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Rabbi Norman Lamm
The Jewish Center
131 West 86th Street
New York, N.Y.

Re: 76-536-01 Halakhot of Nidda

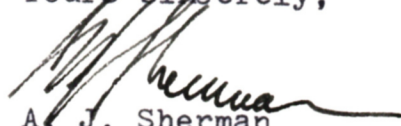
Dear Rabbi Lamm:

This year the Memorial Foundation has received a very large number of institutional applications for support of research and publication in Jewish subjects.

To assist us in making appropriate choices within our perforce limited budget, we should greatly appreciate your frank assessment of the above request, copy of which is enclosed. Your evaluation and comments will of course be treated with complete confidentiality.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course, and send you meanwhile thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,


A. J. Sherman
Executive Director

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November 27, 1974

APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT OF RESEARCH

TITLE OF PROJECT: HALACHOS OF NIDDAH.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: To prepare a comprehensive text for study and reference of Hilchos Niddah. This work is to be written in English with detailed footnotes, references and additional comments in Hebrew. The format is to be similar to HALACHOS OF SHABBOS.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION: Many pamphlets and booklets have been written in Hebrew and English regarding Hilchos Niddah. However, there is no one work written either in Hebrew or English which is geared to serve as a comprehensive text and can function as an educational tool and reference work - to serve the needs of the scholar and layman alike.

It is our intention to prepare such a work in a thorough and organized manner, developing each halacha from its source in the Talmud, Shulchan Aruch and Responsa, to its modern application.

The need for such a work is evidenced by the great deal of confusion surrounding this crucial area of Jewish life. There is a special need for such a work particularly for brides and grooms, in developing a proper understanding of the many new concepts and halachos which become applicable to them. In addition, it is also intended to serve as a continuous source and reference work for the married couple.

Therefore, special effort will be made to maintain clear and simple language in the English text, so as to make it suitable for the layman. Each Hebrew term will be defined and an emphasis on comprehension of the halachos and concepts introduced. Copious footnotes and cross references will be supplied for further research.

To further assure clarity and refinement, the initial draft of the manuscript will be field-tested in classes in both Lakewood and New York. Revisions will be made based upon these experiences, and it will then be finalized into the publication form.

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Rabbi Shimon D. Eider, author of HALACHOS OF SHABBOS (three volumes have been published; the fourth, prepared with the aid of the Foundation, was published November 8, 1974), HALACHOS OF ERUV (published in 1968), A SUMMARY OF HALACHOS OF THE ERUV (published in 1973). Additional biographical material is in the files of the Foundation.

Rabbi Eider is in constant contact with the outstanding Halachic authorities and their most recent decisions will be integrated into the work. He is also in contact with other leading scholars in the U.S.A. and abroad, some of whom will review the manuscript and their suggestions will be incorporated into the work.

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ANTICIPATED DURATION: Two to three years.

ANTICIPATED PUBLICATION: Upon completion, we expect to publish this work as a hard cover book of between 200-300 pages.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$30,000, to be expended in three annual installments, \$10,000 annually to be divided in the following manner:
Salaries, stipends, and expenses of Project Director and associates \$8,000.
Travel, typing, correspondence and other related expenses \$2,000.

Upon completion, we will be in better position to submit an estimate of publication costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Rabbi Y.J. Weisberg
Administrative Dean