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Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm
The Jewish Center
New York City
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Dear Norman,

Well, here I am under a new letterhead. Actually, we are spending a trial year in Israel, on leave from McGill. I really do not know yet how things will turn out, though it is apparent that it is impossible to be neutral regarding Israel as a state and as a society.

I am writing, more concretely, about a project I completed some time ago, to wit, a book on kibbud av. I did it under commission of Yeshiva's Rogozin Institute, which saw me through the writing. However, funds have long dried up, and Yeshiva has no interest in having the work published. Would you know of any foundation or individual that would have a positive attitude on the subject?

The book is organized topically (I could send you a copy of the Table of Contents if you would like to see it), beginning with something on the line of ta'aamei ha-mitzvah, and then moving into the problematics of support, challenge of authority, sick parents, "wicked" parents, etc. The materials are largely Talmud and responsa, with a fair measure of midrash and ethicists as well. I like to think that it would be a contribution to a number of scholarly areas, as well as interesting to the educated common reader; and it does touch on a sensitive area in modern Jewish life. Incidentally, Isadore Twersky has read the work in its various stages, if you would like an opinion.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Gerald
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