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Dear

On _____, your Bar Mitzvah was held in Cong. Kodimoh. You will remember that prior to that important event in your life, on _____, we had an intimate chat in my office during which one or both of your parents were present.

At that time, I pointed out to you that the whole procedure of Bar Mitzvah was just a farce unless you followed it up in a special way. I told you that it meant that from then on you were to be a "good Jew", and that the way to do that was to lead a Jewish way of life. Particularly, I urged you to put on your Teffillin every morning and "daven" at least the Shma and the Shmoneh Esrei; to come to services at Kodimoh every Saturday and Holiday morning; and to participate in the activities of our teen-age group, the "Bnei Mitzvah" which meets every Sunday morning at 9.00 A. M. for their Minyan and which is followed by Breakfast and a meeting.

In my office, on that day, you promised me the following:

I am sure that as an honorable person you want to keep your word, and that as a good Jew you will want to live in such a manner that will prove that your Bar Mitzvah was something serious and sincere.

I therefore write to you to remind you of your promise, and to tell you that I anxiously look forward to greeting you as a "regular" at our Saturday services (they begin at 8.30 A. M. - you may come a little later if you wish) and our Sunday Morning Breakfast Minyan (9.00 A. M. - be prompt, please!)

I am confident that you will not disappoint me.

Cordially,

Rabbi Norman Lamm

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