



My Dear Friends,

The holiday of Purim teaches us two pertinent life lessons: 1) life is uncertain and at times resembles a lottery 2) we need to find the joy in life and celebrate the wins.

We have vividly felt this first lesson these past few days, and we continue to move forward with an abundance of care, concern and love for our students and community. This is our guiding principle and it informs all of our prayers and actions.

But since it is Purim, we must also remember the second lesson. As we turn to God in times of uncertainty, we also thank Him for the joy. And it is in this spirit that I send to you a message celebrating the incredible winning streak of our Macs. As I am sure all of you know, our Macs defeated Penn State Harrisburg 102-83 to advance for the first time to the Sweet Sixteen round in the NCAA Division III Tournament. Their historic run has the entire country's attention--both for their athletic prowess as well as the values that they embody.

Two types of moments circulated online--exciting plays on the court and their kindness and generosity off the court. I was so moved to see journalists share videos of our team's spirited dancing and singing of Mishenichnas Adar in celebration of their win. This is a team that plays together and prays together. They bring our values out to the world. They rest on Shabbat and win on Motzai Shabbat. We bring the best players to play for the Jewish team. This is true throughout Yeshiva University as we build a school based on excellence, and now we see the fruits of these efforts in our athletics as well.

The Macs have brought great Jewish pride in what they have accomplished and I have received congratulatory messages from around the world. It is my pleasure to share some of them with you



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Happy Purim and Stay Safe

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