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Professor Robert Stern
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Dear Professor Stern:

I am sorry that I was not in when you called.

I want to wish you a great deal of luck on your forthcoming trip to India, and the research you will be doing.

There has been very little written about Bene Israel. In English I recommend a book called "Kehimkar" published, I believe in England at the end of the last century or the beginning of the present one. If I am not mistaken, it is called "The Bene Israel of India". In Hebrew you will find references to travelogues and other early reports in the volume called *ספר הנדסה*, published by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel in Jerusalem in 1962.

Once again, my very best wishes in your endeavors. If I can help further, please feel free to call upon me.

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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