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March 26, 1991

Rabbi Baruch Lanner
84 Heights Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Dear Rav Baruch,

Please forgive my delay in submitting this letter to you; it was only as a result of having misplaced the contract that was written out for you in Israel, as I indicated to your wife by phone.

We would very much like to have you in the employ of the Ohr Torah Institutions of Israel commencing immediately. We would like you to serve in the capacity of Student Recruiter for which we will place 1,500 shekels a month in a bank account in your name in Israel beginning September 1, 1991 and for 12 months thereafter. The money will come to you as soon as you make Aliyah to Israel.

We would also like you to lead a special summer program in Yeshivat HaMivtar which would begin this summer. Your payment for such a program will be adequate living conditions for you and your family in the city of Efrat.

When you make Aliyah, you will continue as a Student Recruiter which will include trips to America and Europe as well as spot lectures in the Diaspora and Israel. Other responsibilities and your precise salary will be decided upon when you come on Aliyah.

Sincerely,

Shlomo Riskin
Dean, Ohr Torah Institutions of Israel

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February 15, 1999

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin
P.O. Box 1037
90435 Efrat

Dear Rabbi Riskin,

I would like to express my profound support for your idea of establishing a joint School of Business for Palestinians and Israelis, to be located outside of Jerusalem, between Wadi Nis and Efrat.

This school will undoubtedly serve as an instrument for peace by bringing young Palestinians and Israelis together as they work toward obtaining the same goals. In addition, I foresee that providing these students with the necessary education for working in the business world and establishing their own businesses will have advantages in the economic, social, and political arenas.

Sincerely,

President Yassir Arafat

January 21, 1999

FROM: Rabbi Menachem Fruman
Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

TO: Sheikh Tallal Sadr

Based on our mutual desire to advance peace between Israel and Palestine, The President of Palestine, Mr. Yassar Arafat and Rabbi Menachem Fruman and Rabbi Shlomo Riskin have today, Praise Be To G-d, and have agreed to joint religious action. In accordance with our discussion, we write the following:

1. The Israeli Parliament conflict is a deed of the devil who wants to thwart the honor of Islam throughout the world through bloodshed.
2. The most immediately pressing mission in order to frustrate the designs of the devil is that the Palestinian leaders of Islam and the Israeli Jewish leaders should publicly together that Allah, May He Be Blessed, demands of all believers to fight a Holy War (Jihad) for the sake of peace.
3. Therefore it is imperative that we convene a Joint Conference of Rabbis and the most honored Sheikhs in order to jointly sign a declaration which calls for a just peace between Judaism and Islam.
4. The declaration should be signed in Jerusalem (Al-Quds) to emphasize and strengthen our common world view that this city must be the joint Peace Capital of Israel and Palestine, and the Peace Capital of the World.
5. We have been told that the President of the United States, Mr. Bill Clinton, supports this action. It is expected that he will invite the Sheikhs and the Rabbis to the White House, and it is further expected that they will travel to the Russian Capital and to other Capital cities of Europe to advocate the idea of Jerusalem as the Peace Capital of the world.
6. In addition to this declaration, a permanent joint Israeli-Palestinian Inter-Religious Committee, comprised of the Sheikhs and the Rabbis, should function as an ongoing working group to settle any and every problem or dispute that might threaten the peace between Israel and Palestine, and will foster and promote the belief in peace as an attainable reality.
7. We can therefore expect that there will be a major reawakening and strengthening of public opinion among both peoples in support of Peace.
8. The meeting place of the Joint Committee will be a focal point for world leaders to visit during the course of millennium commemorations, and their visits will support the image of Jerusalem as the Peace Capital.
9. The Palestinians and Israelis call upon the leaders of Islam in Jordan and all other Arab and Muslim countries, and upon rabbis around the world to join in this joint declaration and to become members of the Joint Committee.
10. The Palestinians and the Israelis are worthy of the appreciation of the entire world because they have taken the initiative to be the bridge between the Muslim world and the West.

We pray to Almighty G-d that through this action we will be worthy of the promise uttered by His Prophets to bless this city and its inhabitants.