

June 5, 1963

Mr. A. Misheiker  
Org. Secretary  
S.A. Board of Jewish Education  
P.O. Box 2942  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Mr. Misheiker:

I am deeply appreciative of the honor done to me by your Board in inviting me to visit your community for your Jewish Education Campaign early in 1964. It would have given me very great pleasure indeed to avail myself of this opportunity to pay my first visit to South Africa and to meet its outstanding Jewish community.

But after the most careful consideration, and following consultation with my officers, I find that it will regretably be impossible for me to contemplate a protracted absence from New York during the next winter and spring season, particularly since I was only six months ago absent on a month's lecture tour in England. The period between Rosh Hashanah and Pesach is the busiest in our congregational calendar, and as we have no assistant Rabbi, many of our activities would grind to a standstill during my absence.

I wonder, however, whether it would be of any help to you if I suggested to you an alternative visitor who might be agreeable to accepting the assignment. The Rabbi I have in mind is Rabbi Norman Lamm, the distinguished Associate Rabbi of the Jewish Center (131 West 86th Street, New York City), our sister congregation in New York. He is a splendid speaker and enjoys a nation-wide reputation as one of the finest scholars and lecturers in the American



Mr. A. Misheiker

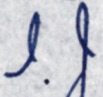
June 5, 1963

Orthodox Rabbinate. His name may be familiar to you as the first editor of Tradition, now the leading Rabbinical magazine in this country. He has also had some invaluable foreign experience, notably through his important mission to the Jewish communities in India on behalf of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America a few years ago. I have no doubt that his messages would be received with great acclaim by all his audiences.

I hope I may look forward to some future occasion for such a visit. Meanwhile, I trust you will appreciate the difficulties in the way of accepting your gracious invitation this time.

Wishing your sacred endeavours every possible success, I am, with cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits  
Rabbi

IJ:el