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Rabbi Norman Lamm
Congregation Kodimoh
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

The transcript of an address delivered by you re: separate pews was to me both enlightening and heartwarming. More than ever before I am convinced that I am correct in my adherence to the principles you espouse.

Though a congregational vote soundly defeated me, the platform on which I ran ---- separate seating ---- gave cause for thought about the subject. Even this was a more healthy condition than previously existed. However this community ---- insofar as Orthodoxy is concerned ---- is failing fast.

Enclosed is a contribution to your congregation made in your honor ---- a token of my appreciation for your interest. I shall look forward to personally making your acquaintance.

With kindest wishes, I am.

Very Respectfully

Emil B. Dere
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