

Ashdod, Israel.

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Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm,
New York, U.S.A.

My dear Rabbi,

I am greatly honoured to learn that my New Years greetings came to you as a delightful surprise, and that you found time, from your busy schedule, to acknowledge them.

On account of my appointment to the post of the Ex. Director (your recommendation) of the NOJEI, I was in constant correspondence with Dr. Weiss and your goodself, subsequent to your historic visit of India. However, as time dragged on, I noticed to my disgust that my Indian community was much too lethargic, my colleagues were egoistic enough to seek offices, to expend their energies to the maximum in fighting and gaining victory over their opponents rather than creating the required religious awakening amongst the people. A few Hebrew classes, camps and seminars were initiated with the assistance of the Jewish Agency but at all these the leaders and their words were conspicuous by their absence. The progress, therefore, of the Union, after the first wave of enthusiastic activities, suffered a set back and with ^{the} exception of the publication of "Machosser" (reproduced material) the main activities of the Council and the Executive Committee members were to meet once in a while over Coca-cola.

The NOJEA, perhaps, became aware of this fact

and after my last letter to you, which you forwarded to Dr. Weiss (He did seek explanation & I explained, after which no correspondence was exchanged), even the monetary assistance to Uosef was discontinued.

I continued to remain a dormant member of the Council of the Union and the Magen Hasedim Synagogue Board of Trustees. I then turned my attention to the Zionist Association and the Elly Kadourie School. Here, too, party politics played a predominant role.

In the month of May 1969, my eldest three children, two sons and the daughter, immigrated to Israel and were admitted to the Religious Mosad, K'far Hanoar Hadati, near Haifa. In September, the same year I followed suit with ^{the} remaining members of my family.

On completion of the Hebrew course at the Maseoz Hadati, Ashdod, I secured appointment with ^{the} Accounts Section of the Ashdod Port with effect from April '70, where I am now a permanent employee.

My eldest son is a para-trooper in the Army. My daughter works for the Gaditan Electronics. The third continues to study at the Mosad and proposes to join the Nahal. The youngest three sons study in schools.

I have kept away from social or communal work and propose to stay that way. Mr. Isaiah Shapirshur & I exchange correspondence. He proposes to visit Israel during the Summer of Next year.

For certain Rabbinical conferences, I ~~can't~~ believe, you visit Israel every year. would you like to include me for an hour in your programme on one of the less

busy days. I am also aware how busy you are with the Jewish Centre, the Tradition and Lecture Tours, etc. However, it will give me happiness to hear from you occasionally. I think whilst still in India, I had heard that you had received doctorate and that your literary works were published. As one of your admirers, could I request for autographed editions of your books, that you may consider good enough for me to follow. I close here for the present, with my warmest regards to you and yours,

most sincerely yours,
Abraham

P.S. May I request you to include your Jewish Centre address in your next to me. Thanks.

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