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With His help
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To whom it may concern,

It is with great joy that I write this letter of praise and encouragement.

Thirty years ago, I discovered a disturbing vacuum in the instruction and observance of *vestos*—separation when menstruation is expected.

At that time, I published *Zemonim*, a book hoping to remedy this void with a specially designed calendar and a comprehensive, yet easily comprehensible, summary of these complex laws. Since then, *Zemonim* has helped tens of thousands keep these laws simply and effortlessly. Subsequently, my books *Chochmot Hataharah* and *Family Purity*, have further disseminated this important subject.

Since the modern technological explosion began, I have dreamt to see it, too, used for this *mitzvah*.

Mrs. Rivkah Bloom (BCS, EE, MCS from M.I.T.) and her professional team are answering this dream.

For years, I have been honored to escort this deeply learned and G-d fearing team, quite aptly orchestrated by Mrs. Bloom, in their arduous, yet never-faltering, journey to create www.MikvahCalendar.com.

I am incapable of adequately describing the toil and attention to detail which has been their portion for many years. Their merit is great. Clearly their reward from Heaven will be commensurate.

I have tested and found the program accurate. I believe it is reasonable to assume it will be refined over time. But, I also feel that presently its ability equals or exceeds the knowledge of many, perhaps most, teachers and those with expertise in these laws. In that respect, www.MikvahCalendar.com will certainly only strengthen this commandment.

As I've written in my books, the codifiers required us to record in *writing* the wife's dates. And, I believe that even using such a program we should continue to keep an ongoing *printed* copy in our possessions for backup and reference.

All that remains is to bless those involved in this holy effort. And encourage *shluchim*, *Rabonim*, counselors, teachers and others to continue spreading these laws.

Waiting for the complete redemption.

Sincerely,

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