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Rabbi Norman Lamn
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My dear Rabbi Lamn:

I thank you very much for your heartening and inspiring letter dated March 28, 1961. It was kind of you to remember us in the midst of your crowded programme and to write to us. The members of my congregation have specially asked me to convey to you their heartfelt thanks for the letter and kind remembrance. We look forward for your another visit to India very soon and hope you will be able to spend a little more time with us.

Rabbi, your visit to Panvel has created a stir among the congregation of Panvel which I feel, will help us, achieve our goal.

With the guidance and assistance of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of India we have been able to start a few activities beneficial to the Panvel congregation. To start with arrangements have been made for (i) a lady volunteer who will come here from Bombay once a month to give talk on Torah & Jewish Religion to the womanfolk of Panvel and (ii) provide help to a couple of students to continue their academic career. Your assurance of seeking funds to enable us to engage a Hazzan has thus added much to the enthusiasm amongst the members of our congregations.

Incidentally we may inform you that we are shortly undertaking essential and immediate repairs to the synagouge building amounting to about a thousand of rupees. The synagouge building which as you saw personally is in immediate need of heavy repairs, cost of which is estimated at Rs. 20000/-. Pinning our faith in God we will try to finish entire work.

We thank you once again for your inspiring and heartening letter and for your blessings to us for the coming holidays, we fervently hope that you would write to us often and continue your valuable help and guidance.

Sincerely yours,

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