

Sept. 11, 1973
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Dear Rabbi Lamm,

Thank you so much for the prompt and great assistance that you gave us. We had thought that the cable from Mr. Michael would win us the building, since we were that close to getting it. But we were wrong for the following simple and ugly reason. Both "Dugma" and "Evelina" saw it necessary to fight us, if not outright openly, then in a very un-subtle manner. They are afraid that a neighborhood school would attract the students that would have otherwise been enrolled in their schools. They are correct in that analysis, but are totally incorrect in their laziness to find a solution to their problem. They are also fighting against our expansion of religious education in order to maintain their own glory.

The saddest part of all is that they let the [redacted] know of their opposition - so that he was able to say, "Let's not give them the key right now - their own religious comrades will do our dirty work & destroy them without our even trying."

The kids are still in tents and we are still adamant in our demands. We seem to be supported by all the religious schools in Jerusalem and even "Dugma" parents seem worst. Tonight we meet with them alone to explain to them why another religious school is necessary & why we don't want our children to walk miles thru dangerous roads to get to school. The awful statistic is that in the past 10 years the number of students coming out of religious schools went down by 17%. Simply because of either lack of space, or poor location of the school.

By now our battle has assumed an added significance. We are fighting for the expansion of

facilities - we are fighting to no longer be second-rate citizens - and we are fighting non-politically. We feel that if we lose this fight - the city will feel forever that it can always step on religious people's rights. And that is where we hope to prove them wrong.

I took pictures of the school and as soon as we get them developed, I'll send them to you.

Please, in any way that you can, thank Mr. Michael for his aid to our cause. I know that the cable had the effect of making [redacted] aware

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that he is dealing with a very serious group of parents willing to fight till the end. It is only so unfortunate the religious "in-fighting" which has existed for eternity, showed its ugly head here. But we shall overcome the religious opponents by persuasion and convincing. Then, united, we have a better chance to win. I'll write to you again, when the happy end is in sight. Sorry to have chewed your ear off! Best regards to your family & wishes for בנימין ונאמי. We are deeply indebted to you. Naomi + Benjamin