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Dear Rabbi Jane,

Greetings from Sheffield! I trust you & your family are well. I am settling into my new environment and am enjoying it. Two years ago Yugoslavia, last year N.Y., this year Israel & now Sheffield! I hope the constant interaction between such different worlds will be a creative process and experience. Sheffield is a beautiful town in the Midlands with a small but friendly Jewish community. Many things that have been dormant within me have now become more overt since I have to stand on my own 2 feet & face all realities: the nature of compromise; impossibility of genuine commitment without Halacha; the pressures to conform if one is isolated from one's familiar milieu especially if the surrounding culture is not by any means completely unattractive. I won't bore you with the obvious dilemmas but it has made me acutely aware yet again of the problems of a Jew living in a non self-sufficient milieu and where relate he must unless he wishes to live in a complete physical / emotional ghetto -

The ~~post~~ ^{course} is very interesting and the group of post grads are really great coming from very varied backgrounds and experiences. Some of the ladies are particularly charming but alas none of the Hebrew faith - 143'K K / 3 13 2811 3'K OK. I now have the opportunity to read & study about what really interests me: Education, combined with the practical realities of teaching practice [4 weeks] I have been assigned to a junior school in a deprived area with 40% immigrants. - So as you can imagine it's been both an eye opener as to how the other 90% lives and a exciting challenge.

The countryside on the Yorkshire moors around Leeds is outstanding [cf Wuthering Heights, Tessa Byrne for description] I have already bought stout walking boots and been on 6 mile hike with some students last week - fantastic!

I have been fiddling as usual and hope to use it on my teaching practice. I gave a most mental of p.s.c's to a Jewish cultural group here whose members are mostly professional academics. They were putting on a small show to begin their new season & the theme was Shalom Aleichev - so it fitted in well & some were joined in - once again the power of / 121. In appreciation they gave me a stainless steel tankard - of famous SHEFFIELD steel!

I don't know if I have mentioned earlier to you that I went with a Cub group to Canal College for a weekend before going to Israel & took my fiddle

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and played on Oct '83/84 - it was a joint success
+ the headmaster is very keen to have me on the
staff next year to teach general + Jewish subjects +
perhaps also music + French will tell, but he did
advise me to find a wife first. Living on the campus
can be lonely - - -

Anyway that's all for now. I may be in the
States again soon. My sister is now
married to a Canadian + lives in Toronto.

Thought for the week.

After all has been said + done + sociological
happenings mentioned

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Best + fondest wishes to you + your charming family
Michael