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Dear Rabbi Itamar:

I have often thought of the fact that we in the Diaspora ought to emulate the synagogues in Israel in celebrating the Tenth of Tevet as a special day of memory for the martyrs of Europe.

I would therefore very much appreciate your sending me whatever published material you may have on the origin of the custom and especially on special services, etc. If at all possible, I would like to institute the same custom in our synagogue and perhaps in others in the United States.

Please convey my fondest regards to all members of your family and to all our mutual friends.

Sincerely,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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