

January 7, 1964

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c/o Magen Hasidim Synagogue
8, Moreland Road
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Dear Abraham:

I am writing this letter in a purely personal capacity (because, in the official organizational sense there is so very much to be said).

A dear friend of mine and a very distinguished rabbinical leader, Rabbi Herschel Schacter and his wife, will be arriving in Bombay on Friday January 31st (9:15 A.M., AZ 768) and staying until Sunday February 2nd at 6:00 P.M. Because I suspect that they will be staying at the Taj Mahal, I have asked Mr. Manasseh to arrange for the Rabbi's Shabbat meals, since Mr. Manasseh is closest to the hotel.

I wonder if it will be possible for you to obtain the services of some young person (someone who has a car at his disposal will certainly be welcome) who will guide the Rabbi and his wife through some of the more interesting parts of Bombay, most especially things that are of Jewish historical interest.

At the same time, it would be good to give Rabbi Schacter a brief, concise, but thorough report on the ~~National~~ ^{Indian} problems at present pressing on the community, especially the Bene Israel. While he will not have time for any conclusive action, nevertheless he is a man of very wide and profound experience, and it certainly will be worthwhile consulting with him. I am sure that the women will also find Mrs. Schacter to be most charming.

Because we are not yet completely sure of whether or not Rabbi and Mrs. Schacter have succeeded in getting reservations at the Taj Mahal, I ~~have~~ asked him to write to you directly, as soon as he has confirmed his hotel reservations.

I know that I can count on you to find someone qualified to assist the Rabbi and his wife during their brief stay in Bombay.

My fondest regards to Mr. Penkar and all my dear friends in Bombay,

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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CC: R. Schacter