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Honorary Secretary.  
Dear Sir,

*14<sup>th</sup> May 1903*

There has recently been formed in England a Union of Jewish Literary Societies, the principle object of which is <sup>the</sup> diffusion of a knowledge of Jewish Literature, chiefly through the medium of lectures and papers read before the constituent Societies of the Union.

In order to facilitate the arrangement of such literary programmes the Council of the Union is drawing up a list of names of persons who will be prepared to deliver lectures or read papers on subjects of Jewish interest before literary Societies together with the subjects they propose to treat. Were it only to rely however, on the services of those gentlemen who can undertake to deliver lectures in person, the Council feels that it would be depriving itself, and Anglo-Jewry generally of the valued assistance of the great body of distinguished foreign Jewish scholars, or English scholars not resident in England, who could not be expected to come here and give them personally the benefit of their attainments and their scholarship, excepting perhaps at very rare intervals.

It has therefore been decided to ask a few well-known Jewish literateurs, not resident in England, whether, failing the spoken word, they would furnish the Union with the written word, by placing at its disposal certain selected lectures of Jewish interest—either in manuscript or in print — which the central body will be empowered to loan to any constituent Society, subject, if desired, to the approval

of the Author.

The list of such lectures available will be printed and sent to all the Literary Societies belonging to the above Union.

May I ask you whether you would honour us by placing at our disposal one or more either of your published lectures or else of lectures written expressly for this purpose. By doing so, you will, I can assure you, be doing considerable service to the cause of the diffusion of Jewish knowledge in this country, and thus indirectly, to the cause of Judaism itself.

If you consent to this request, would you be kind enough to furnish me at your earliest convenience with the names of the lectures that you will be willing to favour us with, and at what date we may be expected to receive the lectures themselves. If necessary, the Union will undertake the translation of any lectures, such translation being submitted to the authors for approval if desired.

Hoping to be favoured with your consent to the request preferred in this communication,

I am,

Yours faithfully

*J. Alahem*

President.

*24/10/1881*

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