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Associate Rabbi

September 24, 1959

Rabbi David Stavsky
Congregation Beth Jacob
959 Bulen Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Stavsky:

In planning for my forthcoming visit to Columbus it has occurred to me that the title of the talk you suggested is not quite clear. It seems to combine the two ~~things~~ of "sanctity of the family" with its implied discussion of the Jewish attitude towards sex and family purity, with the "sanctity of the synagogue" and the problem of mixed pews and the Mechitzah.

I believe that treating both these things in the same talk would prove detrimental to both goals you may have in mind. It is preferable to speak about either one or the other.

If you wish, I will speak about the synagogue, confirming your people in their present practice of separate seating and then attempt to persuade them of the significance of accepting the discipline of the Halakhah (in this case the Mechitzah) even when we do not completely understand the import of the commandment.

Please let me have your reaction as soon as possible. Also, I would appreciate your discussing with Professor Fox the arrangements for my stay in Columbus. I would like to spend time with you and your family, with Dr. Fox and his family and if at all possible, to sleep over in a hotel.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Norman Lamm

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