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translation from Yiddish

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Dear Cousin:

I have received your letter. I am wondering that [why] you didn't write that my brother-in-law agreed [voted]. Yes, dear cousin, I have always _____ that we should vote [agree] together. But, unfortunately, it is not that way. My brother-in-law _____ wrote that he _____ with Shildner and that they cannot withdraw from their lawyer. First, he has already worked [did his work] and, second, they _____ [to go to someone else]. He is a trustworthy man and a good lawyer. Anyway, he writes that they will stay with him. "Nu, (so)" dear cousin? How should I listen [follow]? I will vote [agree] with my sister together. He writes me again _____ two, and we are four. _____ vote [agree]. I believe if we all have separate lawyers, then the lawyers will _____. In any event, _____, you understand yourself, if I should withdraw, how would it look? I must still vote with my sister. I will try again to write to them, but I'm not sure that it will help. Well, dear cousin, God should give, it should be with *mazal*, the way it will be left. Further, David Hersch wrote to me that he also received a letter from him. His children have already reached New York.

I don't have any more news. My wife and children send best regards and wish you a good year, and also a very big _____ with your brother and family. And I wish you to be inscribed in the good book [of life] with the whole nation of Israel.

From your cousin, Yeshaya Rosenthal.

[Postscript]:

I am waiting, also, for a letter from Stein. I will also write what he writes to me.