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Mrs. Julie Lurie, Kallah Teacher  
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Lichvod HaKoreh,

I have known Rebbetzin Julie Lurie and her husband, Rabbi Yitzchak Lurie, for a number of years. They are true bnei Torah, yirei Shamayim, and baalei middos. They are regularly involved in ציבור and are רבועלי עצה, מנהיגים, to many in the Klal.

One of their major contributions has been their dedicated efforts to help with Shalom Bayis in the frum community. Their expertise is relationship education and coaching, and I have personally worked with them and seen the quality of their work. They recently launched *Connections*, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization providing highly subsidized relationship education and coaching for Jewish singles and couples during all life stages. The Lurie's are widely respected chassan and kallah teachers, and to date, they have helped over 500 people in their relationships.

Presently, there is a significant need for chassan and kallah teachers to teach beyond the halachos of hilchos nida. There is a need to teach inspiring hashkafos and practical relationship tools so that young couples will begin with strong foundations. The Lurie's excel in this area.

Rebbetzin Lurie is now teaching a 5-month, intensive course to train future kallah teachers. I have read her curriculum, and it is both thorough and rigorous. The hashkafos that she teaches are all rooted in Torah sources and mesorah. I have no doubt that anyone who trains with Rebbetzin Lurie will be among the best prepared kallah teachers.

I wish Rabbi and Rebbetzin Lurie much bracha and hatzlacha in their עבודת הקודש. BZ"ח, they should bring much Shalom into the world.

With much respect,



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