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Dr. Azriel Rosenfeld
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Dear Azriel:

I have recently been speaking with Rabbi Jung about a problem in which I think the A.O.J.S. can make a real creative contribution.

As a former student of Chemistry, I have always been intrigued, if not puzzled, by the problem of absorption of different materials with regard to the laws of "Yoreh Deah."

Rabbi Jung is interested in obtaining the services of either a Chemist or Metallurgist who will be able to devote some time, with a high degree of competence, to analyzing the absorptive capacities of the various materials currently used for cooking utensils, flatware, dishes, with an eye to using this information in formulating Halakhic attitudes.

What I would like from you is a recommendation of an individual or small group of individuals from A.O.J.S. who will be willing to undertake this project in a systematic manner. The goal would be to have the information presented to outstanding Halakhic authorities, urging them to express their opinions on the basis of scientific evidence, and then to have all the material, scientific and Halakhic, published in NOAM, the Hebrew annual which ~~for the~~ last several years has been devoted exclusively to contemporary Halakhic problems.

Rabbi Jung informs me that he is prepared, if necessary, to subsidize a Scientist of real expertness in this field to get the work done responsibly and reliably.

Please give it your attention and let me know as soon as possible what your thoughts are on the matter.

My kindest regards to your wife and best wishes for good luck.

Sincerely yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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