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To the Esteemed Rav Zalman Goldstein, Shlit"א

I received your upcoming book "Talking Divorce." It is a comprehensive guide to the difficult topic of divorce. We are all aware that there has been a tremendous tragic increase of divorces in the *frum* world in this generation. The Torah created the divorce process to sever a marriage and sometimes even necessitated its use. Sadly, very often it is misused. Many of today's divorces can be traced to a lack of education and understanding by one or both spouses on the basics of what marriage is about and a false illusion of what life will be like post-divorce.

In a clear concise fashion, you address each of the many thorny issues which arise from marital strife. It is clear by even a brief perusal of its many chapters that you put much effort and research into ensuring that you are presenting the Torah *Hashkafah* in a professional, practical, and realistic manner. Ranging from whom to consult (and just as importantly who not to consult) when a marriage is facing difficulties, to custody issues, dealing with an abusive spouse, the halachic, legal, and monetary angles are all explained.

By laying out step-by-step the reality of divorce and rationally explaining the proper attitude and approach one should have each step of the way, this guide has the immense potential of saving many from much unnecessary heartache and grief.

If even one marriage is saved, or one child is spared the torture of growing up in a broken home, it will have been well worth all your tremendous efforts.

May Hashem *bentch* you with much success from this and all your endeavors, and in the *zechus* of all your work may this guide quickly become obsolete with the coming of *Moshiach Tzidkeinu*.

