

June 11, 1976

Dr. Elmer Offenbacher  
451 West End Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10024

Dear Elmer:

I think it would be a good idea to persuade all male members of the Hevra Kadisha to wear the kittel on the High Holidays.

I have been trying for some time to popularize this beautiful custom amongst our membership, and while I cannot expect all of them to abide by it, I certainly think that the Hevra Kadisha are the appropriate "pioneers" in this matter.

Do you think we should contact them by mail, or is it perhaps best to leave this to a personal message from you as the Chairman?

All my best, and good luck on your forthcoming simcha.

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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