

Dear Norman <sup>12</sup> —

Office of Chairman  
(Wm. Gavshon)  
Oxford Synagogue,  
P.O. Box 11537,  
JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA.  
26th October, 1964.

I thought you'd  
want to have a copy  
of this latest exchange  
between me and the  
"fo-Buggers". I don't  
know what I can add  
to my letter, except  
to say — as if you didn't  
know — that it has  
been a real <sup>1101</sup>  
of anguished decision.

ies for having caught you on the wrong  
day, but following on our conversation  
soon after, would perhaps clarify the

ice from Rabbi Lamm that you were favourably  
to South Africa and also excellent reports  
from Messrs. Peck and Rajak concerning yourself,  
learn from your letter of October 4th, 1964  
for Mrs. Bernhard and your good self to

a. ... visit us until June 1965.

In spite of the telephone reception not being altogether  
clear yesterday, I detected a waning enthusiasm on your part. Should  
anybody be responsible for this sudden change, I have no doubt in my  
own mind that it is due to personal reasons on their part. However, my  
colleagues of the Oxford Synagogue have asked me to convey to you their  
sincere desire that you reconsider and reassess your decision in visiting  
us in June 1965. Perhaps you could fit in 10 - 14 days in December, 1964  
or January or February 1965. During this short period, I am sure you  
would be able to gauge the position as to whether a "Call" to you would  
be acceptable. I might mention that the question of remuneration and  
the figures mentioned to you by Mr. Rajak are considerably lower than we  
contemplated, but as you said yesterday this matter could be amicably  
settled mutually.

I do not want to stress the type of community, congregation,  
area, city or country at this stage. No doubt you have heard reports  
from South Africans regarding same, but may I re-emphasise one very  
important point - The Oxford Synagogue Congregation is the largest and  
finest in the Republic and should your decision be favourable you would  
be ministering a Community, which in the words of Rabbi Weiss represents  
the "Intellectual Intelligentsia" of South African Jewry. More I do  
not wish to add, except to finally appeal to you to kindly attempt to  
rearrange your time schedules and pay us a visit much sooner than June  
1965.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

With very best wishes and regards,  
I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
Wm. Gavshon

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