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FROM: Rabbi Norman Lamm
TO: Messrs. Max Stern, Morris Green, Lawrence Kobrin
RE: Mikvah

I asked Rabbi Arthur Silver to represent us at an emergency meeting called at the home of Barry Eisenberg on the night of our Annual Dinner, May 22.

Rabbi Silver reported back to me that there is an emergency need of \$102,000. If the Mikvah can settle with some of its immediate creditors, they will have a deficit of \$56,000.

They have decided to invite the presidents of all mid-Manhattan synagogues to an emergency meeting on June 5 at 8 P.M. at the home of Eisenberg, at 262 Central Park West, Apt. 2A.

Their recommendation thus far was that every synagogue add to its membership fees a community tax to cover mikvah and kashrut. In addition, they assessed each synagogue a certain amount of money. They are asking for \$5,000 from The Center.

Apparently, they are unaware of the fact that we have been following the system of adding a special tax for mikvah and kashrut. The problem is the \$5,000 we have to raise if we are to accept this assessment.

I know that Mr. Stern will probably be overseas at the time of this meeting. I would appreciate it very much if either Mr. Green or Mr. Kobrin would undertake to attend that particular meeting. Do be kind enough to let me know which one of you will represent us.

I suggest that after the meeting we form a committee of five people to make a few phone calls and do our duty toward the mikvah. I strongly recommend that Rabbi Silver be involved in that sub-committee.