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ל"ה שבט ה'תשכ"ז

Rabbi Norman Lamm  
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Dear Rabbi Lamm:

I don't know if you will remember my name, since the only time that I actually got to meet you personally was when I was fortunate enough to be your student in the 7th Grade at Ramaz about 15 years ago, although I have seen you and enjoyed hearing you speak on many occasions since then.

I am currently nearing the end of my two-year period of service as a Chaplain in the Army stationed at Fort Lewis, where my tour of duty is scheduled to end in the middle of August, תשכ"ז. I am beginning to look into various possibilities for the coming year, and I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mr. Lawrence Kobrin, a close friend and counselor of mine for many years.

Ever since 1960, my Junior year in College, when I decided to study for תלמוד, I have always felt that my main interest lay in the area of Jewish education. Both my experiences in teaching and working with young people while still in school, and my experiences as a Chaplain, have only increased my determination to make תלמוד my life's work. Mr. Kobrin suggested that I consider among the possibilities in תלמוד a position in the Erna Michael School of Hebraic Studies at YU. Since the School just began operations this year, before formally applying I wanted to speak with someone connected with the School about aspects of its program, to help me determine my suitability for it and its suitability for me. Mr. Kobrin suggested that I contact you in this regard.

I have enclosed a copy of my background sheet to help give you some idea of what I've done in the past, although I feel personally that my approach and attitudes are not typical of those which my background would indicate, and this is another reason why I wanted to speak with you.

I expect to be in New York on about the 13th of February, תשכ"ז, for ten days to look personally into some possibilities for the coming year. I will contact you upon arrival to see if it will be possible to meet with you, but if you think that there is anything in particular which I should do, please let me know.

Respectfully yours,

Martin M. Feinsod

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P.S. Certainly not as critics, but merely as readers,  
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my wife and I both found A Hedge of Roses most worthwhile  
and enjoyable- in the sense that such a book may be termed  
enjoyable- reading. We felt that there was ~~the~~**the basis** for  
much insight and valuable understanding contained therein.