

December 29, 1972

Mr. Irving Kobrin
365 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10024

Dear Mr. Kobrin:

I am genuinely pleased at your warm response to my request to help affect the release of Dr. Benjamin Schapira of Belgorod so that he can be reunited with his parents in Tel Aviv, Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Schapira.

I am enclosing the copy of the telegram which should be signed by as many people as possible, that is, I would like you to obtain permission from as many people as possible to sign, and I will send it from my office.

In compiling the list, I would suggest that all those with academic and judicial titles should be placed first. I wonder if you would be kind enough to ask either Larry or Ira Kellman or Al Kleiman (the K.K.K...) if they could help in obtaining the signatures of Lindsay or Garelik or other such dignitaries.

If, in the course of your telephone calls anyone should volunteer funds, please accept them cheerfully. I have so far borne the cost of cables, quite a few, by myself, and with this rather lengthy one we are planning, it would be good if I had some assistance. Frankly, it does not amount to too much, so I would not solicit anyone, but accept if offered.

All my warmest thanks to Mrs. Kobrin who, I know, will as usual be extremely effective in helping you.

Cordially,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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