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Dear Rabbi Lamm:

Thank you for writing me with your letter of May 16th.

While, on the one hand, you appreciate the problem existing, on the other hand, through your perhaps quite justified criticism, you negate this positive attitude.

I can assure you that on every one of my frequent visits to Israel, I have been struck by the fact that it is easier to live as a traditional Jew in the Galut than in Israel. This is a ridiculous situation, to say the least, and if more people, both rabbis and laymen, would speak up and voice their bewilderment, I think that one of these days the Gedolim of our time will not be able to resist and will have to get together to try and remedy this situation.

You who belong to the younger generation of outstanding rabbis have the gravest responsibility in this respect, and I only hope that you will be fully aware of it.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours

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