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Dear Dr. Lamm: JJ

It was good to listen to your instructive words when the Kallah of Texas rabbis was in session. We all enjoyed very much your visit to our group and we do hope to see you again.

You were kind enough to tell me that upon your return you will read my essay on the Shanghai Jewish Community in the October issue of Jewish Life. This is the only of the 5 articles I have written on the Shanghai Jewish Community that deals in detail with the influence of the political development of Shanghai on the structure of the Jewish Community especially during World War II. I would be glad to add your judgement to the others which I am enclosing. If you will have time enough, I would also be thankful to you to hear from you what your opinion is on my letter to Dr. Robert Gordis.

Incidentally you mentioned in your talk that in your congregation there are many women who might be interested in meeting a future husband. I have 1 or 2 candidates and, therefore, I will contact you when I will be in New York in June. Please return the material should you have no further need for it.

In Miami I was asked by the Hassidim at the hotel when I spoke on China and other things also, why I do the interfaith work. My answer was, I would like to practice the *posuk* we pray every day "Hodu v'Osimu Al Leilaso". Your president Mr. Max Stern might be interested in particular in the German material, since Mainz-Frankfurt a. M. is not far from his native town Fulda. I was many years ago in contact with him. I do not know whether he will remember my correspondence. Please give him my best regards and also to Dr. Jung. Incidentally, the matter we discussed in Houston concerning Einstein's *T'shuva* about not needing a *Get* if there was only a city or court marriage is not new, since Jehiel Weinberg is of the same opinion, but not with regard to a Reform marriage, this, according to Weinberg, requires a *Get*. Best regards and Onak Someach.

Sincerely yours,  
Josef Zeitin