

With great pleasure I congratulate Dr. Joshua (Shikl) Fishman on his 80th birthday and wish him good health and happiness with the traditional Yiddish greeting “*biz hundert un tsvantsik!*” (until the age of 120!). Dr. Fishman is the preeminent scholar of socio-linguistics, and his seminal studies in the Yiddish field are highly regarded. His compendium *Never Say Die!* is a monumental achievement in the arena of Yiddish language and culture research. His articles in the Yiddish Forward, afford insightful glimpses into the Jewish secular and sacred worlds. Dr. Fishman and his wife Gella were dear friends of my late husband Joseph Mlotek and myself, who always admired his unique erudition, initiative and accomplishments. May his endeavors continue to multiply and may he always enjoy the gratification of being a “*yokhed bedoyre*”—“one in his generation.”

Wishing you success in the celebration,

Sincerely yours, Chana Mlotek, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research