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To
Naomi Sharabi,
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Shalom and blessings,

I reviewed the material describing Ezrat Avot, founded by your grandfather, Rabbi Shlomo Gamliel זצ"ל and was very impressed.

The Center's main goals are to provide the needy elderly with welfare and social services and assistance in their day to day needs, in order to allow them to age in dignity, fulfilling the words, "And you shall honor the elderly." Its activities cover a wide variety of areas. Among them, providing hot meals, a supportive social environment, warm surroundings and a welcoming face, thus giving them the tools to strengthen seniors' means of maintaining their independence.

Special recognition should be given to the intergenerational program. This initiative is intended to forge a direct connection between grandparents and their grandchildren and between seniors and children, through mutually exciting activities, and to bring them to a deeper understanding of the words of our sages, "Because an elderly person (זקן) is one (זה) who has bought (קנה) wisdom."

I support you and all who work towards strengthening the connection between the links in the generational chain.

בכבוד רב,

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