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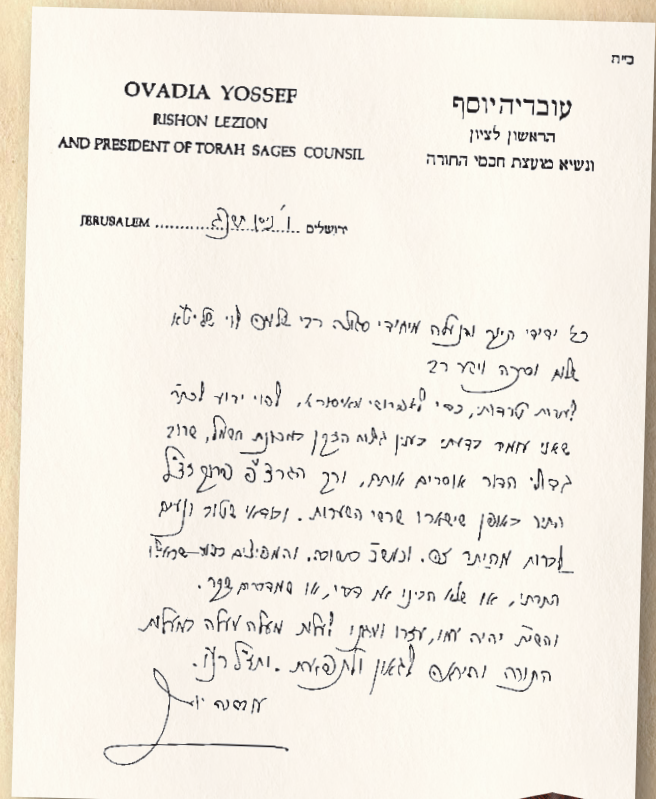
Maran Hagaon **CHACHAM RAV OVADIA YOSEF** zt"l
REGARDING SHAVING THE BEARD WITH ELECTRIC SHAVERS

My dear and exalted friend, one of the treasured individuals [of Klal Yisroel], Rabbi Shlomo Levi Shalita Peace and blessings and great salvation!

In spite of my preoccupations, [but] in order to **save [Klal Yisroel] from sin**, I hereby inform you that my opinion regarding shaving the beard with electric shaving machines remains the same. **Most of the great Torah scholars of our generation** [Gedolei Hador] **prohibited their use**. Only the Gaon R' Tzvi Pesach Frank zt"l permitted them, provided that the hair roots remain untouched [i.e., they do not produce a clean shave]. It is certainly appropriate to **flee** from this heter (leniency), as I have written in a teshuvah (responsum). Those who publicize in my name that I supposedly permitted [shaving with electric shavers] **either did not understand my words or are deliberately falsifying them**.

May Hashem Yisborach be with you and help and protect you to rise higher and higher in Torah scholarship and Yiras Shomayim, [giving you] greatness and glory. May you be blessed with a long life and many pleasant and good years.

Ovadia Yosef



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