

April 1, 1971

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Dear Irving:

We owe each other a conversation about the Jerusalem Seminary project, and I hope that we will have that opportunity right after Pesach. Meanwhile, I am pleased at the help you gave to Rabbi Cohen and I know that I have been working hard for him too.

Meanwhile, I wonder if I can solicit your assistance on the problem of my Rosh Hodesh Plan with which you are acquainted. Zevulun Hammer tells me that the more interest I can obtain from prominent American Jews, the more seriously will the Mapai take the whole idea. Personally, I think it will fail on its first attempt, but if we can get enough support behind it, then, when the next big crisis over Shabbat arises, they may dig it up again and use the Rosh Hodesh Plan in one form or another.

Hence, my request: can you show this letter, or preferably send a ~~form~~ of this letter by yourself, to people who might be interested? Among the signatories so far are Kelman and Siegel of the Conservatives, Borowitz of the Reform, Lellyveld of the American Jewish Congress, Hershel Schacter of the American Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Solomon Sharfman of the Synagogue Council of America, and industrialists such as Max Stern and Jakob Michael. I need many more names and I am very, very anxious to get it done as soon as possible. Since this is non-political and not in the form of pressure but rather in the form of request, it should be less difficult to obtain the consent of prominent pro-Israel Jews.



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My warmest regards to your wife and best wishes for a  
*very good year.*

Cordially yours,

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