trip, and mentioned that we should write up a report (duch) after our return. On our return from our three-week trip, the mazkir Rabbi Binyomin Klein again emphasized that we write a report. I wrote a detailed 13-page report in English, describing each community we visited and its situation in Yiddishkeit for Jewish education, mikveh, kashrus, etc., mentioning all the Rabbonim, Jewish communal officials and individuals whom we met and our conversations with them. A day or two later, Rabbi Binyomin Klein came into the upstairs zal to tell me there was an answer from the Rebbe, who had read my entire *duch* and commented as follows:

דו"ח - **לדוגמא** 

וראויים ל"יישר כח" מיוחד ע"ז -

ביחד עם תמי' שכנראה קיצרו **ביותר** בשקו"ט עם רבנים וכיו"ב בחדו"ת – למרות ההוראה בזה.

"This is an exemplary report,

"And they deserve a special yasher koach for this,

"Together with surprise that apparently they **greatly** minimized discussions with Rabbonim and the like on Torah novellae, despite the [general] directive for this."

היאזית כיצ תאוצ-ייט אנחם אק היתשכיט דרו של דרום אנטעריא קאנאדא עי בניאז בוה שלבהה וקניאין בריאז כהן

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A more listing of the revious facilities for SNI3N7 STME as anninnerated in the printed questionaires nould chronish be far form sufficient in determining the true native of the problems of the Toronto Jenush Community. This complex highly organised community of over 100,000 sould (a good 8-10% of the city's overall population and over 50% of the populations in some areas) contain the entire spectrum of motion Jenny, ranging form strictly orthodox (hungdinan Chassidin, through "motion orthodox" to conservative Reform and unoffiliated, rapidly-assimilating Jens. It goes without swing that such a large community has tremondous potential for the future. It is equally clear, however, that progress in the future will largely depend on the extent to which this potential and the existent organisational framework is explored by the religious and communal leaders, and especially by the educationalists, in building up the strength of traditional Judaism in a fashion true to PITS INTE and pormented with prive strength of traditional Judaism in a fashion true to PITS INTE and permeated with prive this potential is in fact being utilised to the full, with special reference to the scope available for the filling of deficiencies in the system by a dedicated, capible and energetic emission of Diffe.

## SMALL COMMUNITIES

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[To explain, in a farbrengen at the beginning of the summer, the Rebbe had said that every bochur going on Merkos shlichus should first be tested by the yeshiva's hanhala on some Torah chiddush, and they should try to speak chiddushei Torah to whomever possible while on shlichus. We did try but often those with whom we tried to talk seemed to feel we were trying to test them and did not respond appropriately.]

Another comment from the Rebbe on the report was on page 8, where we had written:

"Our principal intention in the report is not merely to provide an account of our activities during the שליחות, but to also furnish information we consider useful both to Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, and also to next year's שלוחים. We therefore strongly recommend that the report be shown to next year's שלוחים, as we ourselves found that we could have saved much time, if we had had the background information accessible to previous שלוחים besides the obvious advantage of being able to follow up successful activities and contacts. It seems very surprising that this has never been done before and we hope that this glaring deficiency will be made good in the coming year "א"."

The Rebbe circled this entire paragraph, and wrote:

"[This is indeed] very necessary." 🛈

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