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לכבוד הרב שרגא שליט"א,

אחדשה"ט.

I am writing to express appreciation for your outstanding ספר מקדשי שמך. I recently came across the ספר and took it with me on a trip, which gave me the opportunity to learn it from cover to cover. It is an exceptional work, reflecting excellent content, writing and organization, all focused on the central mandate of Klal Yisroel as מקדשי שם שמים. In developing the theme you bring out the most foundational values that we as Klal Yisrael must carry and share.

I believe the ספר is a treasure that deserves the broadest distribution amongst *Lomdei Torah* and *Baalei Batim*, young and old. Personally, learning the ספר stimulated me to dedicate one of our weekly Shiurim on the Parsha to exploring an aspect of קידוש השם from each week's Parsha. This brought tremendous חועלת to all who participated, and it is to your credit.

I was very happy to see the recent publication by ArtScroll of your English ספר titled Living Kiddush Hashem. I hope that between the original of and the English one, it will reach the widest possible audience. I would be happy to assist in any way I can to encourage other Rabbonim and Mechanchim to learn it and to spread it and its message to their communities and Talmidim.

We live in a time when – Boruch Hashem – we have seen an explosive, perhaps unprecedented growth in the numbers and the quality of serious לומדי תורה. This has been the focal point of our efforts as a people and rightfully so. Your ספר will help bring out and strengthen these efforts as part of the core value and mission of Klal Yisroel, to be מקדש שמו בעולם in all that we do, such that one and all will say:

פלוני שלמד תורה ראו כמה נאים דרכיו כמה מתוקנים מעשיו, עליו הכתוב אומר עבדי אתה ישראל אשר בך אתפאר.

בהוקרה ובידידות, ובברכה שיפוצו מעינותיך החוצה להגדיל תורה ולהאדירה ולקדש שמו ית' בעולם.

משה האוער