

וְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל אַהֲרֹן.. כֹּל פֶּטֶר רֶחֶם לְכֹל בֶּשֶׂר אֲשֶׁר יִקְרִיבוּ לָהּ בְּאֶדָם וּבִבְהֵמָה וְהָיָה לָךְ אֵף פְּדָה תִּפְדֶּה אֶת בְּכוֹר הָאָדָם.. וּפְדוּיוֹ מִבֶּן חֲדָשׁ תִּפְדֶּה בְּעֶרְכּוֹ כֶּסֶף חֲמִשָּׁתַיִם שֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ



## תעודת פדיון הבן

This certificate bears testimony that the father of the firstborn, Mr. Herchel Refael Wallach, redeemed his firstborn son **Noach Alexander**, from me, Rabbi Levi Yitzchok the son of Rabbi Tzvi Hersch HaKohen Zarchi.

The redemption took place in Manhattan, New York, of the United States of America, on Sunday, the seventeenth day of the month of Adar, in the Hebrew-Calendar year 5775. The boy's father willingly placed in my hand five coins of pure silver, he did not exert pressure on me to return these silver coins to him, nor did I return them to him.

In the merit of his fulfilling his biblical commandment with splendor, may the almighty G-d of Israel bless the father of the boy, Mr. Herchel Refael Wallach, along with his wife, Mrs. Liba Wallach, amongst the entire Jewish nation, with grace and goodness, and they should merit to raise their firstborn son **Noach Alexander** on the foundations of Torah and mitzvah, with gladness of heart and with an abundance of spiritual and material means.

It is known that in thirteen places the Torah uses the term "to me" (to G-d), and in all of them the implication is that the holiness never departs from the said item. One of them is regarding the firstborn son of Israelites ("All firstborns shall be consecrated to me"), who are deemed holy from birth, but are nonetheless redeemed by giving five silver coins to the kohen offspring of Ahron the High priest. Based on the term "To me", our early sages have taught that there is a special requirement that the firstborn engage in Torah study and exemplify fear of G-d - more so than the rest of the Jewish nation.

Thus, I bless **Noach Alexander** that his heart and mind should be open to the study of Torah and the fear of G-d.

Signature of the kohen: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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בְּכוֹר בְּנֵיךְ תִּתֵּן לִי שְׂמוֹת כַּב כַּח יִכוֹל יִתְנַם לִי וּדְאִי? תִּלְמוּד לֹוֹמֵר בְּמִדְבַּר גַּ נֹא וַיִּתֵּן מֹשֶׁה אֶת כֶּסֶף הַפְּדִיִּים לְאַהֲרֹן וּלְבָנָיו. אִין לִי אֵלֹא בִּזְמַן הַהוּא, לְדוֹרוֹת מִנֵּיךְ? תִּלְמוּד לֹוֹמֵר בְּמִדְבַּר גַּ נֹא עַל פִּי ה' בְּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֶת מֹשֶׁה. אִם כֵּן לְמָה נֹאמֵר שְׂמוֹת כַּב כַּח תִּתֵּן לִי? כֹּל זְמַן שֶׁאַתָּה נוֹתֵנו כַּמְצוֹת, מַעֲלָה אֲנִי עֲלֶיךָ כֹּאֲלוֹ לִי נִתַּת