

# Rabbi Jack Riemer

Baruch Hashem,  
Yom Chamishi lip.  
Huckat-Balak,

Dear Norman:

Just a note to say that in view of all the recent developments in connection with wire tapping---the Supreme Court decision last week, the Ellsberg case, etc. I wonder if you want to update your essay on the halachic parallels to the 4th amendment. The subject is now very much in the headlines, and therefore your article is of great interest.

You needn't do much to update it--you ought to say something about Senator Irvin's findings--that the army has prominent civilians under surveillance, and perhaps the scandal of the recent attempt to bug the democratic headquarters,---plus whatever you want to do with the Jewish sources. Look at it again and let me know.

I never heard anything from Dr. Menachem Brayer, whom you suggested that I write to. If you know him, do you think you could remind him or ask him to respond to my invitation.

The book is taking shape nicely--an essay by Herschel on death, by Kimmelman on the ethics of protest, by Yitschak Greenberg on the halachah and welfare legislation, have come in, and a few more promising things seem to be on the way. Any additions you may know of of people who can write on current issues from a halachic perspective will be much appreciated.

Do you know a Yechiel Poupko who tells me that he has material on property, on education, and on labor relations from a halachic perspective? Do you think he can do a good essay?

All good wishes for briyut hagif vihanefesh, friend, and let's continue to be in touch.

kol tov,

Answered 6/26