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President Norman Lamm
Yeshiva University
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Dear Norman:

The news of your elevation to the presidency of Yeshiva University reached me in Jerusalem on the eve of Tisha B'Av. Though it was not an appropriate day for rejoicing, I could not suppress my delight and pleasure in the knowledge that you have reached a position of supreme importance and that Yeshiva University has chosen the best possible man for its president. If being happy on the Day of Lamentation was a sin, I ask you to impose upon me the appropriate penance.

Seriously, there is no way in which I can fully express my pleasure both for you and the institution. With all your friends I rejoice in the recognition which has come to you, even while feeling deeply the burden of responsibility that you have assumed. What matters most is the assurance that one of our most important institutions has been guaranteed many years of effective leadership.

June and I wish you every happiness in your new work and the deepest of personal fulfillment. We are almost reluctant to pray for your success since that is so certain that our prayer might fall into the category of tefilat shav. With the learning, high ability, profound dedication and general good sense that you bring to your presidency, we are certain that Yeshiva University is now entering a new and glorious period.

With warmest regards to you and Mindy,

בנימין פוקס, פרופסור ל
פילוסופיה יהודית

Yours, as ever

Marvin Fox
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Chairman