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To our dear brethren living in foreign lands,

The shmita year is approaching, and we are overjoyed and excited. We have a tremendous privilege, a privilege our ancestors could only dream about. We have the good fortune of living in the Land of Israel, and joyfully observing the mitzva of shmita.

Those who live in the diaspora do not have the privilege of keeping this mitzva. The great Rabbi Dovid Cohen shlita had the idea of selling plots within the Land of Israel to Jews living abroad, so that they too can take some part in the mitzva of shmita.

Representatives from the Shmita 5782 organization met with me and expressed their wish to sell small land lots so that with God's help, people outside of Israel will get a taste of shmita. This is certainly a worthy and important initiative and gives those living abroad the privilege of being partners in the mitzva of shmita. The sale will be done in accordance with halacha, so that the piece of land will truly belong to the buyer abroad. There will be additional steps taken to increase the buyers' awareness of shmita as well.

Of course, this is only a taste of shmita and only a degree of partnership in the mitzva of shmita, but we hope to see all our Jewish brothers in the Holy Land shortly!

With God's help, may we soon see the continuation of our redemption, and the realization of all the blessings of the end of days.

God Bless You,

Yosef Zvi Rimon