

General

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Dear Moe:

In response to your request concerning the Japanese professor, I can speak only of what I have heard and read.

Apparently, he was quite heroic during the war in helping the Jews, and his conversion to Judaism is genuine and authentic. I read his book recounting his experiences, and it is in many ways unusual and also ~~mainw~~. It appears he does not really know the difference between Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox, but his heart is in the right place.

I do not know how much strength he can add to the Orthodox community, but I would seriously begrudge the benefits that would accrue to the other camps were they to have the foresight to employ him in their institution.

It might, come to think of it, be a splendid idea to have him initiate a Far-Eastern Department at Yeshiva University. This might include not only Japanese and Chinese language and literature but also the study of ancient Jewish community in Asia including the Bene Israel of India.

You looked very tired when I saw you at the wedding of Max Stern's son. I hope that you and Shirley are feeling well, and will have a pleasant summer. Mindy and I would love to see the two of you in Camp Morasha this summer again.

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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