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Dear Rabbi Niman: *QNY*

At the close of this four years B. has spent in your care, I just wanted to take the opportunity to tell you how grateful I am for your personal attention to B. , as well as the devoted and loving attentions of all the staff to B. . I know he is a difficult child, and not a great talmid, but the love and interest and encouragement and patience you showed to him were, to me, his mother, a great gift. I know Barak does not appreciate completely how hard you worked to move him along, and probably will not for some years, but I hope that at some time in the future he will see how hard his rabbeim fought for him, and how much love and attention he received from them.

On a personal note, I wanted to thank you for all the personal attention to ME. I know I was in your office nearly crying many times, and worried. I don't always feel confident in raising Jewish children, and your sound counsel and good humor were very reassuring and comforting. I only wish there were more people like you in chinuch—I am sure you have a great store of goodwill and great reward in Olam haBa. But for now, I hope my thanks, friendship, and good wishes for always will suffice.

With greatest regard and affection,