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- יום שני ג' שבט תשס"ד - Monday, January 26, 2004

Dear Families,

I am writing to ask your support of the TRIGR Trial (Trial to Reduce Insulin Dependent Diabetes in the Genetically at Risk). This NIH and JDRF funded study will address infant nutrition as well as other possible environmental triggers of type 1 diabetes in early infancy. This study will not interfere with breastfeeding and if you choose to use formula it will be supplied at no cost to you. This is a very important study, the first international primary prevention trial for type 1 diabetes with 40 sites worldwide and six in the United States. It is my sincere hope that members of our community will participate. I am happy to speak personally with you and address any questions you may have.

As with all personal and community diabetes issues, everything is discussed with our rabbinical posek Rabbi M. M. Weisman shlit'a, same applies here. We discussed with him the TRIGR issue, he fully praised the project and said that we should all try to participate in this study and encourage everyone to join. He said: "even if you're not necessarily helping yourself or your children now, this study will eventually lead to many findings and may help many people in the future, even your own future generations".

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Sincerely,

Hirsch Meisels

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