

Mr. Jack Weiler
936 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Weiler:

I write to you as one who not only knew but cherished your late, revered father, of blessed memory. I even knew your sainted grandfather, with whom I prayed and studied together in the same synagogue many, many years ago. Considering that I am now in my 80's, you will appreciate how long is my acquaintanceship with your forbears.

For the sake of this friendship, as well as for the cause itself, I hope you will give serious attention to this letter.

The problem concerns the distressing situation in which many young, scholarly couples find themselves in Israel. The housing situation is so acute, and their financial plight so pitiful, that many such couples are forced to emigrate out of sheer despair - at the very time that Israel urgently pleads for immigrants to settle the land.

The enclosed plan will acquaint you with some of the major aspects of our undertaking.

My request to you, Mr. Weiler, is that you be kind enough to accept a small committee of my associates to visit you at your convenience to discuss with you the project and your possible participation in it. I would gladly come with them to see you, but my health does not permit that, and I certainly do not wish to impose upon you by inviting you to visit me.

Please, therefore, do be kind enough to let me know when they may see you for a very brief appointment.

Sincerely yours,

RABBI Y. E. HENKIN