

March 5, 1973

Sekretar Gorispolkoma  
U.W.D.  
Belgorod, Oblastnoi, U.S.S.R.

Dear Sekretar Gorispolkoma:

I have, for the past several months, written and complained to Messrs. Brezhnev and Kosygin, as well as to the local authorities in Belgorod, petitioning for permission for Dr. Benjamin Schapira of Belgorod, Oblastnoi and his family to emigrate to Israel. His aged parents live there and long desperately to see their son and his family again.

I have never received a single response to all my letters, either from the authorities in the Soviet Union or from Ambassador Dobrynin.

What I am requesting, Sekretar Gorispolkoma, is totally non-political. It is a petition for human sympathy, warmth, and generosity.

Do be kind enough to let me know that you will consider my request, and those distinguished members of my committee who join me in pleading for the emigration permit to the Schapira family.

Sincerely,

PROFESSOR NORMAN LAMM

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