

# Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of India

C/o Magen Hasidim Synagogue,  
8, Moreland Road,

**BOMBAY-11, INDIA**

*Dated* October 31, 1962

Dear Rabbi,

Pardon me for the prolonged silence on my part. Various matters kept me extremely busy these last few months, although I have been on leave.

With this, I have enclosed a copy of my letter to Dr. Weiss, which is self explanatory. Our Union is making steady but extremely sound and worthy progress and trust that ~~with~~ your guidance shall keep us on the right path.

There has been no further development with regards to the absorption of the [REDACTED] boy in the Yeshiva University. It will be appreciated if the University communicates a firm decision in the matter.

I understand that you were on a tour of Europe recently. When do you expect to visit us again?

I have seen the correspondence exchanged between you and Mr. Isaiah Shapurkar and in my humble opinion you have rendered the position very clear and simple. Time, however shall heal all these petty differences.

With warmest personal regards.

Most sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Weiss,

Now that the Holy days of Fasts and festivals are over, one can return to the every routine of life and therefore permit me the liberty of bothering you.

First of all I acknowledge with thanks of the UOJCI the receipt of your cheque for \$ 500/- received under cover of your letter of September 19, 1962. This came just in time for us to clear some most pressing bills.

As mentioned in my earlier communication I have been on leave of absence from office and expect to be so till the end of November 1962. If it will be conveniently possible for you to remit part of the proposed remuneration, I shall take the long awaited trip to the Konkan and other places immediately.

During the Holidays, our classes were closed, but we have now began in earnest and hope to introduce some new schemes, about which I shall write in my next to you.

Somehow or the other Rabbi Gotthold has not communicated with us, even on one occasion, about the progress of our student Rabbi Samuel Nagarkar. If he has written to you about this, may we have some news.

The date and place for the next Camp is not yet fixed, and as soon as this is done, we shall call for applications in advance from would be participants, who may not be able to contribute at all or contribute in part the expenses. This will enable us to give you the exact estimate.

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There has been so far no progress in the matter of sending students to Israel for Teacher's course.

Your pictures, which by the way are very fine study profiles, have been received but a little too late to be got printed in our New Year issue. We propose to print these in the next issue of Mebasser. Could you kindly send us brief sketches in respect of M/s Feurstein, Stern and your goods&lf for printing the same below the photographs.

The Rosh Hashanah greetings were received in time, thanks to you. I got not only copies made and sent to all the affiliated Congregations, but also had the greetings translated in Marathi. The greetings were read both in English and Marathi on the New Year's eve and then placed on Notice Boards.

I did receive the copy of your letter to Mr. Shapurkar. May I say that we appreciate very much all that you are doing for us, and are quite confident that you shall do much more. However, would it have been out of place to have taken us into confidence about this delicate issue?

I have sent separately by Book Post one copy of Mr. B.B. Benjamin, Welimadtem Otham for information. Your kind attention is invited to pages X. I wonder if this matter can be clarified.

The official receipt for \$ 500/- is enclosed. For storing all our correspondence, publications etc., we intend buying a steel cupboard immediately (approximate cost Rs.350/-) and therefore would request further remittance.

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There was some talk in the past about setting up of a World Organisation of the Orthodox Congregations. Has there been any development in the matter? We are most anxious.

Would it be possible for you and Mr. Feuerstein to visit India in the near future? Of late there have been practically no visitors from the States, whom we could meet. Do write to us if some one does.

Is there any development in connection with the Alibag Holiday Home proposal?

Please do write.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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