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July 17, 1975

Mr. Samuel Kramer
122 East 42nd St.
N. Y., N. Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Kramer:

Something has just come to my attention which may involve the Jewish community in great difficulty, and which you can help us avoid.

As you know, we recently built a new Mikvah on West 78th Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.

I have now learned that an adjoining building, which now houses the Moreno Institute, has been acquired or leased for an organization called Bridge, Inc., which is an outpatient clinic for mentally unbalanced people. According to my information, this organization will be open both day and night, and will therefore clearly constitute a serious danger to unprotected and unaccompanied women who must use our Mikvah in the evenings.

If we do not alert the City or State authorities in time to the effect that this new facility will have a deleterious impact upon existing facilities, I can well-foresee, Heaven forbid, the abandonment of the Mikvah by the largest number of its present users.

I believe that your friendship with Mayor Beame can be of great help to us at this time. The Institution is funded partly by the State, but mostly by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Welfare.

I do not have anymore details, and should they be necessary, they may be best obtained from Mr. Charles Bendheim.

Whatever you can do in this respect will be deeply appreciated by all members of the Jewish community.

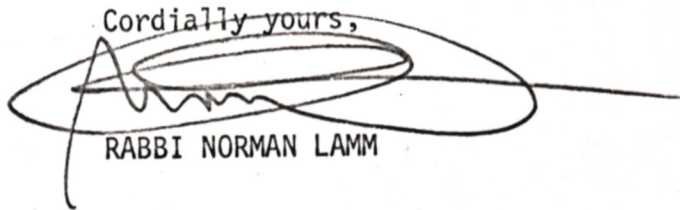
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My warmest regards to Mrs. Kramer.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, loopy 'N' followed by a series of smaller, connected loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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