

Haskamahs:

הרב יוסף בר שלום
הרב הראשי לבת-ים

Rabbi Yosef Bar Shalom, The chief Rabbi of Bat-Yam

A Ba'al Teshuva came to me with the request that I give my *haskamah* (approval) for the book "Daniel" in which are written revelations of an autistic boy named Daniel.

I found that everything written in this book follows the way of Hashem. Everything written there has already been said before by the holy prophets and our great Rabbis, z'l and the *Midarashim*. Since people who read this book, from a boy living in our generation, may become greatly aroused to serve Hashem, it can certainly be printed, especially since its purpose is to cause the Jewish people to repent and to arouse them to return to Hashem and follow His ways. Particularly since one of the *Gedolim* gave his approval for this.

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Haskamos reprinted from the book "Secrets Of The Soul" on the subject of FC (Facilitated Communication) with autistics, with the permission of the author Rabbi Yehuda Serevnik.

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Some time ago I saw this thought written by a great person: Every soul enters this world in order to accomplish its mission in life. Most people are sent into this world to complete their own life's purpose and also to influence others, according to their ability. However, there are lofty souls who are unable and do not require a personal tikun, but are sent to this world strictly to teach others.

Perhaps these souls are sent to point out to us man's great strengths and what lies within us. These souls who spent their time in utero studying Torah, and achieved such greatness that they see from one end of the world to the other with unlimited clarity, were brought into the world to make us understand man's great knowledge and abilities.

Therefore, it is worthwhile to print this book in English, so that people may understand the secrets and greatness of the human being. One must not forget the directive, "You shall be wholeheartedly faithful to Hashem, your G-d," and not use these abilities to predict the future.

With best wishes for hatzlacha,
[Rabbi] Shmuel Kamenetsky

Comments of HaRav Hagaon Rav Aharon Yehuda Leib Steinman *shlita*

The great gaon, HaRav Aharon Leib Steinman has personally (1) told me that he regards this new form of communication with the mentally disabled as a manifestation of profuse Divine compassion meant to arouse the slumbering who, due to the vanities of our time, have forgotten the truth, and their entire lives immerse themselves in empty and futile pursuits. He also regards it as a means for strengthening *bnei Torah* in all those areas which require strengthening in our time. Their words of *mussar* are like searing flames of fire, which greatly arouse all those who examine them. Therefore it is befitting to disseminate and publicize them.

HaRav Steinman was personally present at FC sessions with the mentally disabled, and marveled at their answers to his questions. According to HaRav Steinman, it is very important to examine their words of *mussar*, in order to take stock of one's ways. These messages should not be disregarded.

Hakodosh Boruch Hu is sending us an illumination from Above, which many people overlook or deprecate.

Therefore HaRav Hagaon Rav Steinman greatly encouraged me to publish this book which conveys these messages to the public at large. However, he also asked me to caution that one may not use these messages in order to derive practical advice or for *halachic* guidance. He also warned not to ask the mentally disabled questions about the future. We have merited the revelation of this remarkable phenomenon only for the purpose of drawing the hearts of the Jewish People closer to their Father in Heaven.

(1) HaRav Steinman saw this letter, and authorized its insertion in the book.

**The Recommendation of
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"The nation which walks in the darkness, saw great light." We are currently living in an era in which immense darkness and confusion prevail. Many Jews are not even familiar with their Father in Heaven, while many [in Torah observant circles] are still far from perfection. The Creator Blessed be He pitied His nation, and in His vast kindness sent us a means for arousing people from their deep slumber, in the form of a new mode of communication with the mentally disabled.

This form of communication demonstrates to us that the spiritual world is revealed to the disabled. Even though in the eyes of the world, these people are regarded as lacking in understanding and in cognizance of their surroundings, this new form of communication called Communication by Support [or Facilitated Communication], shows us that their knowledge of the spiritual aspects of the world, and their perception of their Creator, and of [the workings of] Divine Providence, as well as their knowledge of *mussar* is on a very high level. [This phenomenon] has already greatly strengthened many Jews, causing them to return to their roots or to strengthen their link with Torah and *mitzvos*.

Therefore, I feel that it is very important to publicize the book, *Ve'Nafshi Yodaat Me'od* (the Hebrew version of Secrets of the Soul) and the messages of the mentally disabled, which result in the drawing of the hearts closer to our Father in Heaven.

Due to my many commitments, I was unable to read through this book, and asked a *talmid chacham*, whom I trust implicitly, to review it. He indeed reviewed a large part of the book, and conveyed its content to me. In addition, his first hand observations of this form of communication caused him to conclude that it is authentic and highly valuable.

Alongside this, we must stress that while the messages conveyed to us by means of the disabled are worthy of strengthening and drawing close the hearts, one may not practically implement their advice without consulting a Rav, since as it is known, the Jewish Nation is led only by the Torah sages.

May all those disseminating these important messages, with the purpose of sanctifying Heaven's name and magnifying His Blessed Name and magnifying His Blessed Name in the world, be blessed. May *Hashem Yisborach* help them, and may they succeed.

[Rabbi] Nosson Wachtfogel

Introduction by Binyamin Golden

I know that many people don't believe an autistic person can write and transmit such true high-level messages, but for people living in such a confused generation, it is fitting that G-d transmits such true messages through the mentally handicapped. This is quite appropriate for a generation deficient in understanding, one that lacks any desire to understand.

People nowadays are wandering around in utter confusion. We clearly see the truth. Hashem sends messages—not only through us, but through the world itself. He sends messages through all sorts of things and occurrences. His messages are very clear and frightening, but people generally do not grasp them. Most people do not realize that Hashem is speaking to us, warning us. It is as if nothing at all has occurred.

Hashem also sends these messages through other autistic and brain-damaged people, although not through all, but through some He sends messages. Nevertheless, only the select few will realize these messages are **really** true.

I am sitting on the floor tearing my clothes and crying over the Jewish People. Just crying and crying. We are Hashem's bride in the desert. We are His beloved one who runs away from Him at every occasion.

How fortunate is the Jewish Nation, to be Hashem's beloved. How unfortunate are we that we do not appreciate our great gift and refuse to return to our Father in Heaven completely.

I convey my blessing to us all. May the truth written in this book motivate countless Jews to repent and may we together merit greeting the Moshiach. (May 16, 2007)