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Rabbi Norman Lamm
French Woods
Hancock, NY

Dear Norman:

Regret exceedingly that I could not write to you sooner. As you know, I had to spend Thursday and Friday of last week in Atlantic City on an emergency quite similar to Springfield's.

I want to thank you most sincerely for responding so warmly and quickly to my S.O.S. Unfortunately, not too many of our colleagues put the Day School in the category of "top priority" as you did so spontaneously.

I am enclosing a brief "Worksheet" on Springfield. While it is written in abbreviated form, it may project to you some of the major problems they face.

When I called Joe Shuchatowitz on Friday upon my return from Atlantic City late in the afternoon, he told me that he had had a long conversation with Amos Bunim, who is pretty near the top-worker and leader in TU, and who visited Springfield on an emergency during the year. Amos repeated our idea to call a series of meetings etc...., but Joe Shuchatowitz is very discouraged and is still looking for a master plan.

I must say that in Atlantic City our insistence that the school go on - and our "hitting them over the head" re: the need for a Day School worked. I think it will work in Springfield. But, frankly, this will come about only if Lou Izenstein, Isie Strick and Aaron Kurn and others of the "old guard" forget bygones and step into the breach.

I know that you spoke to Isie Strick who said "he has to digest matters and discuss it with some people" before he can do anything concrete.

Lou Izenstein, to whom I spoke at some length, was equally evasive. He was much too hurt to be stirred even by me.

I do hope that you have some ideas and will be in touch with us. Since I am going away, please write to Rabbi Bullman who is fully aware of all details. Keep well and best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky

JK:LB

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9 KISLEV 5724 NOVEMBER 24, 1963

SUNDAY EVENING, NOV. 3, 1963

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Norman Lamm

July 19, 1963

SPECIAL REPORT ON SPRINGFIELD

Confidential, of course!

Bud Silver - Springfield

Financial problem acute - meeting at his home last night - If to close show to go about it - \$60,000 in the hole. \$10,000 more than last year. Ran into major problems - Hostility from local UJA - Raised a little better than \$30,000 but not enough to cover this year's operating expenses. Gov't is thru playing with us - civil action threatened. Creditors - are closing in.

Teachers - behind in salary

Hebrew dept, sticking with us. Secular Dept, tough....
Current deficit \$41,000 for 1963 - Need additional space, salaries.
Last year, he made loans and he didn't pay them... Some took cards. Contact parents. Advance tuition.

Need \$20,000 - What to do with teachers? Rabbi & Mrs. Weiss, Rabbi Scheiner, Rabbi & Mrs. Erlich.

July 24th - Springfield

Lamm, Bulman, Joe Shuchatowitz, Dr. Kaminetsky.
at one time, overloaded. JS spoke to Shel and Bud last night. Lamm called Strick... "Drop Kadimah and devote full energies"
Old guard not coming across. Aaron Kurn is in bad shape.

~~Notes~~

N. L. - Who solicits?

JS, Strick, Bud Silver, Borenstein, Carl Zuckerman.. Rabbi Weisfogel - in \$100 category

JS - inherited \$54,000 deficit from Lamm's time. Contributions ran \$10,00 to \$15,000
No one to chair Dinner... Kenny Abrams personally being assessed for taxes.
Lou Izenstein not active... Resigned Ed. Comm. Gave \$1,000 last year.
out to destroy Communal T.T. 100 children - Budget \$75,000
Rabbi Sheiner - 7 years - \$7000
5th grade - 4 kids.

Action

NL - Call Isie Strick
JK - Lou Izenstein
JK - Aaron Kurn ?

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Sheldon Safer - 413 RE 4-6491
Isi Strick at Park Sheraton - Take Journal
Bud, Charlie Polep, Kenny Abrams - "Young Turks"
Sheinkopf - can get a few thousand

L. Izenstein - Eliminated PTA as fund-raising... Alienated old crowd. Never got my letter... Never received letter. Feuding with Weisfogel. Out of town Sunday. Rabbis will help. Israel Strick - same story.

Springfield - 7/24 - Neuberger. NB. JK * Neuberger suggests:

1. Try to get merger with other Shul - Kesser Israel now.
 2. If not - try to push thru this year on some emergency basis.
 3. Try to get Kadimah to take it over, next year. Work on it during this year.
- J. S. will probably not stay on - if Kadimah takes over. Kadimah needs a project.
Explain this especially to Yetta Izenstein. But keep this especially quiet now
Otherwise we will lose the merger with Kesser Israel.

4. At all events, we have to save [REDACTED] taking over school.

5. Get David Silver at Emergency Rally.

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