

Rafael Bachrach c/o

Kibbutz Sdeh Boker, 28.5.73.

Mr. Lutz Berger
President "1870" Community
Lima.

Dear Mr. Berger !

You may perhaps recall my phone call to you from Santiago during the first days of April, when I informed you that I planned to go to Israel during the latter half of that month. I expressed my concern as regards the future of "Kinnereth", and reminded you of your promise, given to me during my stay in Lima (November/December 1972) as to the readiness of your community in financing, at least partially, a Shaliaj to Peru.

I arrived in Israel on the 13th of April and am leaving tomorrow for Sao Paulo. I should like to say that my major preoccupation during my stay here has been the problem of obtaining a Shaliaj for Kinnereth. No doubt you realize the precarious situation, and two letters which I received from Lima since my arrival have confirmed my doubts as to the future of your Youth Movement. I have no doubt whatsoever that a permanent solution has to be found urgently. There are few people in Israel I have not approached with a view to solve the problem. Unfortunately your verbal promise : in December participation as far as salary is concerned, in April: contacting the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and declaring definitely the limits of your participation within a short period, , have not been followed up with a written reply. It is quite deplorable that our efforts have apparently not been considered to merit any reaction whatsoever on your part.

During our conversations you were perfectly aware and mentioned the fact of your community employing a Rabbi, nonetheless you were prepared to make a further effort in order to save your Youth Movement from dissolution. Non-employment of a Shaliaj in Lima will also seal the fact of "Barkai", Santiago.

I do not know whether anything can be done at this rather late stage. Nevertheless I should consider it essential for your Community to write to the World Jewish Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, Youth & Hechalutz Dept., complying with the promises given.

During my stay in Israel we found a candidate from the Pacific Coast, who in my opinion may be quite suited for the proposed task.

Obviously a definite reply has to be given to this candidate
with him a reasonable period.

I tried to contact you last week by phone, but was unfortunately
informed that you are staying abroad at the moment.

In order to avoid a development which would appear to me
personally most undesirable, I should be much obliged to you
to make a special effort. Please keep me informed.

Maritz wrote to me saying that she expected me to be in Lima
during June 1973.

Hoping to hear from you

Sincerely yours,

Rafi Bachrach.

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