

**memo**

*from*

RABBI THEODORE L. ADAMS

TO: Rabbi Norman Lamm

DATE: December 30, 1966

I received the enclosed, which would imply that it comes from you. I am sure that you have no knowledge of it. I am sending it to you, nonetheless, for your perusal.

Regards,

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*Ted*

Dear Rabbi Adams,

The Jewish people must unite now. The murder of 6 million of our fellow Jews was a clear demonstration. I am asking you to help unify the Jewish people by using your influence.

The first steppingstone to unifying the Jewish people is to bind the shuls of New York first. This ~~last~~ task is not as hard to achieve as you would expect, especially with the help of it.

Just recently, the West Side Institutional Synagogue was burnt. ~~The~~ Whether the shul was Orthodox, conservative or reform makes no difference.

The fact is that a holy place was burnt and razed to the ground. Now, just as if you need a dollar, you would go and ask 100 persons for a cent, alone, the money does not dent anybody's budget, but the sum adds up to a large amount of money. If all the shuls in New York or in Los Angeles would each donate a small sum of money to a fellow shul in distress, the sum of money would be enormous. This is one principal in uniting



the shuls. Recently, Brighton Beach Yeshiva was on the verge of bankruptcy. If the shuls were banded under one organization, then money could be sent (in the manner explained) and maybe a few rabbis or teachers who are members of these shuls would give assistance.

Also, recently, a survey was made <sup>J. mo</sup> in this survey, 15 shuls were asked when Shabbos started and ended, all of the shuls gave a different time. But if the shuls were banded, the organization that could be made could set one time so that no one would get a sin.

A few months ago, the anti-shichita bill was introduced into the legislative body of New York. This bill was defeated only through a hard battle put up by concerned Jews. Now, this bill, and others to come could easily be stopped and put out if the shuls would bind and say no with one voice, a mighty voice.

Also, the problem facing our brothers in the Soviet Union could be tackled with such a tremendous force if the <sup>united</sup> Jews in America, Israel, and



everywhere could scream "Let my people go" with one voice.

Also, the ~~for~~ growing problem of assimilation and intermarriage can be put to an end or to a small truckle. if the shuls would unite, then being stronger the shuls could put up departments and programs, ~~the~~ and free education that would induce more people to being religious.

Also, the problem of different prayer books can be solved by introducing one that would satisfy everyone or most.

In Canada, Montreal, the Jewish community have set up a united organization. Enclosed is an article on it. You will find it most interesting. Please contact: Merkos L'inychel (Chinuch Inc.), 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213. Also, contact every rabbi you know.

May I be with  
you.

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