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Dear Mr. Jhirad:

Due to my frequent absences from New York in the past two months, our correspondence has suffered somewhat and I apologize for the delay of my reply to your various letters. I met last Friday with Rabbi Lamm, before he left for his summer vacation. My reply accordingly also covers the correspondence directed to him.

I shall endeavor to send you as soon as possible the books you requested in your letter of January 19th, directed to Rabbi Lamm, and in your letter of May 3rd, directed to me, at least all those which are immediately available.

I am happy that the misunderstanding about your assumption of the duties of Executive Director has been cleared up. The details of your duties have been outlined to you in Rabbi Lamm's communication of May 21st to which you have already replied.

It was good to read of the success of the youth activities and the classes. I am perturbed, though, by your notion that you have to spend part of your salary on fruits and soft drinks for the children. Likewise, in your letter of May 3rd you mention that you did not feel authorized to draw the necessary funds for the trips Rabbi Lamm had suggested to the outlying districts. Whenever such special expenditures not foreseen in the budget are necessary and no funds are available, please notify me and we here will try our very best to make the funds available to you.

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In the meantime, I see from your letter of May 22nd that you visited together with Mr. Penkar the camp at Mahabaleshwar and your report on the schedule and the program is quite impressive. Since you write that the participants contributed about Rs. 1,800 and another Rs. 6,000 has been sanctioned by the Jewish Agency, I fail to understand your remark concerning what sum you should recommend to the Union to contribute. From what you write, the budget for this camp seems to be covered. Should you, on the other hand, feel that additional funds could increase the number of participants, please do advise us to this effect.

As to Your second letter of May 22nd concerning the circular of the Magen Aboth Synagogue Holiday Home, Rabbi Lamm and I will try, upon Rabbi Lamm's return to New York, to raise some funds from private individuals.

Concerning your inquiry regarding the travel expenses for the students sent by the Jewish Agency to Israel, it was our understanding that these students would be chosen locally by the UOJCI in cooperation with Mr. Kelman, that their maintenance in Israel would be guaranteed by the Jewish Agency and that we would pay only for their journey. Whenever you advise us that such additional students are chosen and what costs are involved, we will make available to you the necessary funds. It is our understanding that our obligation extends to three students, in addition to the six students for whom the Jewish Agency supplies also the travel expenses.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am with all good wishes and kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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