

November 30, 1967

Mr. Arthur Friedman  
2142 69th Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Arthur:

It is with considerable regret that I write to inform you that I shall be unable to attend and officiate at your wedding on January 13th, p.G. I think you know me well enough to appreciate that had conditions permitted it, I would have considered it both an honor and a pleasure to join you in your great "simchah."

However, I have been invited to address the World Conference of Orthodox Synagogues which is taking place that week in Jerusalem. My plans call for me to be away for the minimum amount of time necessary for my lecture and other important business, namely, January 6-16, 1968.

I hope you will appreciate that the importance of this Conference, the first of its kind in history, is of such magnitude that I had no choice but to accept the invitation.

I hope you and your bride will forgive me, and that I shall have the opportunity of joining you on many other happy occasions and, of course, of what I hope and pray will be a long, long life for you of joy and satisfaction.

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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