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COMMUNITY SERVICE DIVISION

Cheshvan 11, 5727 כ"ה
October 25, 1966

Rabbi Norman Lamm
27 West 86th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Norman: *נ"מ*

Further to our earlier conversation regarding the Shimush Program for Semicha students and your kind acceptance to participate in this project, I am pleased to advise that Mr. Ralph Roness will be calling you to arrange his visit to your community for a Shabbos.

Ralph hails from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, where he graduated from Sir George Williams College. He attended the Lubavitcher Yeshiva and then studied for two years in Israel at the Yeshiva Mercaz Harav Kook. He is now in Semicha I. Ralph is uncertain at this point as to whether he will enter the pulpit rabbinate or chinuch.

Mr. Roness' initial visit with you and your family will be to observe congregational services, shiurim, etc., on Shabbos and, while enjoying your hospitality, to discuss with you problems and challenges of the pulpit rabbinate.

Hopefully, Ralph will be re-invited by you for a second Shabbos, at which time you might call upon him to actively lead some of the synagogue activities on the Sabbath.

It will be helpful to Ralph if you will be able to call upon him to witness any of the religious ceremonies listed on the enclosed outline of our Course SR 123 "Rabbinic Practicum" so that he may gain the experience and accordingly receive credit for each assignment. I am enclosing record slips which we would ask you to kindly send in to us when the student has completed each of the assignments so that our records may be kept up to date. I am also enclosing a general evaluation questionnaire which we would ask you to kindly complete and submit to this office for our confidential study. This will be of great help to the prospective rabbi when we discreetly evaluate his performance. Of course, you may feel free to communicate any constructive criticisms to the young man at any time you deem appropriate.

All of us on staff and our entire Rabbinic Alumni express sincere appreciation to you and your wife for your warm understanding and hospitality which will mean so much in the proper development of our Semicha students. We realize that this is somewhat of a burdensome task. However, we are hopeful that you will gain nachas in the knowledge that you will have helped and encouraged a young colleague who will, in the near future, share in the sacred responsibilities which today are yours in serving the Torah community.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Herbert C. Dobrinsky
Director, Rabbinic Placement
Co-ordinator, Shimush Program

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P.S. Questionnaire has been filled

REPORT ON SEMICHA STUDENT
SHIMUSH PROGRAM

Please be advised that (Name of Student) _____
who is currently participating in the Shimush-Rabbinic In-Service
Training Program, visited with me and our congregation on the weekend
of (Date) _____.

The boxes checked indicate that the Semicha student has participated
in the described activities and is deserving of credit as per the
Rabbinic Practicum SR 123 schedule.

- ☐ He observed all Sabbath services, lectures, etc.
- ☐ He delivered a lecture at the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat.
- ☐ He delivered the Sabbath morning service.
- ☐ He delivered a D'var Torah in the afternoon.
- ☐ He conducted synagogue services.

COMMENTS AND EVALUATION:

The above Semicha student joined me as I officiated at:

- ☐ A Funeral ☐ An Unveiling ☐ A Wedding Ceremony
- ☐ At a Circumcision ☐ Other (Specify) _____
- _____
- _____

The above Semicha Student met with me for _____ hours, to
discuss Adult Education Programming.

- ☐ He visited an Adult Education lecture (or delivered one).
- ☐ He met with me for two sessions to discuss Synagogue Administra-
tion.

☐ He participated or observed our Synagogue Youth Program for one hour.

☐ He visited our afternoon Talmud Torah and discussed its curriculum, etc.

General observations and recommendations for our Committee's confidential study.

Signed: Rabbi _____

Congregation _____

Telephone # _____

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