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I have seen Michael Drosnin's book "The Bible Code".

- 1) There is indeed serious scientific research being conducted with regard to the Bible Codes.
- 2) While I did meet and talk to Mr. Drosnin, I did not do joint work with him.
- 3) I do not support Mr. Drosnin's work on the Codes, nor the conclusions he derives.
- 4) There is an impression that I was involved in finding the code relating to Prime Minister Rabin's assassination. This is not true.
- 5) However, I did witness, in 1994, Mr. Drosnin find the tableaux about Prime Minister Rabin, which now appears on the cover of his book.
- 6) For me, it was a catalyst to ask whether we can, from a scientific point of view, attempt to use the Codes to predict future events. After much thought, my categorical answer is no. All attempts to extract messages from Torah codes, or to make predictions based on them, are futile and are of no value. This is not only my own opinion, but the opinion of every scientist who has been involved in serious Codes research.
- 7) The only conclusion that can be drawn from the scientific research regarding the Torah codes is that they exist and that they are not a mere coincidence
- 8) Mr. Drosnin's book fails to point out that the leading figure in Codes research is Doron Witztum. Therefore, I think it is appropriate that Mr. Witztum should make a statement about the research and answer any questions.

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