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In the name of God, 16th of Tammuz, 5783 Priceerheen ** Dear Sir: The exalted and elevated one, may he live long! I have received your esteemed letter, and here I am to fulfill my duty regarding the matter of our friend: the youth in Jerusalem. And it is a great light and a wonderful resident for me to find that the debt has been burdened upon me if he writes to the management of "Etz Chaim": Novokov. For the evil greatly condemns the attack upon him, indeed "my hands are most active in this matter, even as a murderer." I am convinced that after all this, they will cease the support from the youth of the association; thus, only this will come out of it. Let it be sent to "Rabbi Kook" to show with his finger his authority, and he should leave the scarves to the deceased, and according to this, he could withdraw his hand entirely and return the admonition of his morals to the youth in the Land of Israel or, more correctly, to not recognize the young man who is preventing the general heights of the association, and then these youths will know that either they have been misled or that the Israeli association has only wasted its efforts to respect its feelings, and then they will know to retreat and make way for the moderate youths. Rabbi Tzvi Pesach and Rabbi Sankevich will come and strengthen the association that will find favor and grace among all the residents of the Land of Israel. .. Believe me, dear sir, that I too oppose the idea of a personal attack against Kook, for I would oppose any shadow of insult against him, except to fight for his language (meaning if to move and to call by name). And even ten years ago, I acted in the Land of Israel to be very careful not to make Kook a "holy" victim and oppressed for his opinions, but we must also expand the sorrow of the youth in Jerusalem (even though in the East they do not scrutinize so much in times of emergency of dispute, especially between the Hasidim to be cautious! It will be whoever it will be) for what, for example, will they be able to answer their sons when the deceptive light of the nationalists also sends them its lines when they will ask and point to this "the man of God"? And as was written by the organization of Rabbi Kook when he traveled to America, it was said in large letters in the name "And it came to pass when the Ark was set forward." And if he says that the KKL is the Holy of Holies, the university will come forth from Zion, the Torah will emerge, the Maccabi raises the saying higher and higher in service and praises, saying, and may it be said, will things work on their hearts? For they will see and take for themselves the example of the heads of the rabbis? Therefore, only necessity brought them to condemn Rabbi Kook so that they could protect their sons from his path. Nuno Dr. Greenberg, I hereby accept responsibility for everything I have written, and I will also allow myself to write a response to the editorial note in the hope that my important letter was printed. There is no contradiction that it was the proof that on one hand he took from the love against the ICA and on the other hand he is working for the Zionist funds.

Access Points

Personal Names:

- Agudat Israel
- Avraham Yitzhak Kook
- Chaim Yisroel Eiss

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- Jerusalem

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- Jewish youth