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Announcement from the Maintenance Division

Dear Descendants,

With admiration and thanks to your cooperation so far, which facilitated the restoration and preservation of your ancestral cemetery, we hereby approach you regarding the upcoming maintenance season.

It's needless to elaborate on the importance and effectiveness of the maintenance program, which designates periodic cuttings followed by **personal** visits to the cemetery. From experience, this system is the way to **ensure the continued existence of the cemetery.**

Over the years, difficulties to collect the minimal fees for the expenses involved grew beyond the limits of Avoyseinu. Therefore we are presenting here the following options for maintenance:

- **Option A:** *Greatly Recommended* The family should arrange maintenance with the caretaker on their own. Please note that in order for the maintenance to be effective, **there must be at least four annual cuttings in the cemetery**, <u>followed by personal inspections</u>.
- **Option B:** Offered due to popular demand

Avoyseinu can continue coordinating the maintenance on the following conditions:

- The families will need to pay up all maintenance fees for the following five years, along with a payment for the complete outstanding balance. The money will be entered in a separate maintenance account.
- Avoyseinu will thereafter draw up a contract with the caretaker for the following five years. The benefits of such a contract are manifold: the cemetery becomes a project for the caretaker, who can be properly trained on the job, after which the work is done with more devotion and experience. In addition, Avoyseinu's inspector also develops a personal relationshiop with the caretaker, which is extremely constructive.

Option C: Special exception

The cemeteries where the expenses are paid regularly, without Avoyseinu's intervention, will continue being under the regular maintenance plan.

Birchas Mazel Top

Avoyseinu extends a warm Mazel Tov to these esteemed individuals, who devotedly support our activities. Upon their simcha, we wish them and their families much joy and bracha.

Rabbi **Chaim Eliezer Weinberger** and family Upon the marriage of his daughter

A devoted melamed of Nachlas Avos, whose warm tutelage enriched the growth of his dear talmidim.

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R' **Mordche Ferencz** and family esteemed askan for the Kobrin cemetery Son of the esteemed and dear Reb **Chaim Refoel Ferencz** shlit"a Board member of Avoyseinu Upon the birth of his son

R' **Shmiel Dovid Lichtman** and family Of the committee for **Bilkomien** Upon the marriage of his daughter

If we receive no response for a cemetery until March 1, we will assume the families chose **Option A**.

With respect – the Maintenance Division

Yitzchok Mordche Pollack • Yida Mordche Deutch • Lipa Wollner • Aron Yida Abeles • Yoel Berkowitz

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Samples of Maintenance 2013



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