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Rabbi Norman Lamm,
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Dear Norman,

Many thanks for your interesting letter of March 15th.

Yes. As a matter of fact, I saw only a few days ago your intriguing proposal, as published in the Jerusalem Post, reprinted in the Chayenu Hadatim, published by the Misvat Hadatot.

Your suggestion certainly sounds like a highly ingenious response to an increasingly pressing social problem, and on the whole it commends itself to me as a perfectly feasible project. On the practical side, I only wonder how it will be possible to differentiate between the first and the second days of Rosh Chodesh, and how the rather irregular sequence of non-working days (unevenly spread over 7 to 9 days a year) will be accepted in the working calendar, especially by the increasingly computerized business community.

Since I am due to visit Israel for a week starting next Sunday (to attend the Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Hebrew University), I would like to make a few soundings on your proposal and the reaction to it before pursuing it further, possibly on the lines suggested in your letter. I will certainly let you know the results of my soundings and representations.

With fondest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Immanuel
Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits