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Dear Friends:

It is with the greatest regret that this letter is written to you. I had hoped that the necessity for so doing would be obviated, however, circumstances have made it a necessity.

What I am referring to is that I do not intend to remain as the Spiritual Leader of the West Side Jewish Center. That, of course, means that I will have to sever my relationship with the Senior League. Let me make it abundantly clear that whatever my motive for leaving the Synagogue, I will forever remember with tenderness and gladness the friends I made in the Senior League. I had hoped that we could make of the Senior League a vehicle of self expression and a sort of home, particularly for those who gave so much of their time and energy to the furtherance of its good and welfare. I hope that you will not allow the Senior League to die. I believe it has much to offer and it should be continued.

I plan to be present at your November 8th affair. However, I cannot be sure of that. Whatever may be, I do want to see you again and the best of luck to you.

May G-d be with all of you.

Sincerely,

Norman Lamm, Rabbi

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