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My dear Judith:

I plead not guilty! I always answer my letters, or at least almost always, and if I did not answer your last letter it is probably because I never received it. If in fact I did and failed to answer your letter, then it is purely because of my impossible schedule rather than because of neglect. Yes, Judith, life for me now is "that hectic." (As for my "moving mountains," maybe I am and maybe I am not, but if I am -- those darn mountains have a way of reappearing again and again!)

I would not be worried about the reports of some of the Stern girls that they have too many required courses. They seem to forget that this is part of the price you pay for a dual program. There are, after all, a certain minimum number of requirements than any college, and when you add the required courses for Judaic Studies, it is true that that adds up to a great deal. But then, a dual program is expected to be more difficult than a normal college program. Some of their criticisms are correct, however, and I have assigned a special Presidential Planning Commission to re-investigate the whole University, and this week they are giving me their final reports. I have high hopes that beginning next September, a great many changes will begin to take place and will ultimately improve the quality of Stern as well as the rest of the University.

I think that Stern is the only solution for you if you do not go to Israel. Frankly, I think you would be better off in New York even if you could go to Israel, not because I do not love Israel but because for you, in my estimation, this would be the right place to be at the right time. You will find faults, but then what institution or person is perfect? Of one thing you may be sure, and that is that we are trying to be as good as we possibly can, and the kind of enthusiasm you bring to your studies as well as to your general academic and personal experience will help in no small measure in attaining the goals that we have set for Stern. In a word, I would be delighted to have you, both as President and as your uncle. Come, Judith, come!

I am asking my secretary to request of the Camp Morasha office to send you an application for the Summer as counselor. You may, of course, use me as a reference.

Once again, Judith, dear, please forgive me for my failure to respond to your letter if indeed I did receive it, and do keep writing. Give warmest regards and love to your sister and brother and parents from your AuntyMindy, from all your New York cousins, and from

Your loving uncle,