

May 11, 1961

Mr. Van Kardish  
615 Ft. Washington Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kardish:

Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of being introduced by you to an audience at the Ft. Tryon Jewish Center, whom I addressed on the theme of "The Jews of India."

As you will recall, following the lecture, without any prompting by me, a number of men and women approached me and asked what they could do, both individually and collectively, for our fellow Jews in India. I mentioned that they might contribute \$250.00, which would be enough to support a Hazzan-Teacher for the village of Pen where the poor Bene Israels, many of whom are rice farmers, desperately need a teacher and someone to conduct services for them. Your people accepted with alacrity and promised to undertake this project.

I have since notified the people in Pen that they may expect assistance from you. I do hope that you and the good people of Ft. Tryon Jewish Center have not forgotten about this. I am sure Rabbi Goldberg will remember the details.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Norman Lamm

cc: Mr. Wilson Aboudi

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