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Dear Rabbi Lamm,

A couple of weeks ago my son Ari told me that he met and spoke with you, and that you had expressed interest in my sending you more of my articles. I frankly wasn't sure that I might not be imposing on your time by sending them, but of course am flattered and delighted to do so. Most are from the Jewish Advocate, our illustrious local rag. One is a short *drasha* prepared for the first *yahrzeit* of Marvin Fox, *alav hashalom*.

The echoes of the Queens Vaad's ban on women's *shacharit* davening are reaching these parts loud and clear. The issue is convulsing our little community and threatening to tear it apart (all in the name of fidelity to tradition or the quest for deeper spirituality, of course.). In this polarized atmosphere, a stance of bemused and ironic detachment is useless.

Best wishes for a Happy Purim and beyond.

Avi  
Avi Rockoff

... "useless," perhaps for  
those trying to "solve"  
this particular problem,  
but most certainly useful  
in the attempt to retain  
one's sanity and minimal  
degree of normalcy!  
Good luck, & keep writing  
sincerely  
Purim 1997

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