

Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of India

C/o Magen Hasidim Synagogue,
8, Morland Road,

BOMBAY.-11, INDIA

Dated November 3, 1961.

Dear Rabbi,

Your Berakha for the New Year shall go a long way in giving me courage and strength to work hard for the noble cause of strengthening authentic Judaism in the ancient Jewish community of India.

By the grace of the Almighty, we received most valuable guidance from you in number of our problems - religious and otherwise and we feel confident we shall receive the same *עד עולם*.

Together with my letter of June 23, 1961 I had forwarded copies of my letters to Dr. Weiss and Dr. Tartakower, with regards to the deputation of an Israel Rabbi to India. It appears from Dr. Tartakower's letter of October 20, 1961 (copy enclosed) that possibly no correspondence was entered into by the UOJCA with Rabbi Nissim on this issue. As a matter of fact, I was under the impression that you or Dr. Weiss would probably discuss this business with Rabbi Nissim during your visit to Israel for the conference. As you know, if the UOJCI is to be on a sounder religious footing, the presence of a Rabbi is most necessary. Dr. Weiss, I understand is on a tour and all matters are now being handled by Mr. Feuerstein. Could you kindly request Mr. Feuerstein to move the Overseas Commission to consider whether, it will be feasible for them to accept Rabbi Nissim's offer. I am sure the Jewish Agency in Israel would be prepared to share the expenditure with the UOJCA. (A copy of my letter to Mr. Feuerstein is enclosed).

We have had no word from Rabbi Gotthold, but I am given to understand by Samuel's father that Samuel is now admitted to the Yeshiva with effect from August 1, 1961 for the

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regular course. The Tefillin (money for which Mr. Max Stern, so kindly procured from his friend) are not yet received, and there is absolutely no news about them.

I am also awaiting the decision of the Overseas Commission with regards to the Hebrew and Religion classes, we have started and we propose to start.

Mebasser's October issue also could not be published for lack of funds.

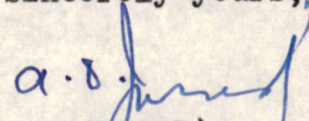
Mr. Penkar has submitted a scheme to Mr. Feuerstein, copy of which is enclosed for your information and favourable action.

The decision of the R.C.A. with regards to the use of the old Burial ground has been conveyed to me by Dr. Weiss and let me assure you that, in time to come, this will be very much useful to our community in India.

With best regards,

I am,

Most sincerely yours,



(A.D. JHIRAD)

JT. HON. SECRETARY.

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P.S.: Sometimes I have such a yearning to meet you that I wish the UOJCA and R.C.A. would agree to depute you for a year to India.