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Prof. Dr. Ignaz Goldziher,
Budapest, Hungary.

My dear Friend:

Professor Schechter read me the official letter of invitation extended to you by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, wherein you are asked to deliver a series of eight or ten lectures before this institution and before the Gratz College at Philadelphia, which is about two hours distance from New York City. The time is left to your option: preferably early in the Spring of 1906.

Dr. Schechter has asked me to write you a personal letter, verifying the official one, and urging you most earnestly to accept the invitation, inasmuch as your failure to do so would involve him and myself in considerable embarrassment.

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It was through our united efforts that we have succeeded in assuring you of a fund sufficient to cover all your expenses, and leaving an additional sum for your labor ^{of} and preparation, which, of course, we could scarcely hope adequately to remunerate.

I sincerely hope that you consider \$1,000 enough of inducement to come to America and that your health, by April next, will have been so far restored as to make your coming an absolute certainty.

At my request ^{to Dr. Schechter} it has been decided to allow you the privilege of delivering the lectures in the German Language of which you are an accomplished ^{master-} ~~minister~~ thus relieving you of the labor of preparing them in a strange language, the delivery of which would have proved arksome. May I ask you to let me have ^a reply to this letter immediately upon receipt of it, so that I can reassure Dr.

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Schechter, who is most anxious to hear your decision?

I was much distressed to learn from your last letter to me that your health is not satisfactory. You have been overtaxing your strength to such an extent that, unless you give up ^{work} for a time at least, the onerous labors you have undertaken, you will seriously regret it.

Please, for the sake of your family, and for the sake of the learned world at ^{large} least, which has need of your genius and industry, spare yourself in the future. I shall not be happy until I receive news from you with regard to the improvement of your condition. Please don't forget to mention this when you write. And now I have to ask a great favor of you. I would not ask it if you

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yourself had not expressed your willingness to act as our treasurer. You will remember that my mother told you of a young lady cousin of ours Olga Berger, living at Mezötur, Pusztá Feres, Békés Megye, who is engaged to be married, and requires a certain sum for a dowry. Many similar attempts have failed and we hope that this time ~~that~~ there will be no difficulty in settling the matter definitely. I therefore send you, herewith enclosed, a draft for the amount of Eight-Hundred Dollars ^(\$ 800 ⁰⁰) which is the joint offer of our entire ~~family~~ family for this purpose. Will you consent to administer this fund in such a way as to preclude the possibility of it's being delivered to the wrong party on anything but ^a certainty? In other words, the money should be paid only after the marriage contract is legally drawn up and sign-

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ed by the contracting parties.

I will appreciate ^{this} your kindness on your part very much, and hope that you will not consider this request in the light of an intrusion. Please let me know what you will do in the matter.

My mother begs me to say that she is taking good care of the affairs of your cousin, Mrs. Janowitz, and that everything will be done to make her circumstances more tolerable.

I have not yet seen a copy of the "Revue", containing your reference to the Seminary. Will you be so good as to send me several copies of the separate reprint as soon as you can?

My mother ^{and I} both join in sending you and your dear ones our heart-felt greetings, and ~~sends~~ prayers for your entire recovery.

Yours very faithfully,

George Alexander Kohut

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P. S. Can you not send me something which I can publish in my New Era Magazine? I am sending you a copy of the July issue, which will appear in a few days. Do you like it's contents? If you will send me anything in German, I will have it translated. Hungarian articles I can translate myself. