

September 16, 1963

Dear Mr. Mayor:

reported to me
~~It was with a great sense of pride and admiration for you that I received the report from my~~ good friend and associate, Mr. Z. William Wolfson, about your very deep interest in the cultural welfare of our more destitute brethren in your city, particularly those of the Sephardic community.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for
~~I was very happy to learn of your~~ readiness to be of assistance to us in establishing the religious teachers' seminary in Haifa under the auspices of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. We are currently working on the details of this project, and you will hear further from us in the near future.

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I was ~~equally~~ pleased to hear of your interest in establishing an institution to train spiritual leaders for the Sephardic community in your city. I shall endeavor to look into the possibility of finding competent individuals who might assist you in accomplishing this objective.

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I ~~am~~ looking forward to the opportunity of meeting you and getting to know you personally, either on my next trip to Israel, or ^{*in New York*} if you should plan to visit the United States. ~~In the light of what I now know about you, I would derive a sense of fulfillment in making the acquaintance of a personality such as yours.~~ *I trust that such an association will be a natural one for our people.*

In the name of our three thousand congregations and their worshippers, please permit me to thank you very sincerely for your effort to help us in our undertaking.

With every good wish for a happy and fruitful New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Moses I. Feuerstein

The Honorable Abba Chushi
Mayor of Haifa
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