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The name of this man was sent to me by Malcolm Hoenlein of NYCSJ. Leonid Lamm is a resident of Moscow who submitted his document for an exit visa to Israel on December 18, 1973. Shortly thereafter, he was arrested and informed that some years ago he had committed an act of "hooliganism" and now being persecuted by the Russian authorities.

Hoenlein tells me we will be doing a real "mitzvah" if we will be writing to him. The enclosed is my first letter to him. I suggest that you write to him, mentioning that you feel you may be related and speaking in very general terms, but not letting on that you know of his difficulties with the Russians. I am told thatthe KGB reads all his mail. If you don't hear from him in about two weeks, write again, even enclosing pictures, about anything at all. It is important that the Russians realize that he is not alone, and that there are many people interested in him. Try to build up, even with some exaggeration, your own importance in various groups. Try not to say anything openly provocative about the USSR.

If you get any answer, please let me know the contents, and send a copy of the answer to Mr. Malcolm Hoenlein at NYCSJ 11 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.

I also sent a cable to my Congressman asking him to request of Nixon to intervene with the Russians for Leonid Lamm.

Shalom!

Norman.

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