

Tuesday, Sept. 17th

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

I have been back in Australia for six days and the multitude of impressions which I gathered in Latin America, USA and Israel are only now beginning to fall into place. It was a fantastic experience and one whose memory will be with me for years to come. Please allow me to thank you sincerely for the wonderful hospitality you extended to [redacted] and me at Morasha; it was a fine introduction to the workings of Y.U.

As you probably know by now, I was unable to meet Rabbis Besdin or Rabinowitz in New York. My time there was simply too short, and when I called YU by telephone on my morning in NY, neither Rabbi was in his office. I later spoke with Rabbi Rabinowitz by phone, but by that time it was too late to get out to YU if I wanted to catch my flight to Israel.

It seems therefore that most of the information I require will have to be gleaned by correspondence and by speaking with Rabbis Bert Mond and Hillel Bick.

The idea with which I am working at the moment is to come to YU on completing my studies here at the end of this year, and then to start at JSS, combining this, if possible, with post-grad studies in Economics, or alternatively completing my law degree. (I do not yet know whether my university will allow me to get a law degree in this way, and at the moment I do not know whether MU has a law school. I expect to get these preliminary pieces of information in the next few days.)

I have discussed my ideas with my parents, who are not taken by them, and also with Henry Shaw, who has made a number of constructive suggestions, particularly in regard to possible opportunities for remunerative work, with which to support myself. I intend to visit the American consulate in the next few days to inquire as to the possibility of obtaining a work permit for the USA.

(By the way, please excuse my poor typing. I do not do it often, and this machine is not mine so I am typing even worse than usually.)

Someone mentioned to me yesterday that there are a number of scholarships currently being advertised in the press for Australians wanting to study overseas. Included among these are a number of travel grants. I mention these because I anticipate certain financial problems in undertaking this major translocation. I have not yet made an exhaustive study of the scholarships for which I might be eligible, but since this is a matter of some importance, I will begin to do so immediately.

When I think back on my brief visit to you at Morasha, it seems a great pity that I did not use my time a little more wisely. There are now many unanswered questions that I might have put to you then. However I should explain that at that stage, only a few short (but very eventful) weeks ago, the idea of my going to study in America was very distant though highly attractive. Now, of course, I am thinking about it much more seriously and carefully, and I am trying to iron out some of the practical considerations which had not even occurred to me.

It is still a little early for me to report to you on developments concerning the ~~proposed~~ proposed visit of the fifteen YU people next winter (your summer). I spoke briefly with Hans Bachrach on Shabbat, and with Henry Shaw, but I think there will be no real concrete planning until Professor Waller returns from England some time this week.

Any further information which you could give me, or any people with whom I might be fruitfully put in touch, would be very greatly appreciated. I want to extend to you and your wife and children my very best wishes for the New Year, and to once again thank you for your great hospitality. I look forward to hearing from you.

Shalom U'vracha,

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