

RABBI RUBIN HUTLER
PERUTZ ETZ JACOB HEBREW ACADEMY

March 25, 2007

Mr. Aron Abecassis

Dear Aron:

I recently became aware of a posting on the internet that was full of misstatements about you and your relationship to Perutz Etz Jacob Hebrew Academy (the "School"). First, I want to state that the posting did not come from me and to my knowledge anyone affiliated with the School. Second, what was said obviously does not represent my opinions or feelings.

On the contrary, I am very grateful to you for all that you have done for the School. Eighteen months ago when I approached you to save the School from going under because of heavy debts you were at my side. You saw to it that the landlord was satisfied and it was a great mitzvah that you performed.

Since that time you have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to make the School solvent. You also remodeled the School inside and outside mostly at your expense to make it a more attractive place for faculty and students. You worked hand in hand with Regina Goldman to get the accreditation for the School and many other things that are too numerous to mention.

As we entered the 2006-2007 year, we had ambitious plans to raise the standards of our School. We hired credentialed teachers, a much needed English principal and you did everything in your power to create a bright future for the School. I will note that all major decisions were not made unilaterally but by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Unfortunately, for numerous reasons, the enrollment did not meet our expectations and that has created a difference of opinion as to the future of the School. Our primary goal is to finish the semester, to educate the children and pay our teachers for their work. To that end, you have again been very gracious

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and offered to provide financial help so as to allow us to accomplish this immediate goal and for that I again want to thank you.

It is a pity that people prey on individuals such as yourself who only have good intentions. Your tzedaka projects are incredible and, as far as I know, are not duplicated by any person that I know. Hashem should give you the strength and wisdom to continue your wonderful work in our community as well as worldwide.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and kosher Pesach.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rubin Hutler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rabbi Rubin Hutler