

To: Phil Chernofsky

ל'ג' אדר א' תשנ"ט
'א' אדר

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Dear Phil-

First of all, ב'ש' א'ת' - May Hashem spare you from further sorrow and may you be comforted among the mourners of י'ב' and ב'ש' א'ת'. It has been a rough year for you, but we - your faithful TT readers - are grateful that ה' has given you the strength to increase the joy of Shabbat in so many thousands of Jewish homes around the world. May He continue to grant you the strength and joy in doing so.

Secondly, about your column "B"H You You":

You asked for feedback re the addition of 'SIN' dates to this column - You may recall that I sent you in a comment about the correctness of the date for the UN's infamous resolution about Zionism and racism. The reason that I am aware of this is because for the last 4+ years, I have been writing a "י' א' ב'" (cf. examples attached) on the events that have happened in Jewish history on each day, according to the date on the Jewish calendar - I call it: "י' א' ב' א' ב' ג' ד' ה' ו' ז' ח' ט' י' י"א י"ב י"ג י"ד י"ה י"ו י"ז י"ח י"ט כ' כ"א כ"ב כ"ג כ"ד כ"ה כ"ו כ"ז כ"ח כ"ט ל' ל"א ל"ב ל"ג ל"ד ל"ה ל"ו ל"ז ל"ח ל"ט" and in addition to posting this ב'ג' on the bulletin board in the lab where I work (Bromine Compounds Ltd. - Ramat Hovav, Be'er-Sheva) every morning, I also fax it to a number of people (including a local school) who have asked to receive it.

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There is probably a much wider *חצ'ס* that would like to receive it, but I don't have an easy way to reach them. My sources are varied - "*דבריו*" *דבריו*, "*למה*" *דבריו*, "*שם*" *דבריו*, and the one I started with - *דבריו* *דבריו*, as well as others, including occasionally your column, although I usually like to fill in more details than I find there.

It happens, that I am not aware of something "interesting" happening on a particular date. At those times, there is always something that can be related about an upcoming *דבריו*, or about something special about the *דבריו* or about the *דבריו* of the year. Baruch Hashem, there is always something to write. In addition, on 'E'NA *דבריו* (my last workday of the week) I try to include a short (SDT) *דבריו* *דבריו* about the *דבריו* *דבריו*.

You have often been very helpful in directing me to the things I want to write about. Thank you!

All of the above, however, is by way of explaining why I think that the new *דבריו*, of events according to the *דבריו* *דבריו*, is not necessarily what the Jewish public is looking for. I say not necessarily, because in the case of Torah Tidbits there is definitely enough Jewish content, that the inclusion of this "parallelism" with the English calendar is not ~~so~~ so out-of-place. And I know that there are a lot of us "out there" who see our place in both worlds. It just seems to me that it is the special - and perhaps even Holy - task that our generation has been endowed with to once again fan that Jewish *דבריו* - that Holy Spark - in the large, largely-uncommitted *דבריו*



of Jewish minds and souls. In my humble opinion, this is why TT and others like it - in the world of Internet - are so successful. The anonymity that is allowed the reader of such Torah thoughts is also an ingredient that helps ensure a wide readership.

In sum, it seems to me that while no "harm" is done by this addition, my feeling is that that is not what the Jewish public is looking for. And if it comes הבן for Jewish thoughts - that could be included in their place - then I would say לא.

Wishing you an easier year than the past one has been and the continuance of Hashem's blessing in your Holy Task,

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