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Dear Dr. Weiss:

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to lecture to my Jewish Philosophy classes at the Teacher's Institute of Yeshiva University on November 17, 1965. Both my students and I would be thrilled to hear what we know will be a forceful expression of a profound commitment to the authentic view of Torah.

My morning class (11 - 12:30), Philosophy 75, consists of about 40 seniors. The course that I am giving is on Hasidism, and I am now in the midst of telling them something about the Kabbalistic background of the Hasidim.

The second class (1:15 - 2:45), Philosophy 51, consists of about 15 students, and the course is on Medieval Jewish Philosophy including Saadia, Maimonides, etc.

I hope you will not feel constrained to speak about the particular topics I mentioned above. In fact, I would appreciate your lecturing on something tangential to the specific theme of the course, but which still comes within the general framework of Jewish Philosophy. Any topic you choose (it may even be the same for both classes) that expresses some aspect of the Torah (Hashkafah) will be adequate. If you wish to lecture in the first class in Hebrew, (as I do) you may, but English will do just as well. Further, if you find yourself pressed for time, the period may be reduced to one hour each.

I will personally feel greatly honored, were you to accept this invitation. I know, in addition, that my students need very much to be exposed to your point of view and the particular

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manner in which you articulate. Please let me know that you have accepted so that I may notify my students to expect you.

Sincerely yours,

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