

En route to Israel
March 6/7

Dear Rabbi haum —

There must be some point at which pastoral responsibility stops and friendship alone takes over, for it is hard for me to view all your help, advice, encouragement etc over the past several weeks as part of anything like congregational "duty". I can hardly begin to find the words adequate to express my gratitude.

In the annals of rabbinics of this decade, the resolution of all the participants at our ~~2011~~ was certainly something of an achievement. But your own part in helping me work things out was clearly the most vital one — for that I am specifically grateful. (Incidentally, did you notice Rabbi Jakobowitz's entry to the defense of halachic niceties — all that was missing was a signed appraisal for the ring).

Both Ruth and I look forward to many opportunities to be with you and Cindy and to share simchas together for many years to come. (I assume, of course, that you can manage somehow to reconcile your Sarah to my new status so that she will even permit me to talk to you both.)

Sincerely,
Larry