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Dear Yaakov:

I hope you will forgive me for repeating a request that I made to you some time ago by telephone.

As you may recall, I told you about the many Russian Jewish families who were staying in our area temporarily, and whom our congregation is according hospitality and assistance in finding apartments and jobs. When we talked, I gave you the name of two families moving to your area.

I have since been informed that at least one of them came to the Jackson Heights Jewish Center and was not received at all. Probably they were not contacted by the people you designated from your own congregation.

I am sending you, enclosed, the Zerox copy of a number of people who will be moving from our neighborhood on November 1. Three of them have found apartments in Jackson Heights. I strongly urge you to contact them personally, and then perhaps assign them to responsible hosts from your congregation. What they need most of all is simply someone to guide them through the normal routines of adjustments which prove so difficult for people to whom English is strange, and who are experiencing something of a cultural shock.

Please note the first family especially. [REDACTED] is an artist, as yet unemployed, who has suddenly taken to Judaism.

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His wife and daughter are not Jewish, but the parents are willing for the child to enroll in a day school and convert. The mother may ultimately do so as well.

From this point on they are yours! Keep me informed, my best to your wife.

Cordially yours,

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