

January 26, 1972

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Dear Yush:

I am only barely beginning to emerge from under the work I found waiting for me upon my return. I have not spared any effort thus far with regard to Russian Jewry. I already have some minor funds and at least one major contribution coming in for our project. This major contribution will be enough to sponsor one coordinator for one year. The money (\$4,000) is being given to me by Max Stern. Jesselson will give me IL5,000. I asked him to make it out to Kalman and mail to to him directly.

My questions are as follows:

1. Have you and Kalman decided upon an organizational name for me to send the checks to? When I hear from you, I will mail the Stern check and other minor amounts to you. (Jesselson is separate).
2. Have you managed somehow to coordinate with the other groups who met with Moe Feurstein and me? Frankly, I am not concerned about the politics of the situation, only that the money be directed to the most effective source. But I do not want to get involved and be accused of back-sliding after having met with that group in Moe's room at the King David hotel. (Incidentally, I have not yet heard from Moe.) What I am saying, in other words, is that I would like to send the checks on when I get them -- and at the same time be sure that I am "credited" with it, so that the other groups will have no complaints against me.

Meanwhile, I am enclosing here the following:

1. A check for \$100 made out to you. I do not know what this is for, but I will explain its genesis: I received in

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yesterday's mail an envelope from Naomi, and without explanation, a check signed by Shloime Leifer on behalf of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Forest Hills. The check is dated November 8, 1971. Since the sum is relatively small, I am taking the risk of sending it in your personal name.

2. A check to Shemen Lamaor, in exchange for a check of the same amount sent to me by Herbert Joshua.

Please let me know your response to the above questions as soon as possible.

I am waiting about a week before contacting Elberg on the Dubuque matter.

I assume you have seen the ad in the Jerusalem Post and Haaretz by David Weingarten. I have a "ghostly" feeling about it... I just dictated by telex a response to the Haaretz editorial. Has it had any repercussion in Jerusalem?

Please tell Fay that I am sorry I missed her cholent on Shabbat afternoon. I am making a reservation for one on my next visit ^{Sik}. If she finds it difficult to freeze the stuff, she is welcome to make a new batch.

Meanwhile, you will be pleased to learn that, in response to a letter by Tzibby, Rose has undertaken a campaign amongst her group to collect clothing and blankets to be mailed to Kalman. My mother-in-law has already done the same.

Be well.

Cordially,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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Enclosure.