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Dear Colleague:

You are no doubt acquainted with and troubled by the confrontations of Jews and Blacks throughout the city and the country. We in Manhattan, especially those surrounding the Harlem area, are most directly concerned.

It is the feeling of some of us that it is not too late to avoid more frequent and more bitter encounters. The only way to do this is for leaders of both communities to meet with each other and speak frankly and honestly.

To this end, there has been arranged a "Conference on Urban Tensions" for religious leaders of the White and the Black communities in Manhattan to meet together and discuss our mutual aspirations and our grievances. This will be the second of such gatherings; the first took place on January 6th.

The meeting is scheduled for:

DATE: Thursday, January 30th, 1969

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Ministerial Interfaith Association
of Harlem
110 East 125th Street
New York, New York

The Synagogue Council of America has asked me to contact you as one of the Jewish participants. I do hope you will be able to join us in what may well prove to be a most significant meeting.

Please fill out the enclosed reply card to let us know if we may expect you.

Sincerely,

Norman Lamm
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Enclosure