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Dear Rabbi Hamm,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in the best of health, and that you and Mrs Hamm will not have forgotten too much of your Australian visit. I certainly have cherished memories of it, and am very grateful to you for the inspiration and encouragement you gave me.

On the one hand your visit was for me intellectually challenging and inspiring, and on the other it was disillusioning. It was so refreshing to see a 'modern observant' Jew who was not branded Lubavitch or Mizrahi etc. I know of no Jews like that in Melbourne. I have a problem in that I have been observant for only about 2 years, and I find it increasing harder - especially since your visit - to accept some of the attitudes of the Lubavitcher, who are the only people giving shiurim to young people in Melbourne at a reasonably deep level. Their attitude to non-Jews, for example, seems (about which we spoke), seems to pervade their whole outlook on life. Here I would very greatly appreciate a booklet, as small or as large as you have time to make it, on varied Jewish topics, that are not too biased to a particular leaning.

Once again I thank you for the motivation
you have given me to study in greater depth. I so take this
opportunity to wish you and Mrs Lamm and your family

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and I hope it will not be too long before we can meet
again.

J.E.S

Suzanne Hardy

P.S. You might be interested to know what happened to [redacted]
(my boyfriend). As you may remember one side of his
face was paralysed due to a growth in affecting the facial
muscles in ~~head~~ his head. He is at present in London,
having just had tests to see the effect of radiotherapy
he had last year. To everyone's amazement the growth
has totally disappeared! Even the doctors said it
was a miracle!

You may also remember Hadassa & Hersh Cooper.
Hadassa was about 7½ months pregnant when
you were here. She gave birth to a son just a
few hours ago!