

Mrs. Sophy Bernstein
c/o Temple B'rith Kodesh
2131 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester 18, New York

25 September 1986

Dear Mrs. Bernstein,

On behalf of all the members of our new community here at Mitzpeh Har Halutz in the Galilee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your warm kindness in donating to us the Torah used by your son at his Bar Mitzvah in Germany following World War II. ←


All of us here were greatly moved by the story behind the Torah and are proud to have the opportunity to insure its continued use. This is a true Mitzvah for us and for that we offer you our sincerest thanks.

We also know that the use of this Torah will be a tribute not only to the survival of our people but a living memory to your late husband, Rabbi Philip Bernstein. We know what a great man he was and we are proud that Rabbi Bernstein and all of your family is now a cherished part of our community here.

We are a young community, established just one year ago. Today we number 14 families and 15 children but we are continuing to grow. As the father of the first child born on Har Halutz (a boy named Idan) I will be thrilled to see him read from this Torah on his Bar Mitzvah! That will occur several years off, but in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit us here in Israel. You will be most welcome anytime.

Also, on the eve of the New Year, I would like to extend to you and your family our warmest wishes for a happy and healthy New Year and again, many thanks for your warm generosity.

Sincerely yours,



Hal Applebaum
Mazkir (general secretary)
Mitzpeh Har Halutz.

cc: Rabbi Eric Yoffie, ARZA