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HASKAMA

The book *Nurture Their Nature* presents itself as a book on education of children and students. However, it is much more than this: it is a book on living for everyone.

Based on a breathtaking array of writings by Jewish sages, from Talmudic times until our own age, with startling insights into their teachings, the book presents a case for self-knowledge as the key to reaching each individual's potential.

The core of this self-knowledge is that each individual was created by God to cleave to Him by giving expression to his unique spiritual yearnings.

The book is based on the teachings of the authors' *rebbe*, Rabbi Beryl Gershenfeld, one of the foremost presenters and teachers of Torah *hashkafa* (philosophy) of our times and is at once elevating, inspiring and educational. Anyone from a beginner to a developed scholar will benefit from reading this book.

I wish the authors success in disseminating their teachings.

With respect,
Aharon Feldman

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מוצש"ק לס' מקץ תשפ"א לפ"ק

אל כבוד הרבנים ר' יוסף ליין ור' יעקב כהן שליט"א

ראיתי את הגליונות על עניני חינוך, נכתב בשפת אנגלית, שהוא מלא הדרכה בהירה ועצה ברורה, אשר מכונה הוא בשם *Nurture Their Nature*. יפה ליקטתם ממקורות נאמנים, ממה שקבלתם מאת מורה דרך שלכם, הר"ר בערל גערשענפעלד שליט"א, שהוא מגדולי מרביצי תורה ומוסר, ונאה הצעתם את הדברים באופן מקובל. ברכתי נתונה, שיתקבלו הדברים, ובה תזכו להדריך הבנים והתלמידים שהם כבנים, בכדי שיכירו כל אחד ואחד, את האפשרות שלו, ועי"ז יזכו כולם להוציא את כל כוחותיהם מן הכח אל הפועל.

החותם לכבוד התורה ומלמדיה

Motzaei Shabbos Kodesh
Parashas Miketz 5781

To the esteemed rabbis, R' Yosef Lynn and R' Yaakov Cohen, *shlit"u*,

I have seen the manuscript, entitled *Nurture Their Nature*, on the issues of *chinuch*, written in English, which is full of enlightening guidance and clear advice. You have beautifully gathered from reliable sources and from what you received from your mentor, HaRav Beryl Gershenfeld, *shlit"u*, one of the great disseminators of Torah and *mussar*, and you have well presented the teachings in an accessible manner. I give my blessing that the teachings should be well-received and that you thereby will merit to help guide children and students (who are like our children), in order that each and every one will recognize his potential, and through this they will all merit to bring forth all of their strengths and actualize them.

For the sake of the honor of Torah and those who teach it,

Shmuel Kamenetsky



Adar 5780

There are ideas in the public domain that seem to belong to "them," the non-Jewish world. We often unjustly deprive ourselves of valuable truths because we classify those ideas as secular, while in truth they are core Jewish values.

The focus on self-worth and the potential of each person seem to be part of "pop psychology" and "culture," while Judaism seems to focus on how short our activities fall. It is true that the Torah has high expectations of us, but that is only because the Torah has great regard for us and our abilities. And when seen through a Torah lens, this is a much more profound truth than the street version of it. We believe that the Almighty created each person suited for a unique mission, with all the talents and opportunities included.

Perhaps the major cause of *talmidim* falling by the wayside is their lack of self-esteem, their lack of awareness of their unique mission and the gifts that their Creator gave them.

Rabbi Lynn and Rabbi Cohen have prepared a wonderful work that bases itself on Torah sources that emphasize this important value.

ה"א this book will help us recalibrate our energies, and serve to empower many, many *talmidim*.

בברכה להצלחה מרובה,

אהרן שרגא לופיאנסקי

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Original Letter of Approval for Rabbi Yosef Lynn's *Greatness Within Workbook*

17 Adar 5769

Yerushalayim

I have known Rav Yosef Lynn for a number of years, both personally and, in the course of time, have come into contact with his students and colleagues in Machon Yaakov in Yerushalayim. He is both skilled in his עבודת הקודש and dedicated wholeheartedly to his students.

