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Dear Norman:

On Sunday, May 25, at 2:00 P.M., at the Stephen Wise Congress House, 15 East 84th Street, New York City, JUDAISM is calling together a group of interested people associated with our journal to discuss "The Future of Rabbinic Training in America."

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver, Rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, and president of the National Foundation of Jewish Culture, will lead off our deliberations; and we are inviting several men to respond, not so much to his suggestions as to their own view of the problem in general. We would be most honored to have you among our discussants. After a five-minute statement from each respondent -- a summary of Dr. Silver's presentation will be made available in advance -- there will be a general confrontation of views, in the presence of an invited audience. The proceedings will be taped, as is our practice, with a view toward publication in the journal.

I do not have to tell you of the crisis in rabbinic education (pointed up by Dr. Charles Liebman's lead article in the current American Jewish Yearbook), but I must bespeak your cooperation in helping us to bring wisdom and concern to bear upon our dilemmas. I believe that with your cooperation we can focus the issues for the greater benefit of the American Jewish community. I hope you will accept our invitation, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With all best wishes for a chag kasher ve-sameiach.

Cordially,



Steven

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