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August 11th, 1971.

Rabbi Norman Lamm
The Jewish Center
131 West 86th Street
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Dear Norman:

Upon catching up with my correspondence; since I left on June 1, 1971, and being occupied before then, I found a communication from you in reference to S'Lechos Services. There is no question which I wish to raise concerning when the Services should be held. There are many, who observe various MinHagim, over which we have no control. The change of the MinHag of the individual congregation requires much more than a statement by one; or even several.

As difficult as it is, I shall continue to maintain the MinHag of Ohab Zedek to have S'Lechos Services after mid-night; Rabbi Zevin to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is my thinking, based on Halachic background, that you will be better off having S'Lechos Services in the morning rather than at 9:30 or 10 p.m. Saturday night.

I am sorry that you have decided to have the Jewish Center, as well as Kehilath Jeshurun schedule their S'Lechos Services for 10 p.m. on the evening of September 11th, because I cannot agree with you in your thinking.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


RABBI THEODORE L. ADAMS, Ph.D.

c/c to:
Rabbi Joseph Lookstein
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