The Vilna Gaon zt"l tells us that our purpose in life is to perfect our character. With much investment of time and thought, Rabbi Lynn has constructed a handbook, a map of sorts, which helps guide a person through the difficult personal twists and turns of self-development. While I believe that it is impossible to develop a written pathway to self-development that totally obviates the need for any personal guidance from experienced teachers, Rabbi Lynn has given us a tried and tested path, where he helps a person gauge his progress, and, most importantly, develop and be truly sensitive to who he/she is as a person. His students have testified to me how much this workbook has helped them, and I hope that Rabbi Lynn will be successful in making it available to a wider circle of people who seek to understand themselves and to make more successful use of their lives.

Sincerely,

Noach Orlowek

Yerushalayim

מכתב ברכה

22 MarCheshvan 5781

Yerushalayim

I was very pleased to hear that Rabbis Yosef Lynn and Jack Cohen have written a *sefer* that presents Torah sources for the importance of recognizing one's uniqueness and living life accordingly. Several years ago I wrote a letter of *haskamah* for Rabbi Lynn's earlier publication. This new *sefer* provides the Torah sources and foundations for the earlier one. Although today there seem to be many opinions for how to approach *chinuch*, an approach which clearly shows its basis in the Torah is very important. I am confident that parents and teachers will benefit greatly from learning what the Torah and *Chazal* teach on this topic. May the *Ribono Shel Olam* bless the authors with success in their endeavors.

ב"ה, ג' מנחם אב תש"פ

הן ראיתי את הספר הנפלא משיחותיו של אחד המיוחדים ממרביצי התורה ומזכי הרבים, הרה"ג ר' בערל גירשנפלד שליט"א, ראש ישיבת מכון שלמה, שוכה לקרב לב ישראל אל אבינו שבשמים.

יסוד היסודות של ספר זה לעודד את כל תלמיד להכיר בסגולותיו המיוחדות ולהתעלות בהן. הן ידועים דברי הגר"א שכל אחד מישראל יש לו חלק מיוחד בתורה, ועל זאת מבקשים "ותן חלקנו בתורתך".

ספר יקר זה נערך על ידי תלמידי הרב, הרבנים ר' יעקב כהן ור' יוסף לין נ"י, בשפה האנגלית והיא ערוך בטוב טעם ודעת, בשפה ברורה ונעימה, ובשוחני שהרבים יפיקו ממנו תועלת גדולה.

ברכתי לידיד נפשי הגר"ב שליט"א שיוכה עוד רבות השנים להגדיל תורה ולהאדירה בשלוח שמחה ונחת.

באהבה יתירא,
אשר זעליג וייס

ב"ה

3 Menachem Av 5780

I have seen the wonderful *sefer* based on the discourses of one of the exceptional disseminators of Torah and those who bring merit to the community, HaRav HaGaon R' Beryl Gershenfeld *shlit"u*, Rosh Yeshiva of Machon Shlomo and Machon Yaakov, who has merited to bring the hearts of Israel close to our Father in Heaven.

The basic foundation of this *sefer* is to encourage each and every student to recognize his unique qualities and to grow through them. The words of the Vilna Gaon are well-known, that each individual in Israel has a unique portion in Torah, concerning which we ask of Hashem: "grant us our portion in Your Torah—**ותן חלקנו בתורתך**—"

This precious *sefer* has been compiled by the Rav's *talmidim*, Rabbis Yaakov Cohen and Yosef Lynn. It has been edited with sound taste and reason, in clear and eloquent language, and I am certain that many will derive great benefit from it.

I extend my blessings to my friend, HaRav HaGaon R' Beryl *shlit"u*, that he will yet merit many more years of spreading the greatness and grandeur of Torah in tranquility, joy, and satisfaction.

With great affection,
Asher Zelig Weiss

אשר זעליג וייס
ט"ו
פעמ"א קרוינשטאדט

ל' מנחם אב

ה"פ

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