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Norman Lamun, President
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Dear Norman,

Thank you so much for your book on the Shema. It is just what I have been looking for as I lecture around the country about the need for greater spirituality in Judaism. I had forgotten that Ari Goldman was your nephew. We became friends while we were in Israel and his daughter and my daughter are planning a summer together at Camp Ramah. I look forward to reading every word of the book and borrowing much of it (with attribution of course) for my talks. I already quote you so much I should be paying royalties, but that is the price of your being so brilliant and quotable. Just this morning, I quoted you, the Rambam, and Justice Brennan on the Fifth Amendment - pretty good company for Justice Brennan.

You had mentioned to me a source in the Talmud referring to the wildness of Jews as the reason they were given the Torah. If you could remember to send it I would be most appreciative.

No mitzvah remains unpunished (at least here on earth) so I am sending you a draft of my new novel which deals with themes of justice and revenge growing out of the Holocaust. If you get a chance to read it and if you like it enough to give me a blurb, I would of course be most appreciative and honored. But in any case, I think you might enjoy its major theme.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

Alan M. Dershowitz