

Confidence

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Dear Issy:

Although I have not yet received an answer to my last letter, I am writing about something very specific because of a report which I received today.

I was told that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have suddenly left [REDACTED] under circumstances which sound rather unusual.

The reason for my writing is twofold. One, I am curious to know what really happened and two, if the job is now vacant, and if you personally think it advisable to recommend a candidate, I may be able to do so.

I would like to stress that if the situation is still unsettled and hyper-sensitive, than it certainly is not the time to talk about a new Rabbi.

I do hope you will keep me informed as soon as possible. Meanwhile, I want you to know that I very very often think of you and your wife and your son Jeffrey. The time I spent in Africa was one of the most pleasant in my life, and I look forward with alacrity to seeing all of you again. Please do let me know well in advance when we may expect you in New York.

My fondest regards to you and all our many mutual friends and best wishes for a Happy and Kosher Passover.

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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