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Dear Reuven:

There is an old Yiddish saying about not sending a cat to fetch the milk. But since ^{אסאף} does its instruction in Hebrew rather than in English, I shall violate this choice piece of folk wisdom and, despite the fact that my own daughter is applicant for your next year's school, I shall write a recommendation for somebody else.

[REDACTED] is a young lady who is now a freshman at Stern College. She is herself a ^{אורח חיים} in the sense that her family is nowhere near as observant as she is. She did attend Yeshiva High School of Queens and spent a year in ^{35x / 12x}. She is still dissatisfied with her present level of Jewish learning and is quite apprehensive about passing the exam that you will set for her. I am therefore writing to intervene on her ~~own~~ behalf. I would certainly be the last one to want the school to lower its standards. However, I have observed that this young lady has by sheer force of will and determination transcended the limitations imposed upon her by her environment, and I therefore am fully confident that ~~even~~ if normal standards she is not presently capable as a student, nevertheless, her native abilities are such that she is eminently worthy of consideration ^{of qualifying} and acceptance.

Do make every effort to extend to her every possible courtesy, and please accept my thanks in advance.

Cordially,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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P.S. I would appreciate it if you would let me know as soon as possible the school has decided upon Chaye's application as well.