

more impressive by the dramatic results than preventive medicine where there could be some delusion that sickness would somehow be avoided, but in truth it is much better, of course, to be spared the pain and anxiety of sickness altogether, by immunization. The latter is the way of G-d, as it is written, "All the sickness...I will not afflict upon thee, for I, G-d, am thy physician" (Ex. 15:26).

Now it is quite evident how important and urgent has been the appeal made last summer, centered on the verse, "Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have ordained strength (oz) to still the enemy and avenger." All the more so since in the present situation the "enemy and avenger" has made no secret of his intentions.

If recent events will have taught everyone the basic lesson that Jews have no one to rely upon except G-d Himself, and that the real strength of our people lies in the Torah and Mitzvoth, called oz, as it is written, "HaShem oz l'amo vitein" - then the sacrifices will not have been in vain. Certainly every one of us must redouble our efforts to bring this realization closer to all our fellow Jews everywhere.

With blessing, *M. Schwartz*