

September 23, 1963

Mr. A. Misheiker
S. A. Board of Jewish Education
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Corner Banket and De Villiers Sts.
Johannesburg, S.A.

Dear Mr. Misheiker:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of September 16 which I just received.

In accordance with your request, I cabled you today indicating that I could accept your invitation if you would revise your calendar to allow for my arriving in your city on Monday February 3 and leaving on Thursday February 20, p.G. I certainly hope that the difference of a little more than a week will not materially affect your plans for what I trust will be a most successful campaign.

I have, of course, heard a great deal about Johannesburg Jewry, and have both written for and read some of your outstanding periodicals. Mr. H. S. Liebgott, whom it was my pleasure to meet some weeks ago, added many important details, and your own letter was most enlightening.

A few items remain to be clarified before final arrangements are agreed upon. One I mentioned to Mr. Liebgott, and that is -- my itinerary. My previous experience in lecture tours in foreign lands has been that the tendency to prepare an overcrowded schedule is difficult to resist, but that in addition to taking its toll of one's health, it is not always effective for the purpose of the visit. Beyond a certain limit, there sets in a law of diminishing returns. I would therefore like to see and approve of the final itinerary prepared in advance and sent to me here.

Second, there is the question of financial arrangements. In order to accept your invitation I must give up a number of important lectures in the States which pay fees. I am eager, therefore, to know from you as soon as possible what your intentions are with regard to compensation beyond the necessary expenses incurred.

The work you are doing is of the greatest significance, and I will be honored to assist in any way I can in advancing your goals of "hinukh" and encouraging the study of Torah. I assume you and your associates will provide me with all the information I need in order to make the trip successful.

If you will be kind enough to cable (or write) me on the items mentioned -- date, itinerary approval, and financial arrangements, I shall then be glad to signify my final answer by return cable.

Please give my very best regards to all your associates, especially Mr. Liebgott, and accept my sincerest wishes for a "gemar hatimah tovah."

Sincerely,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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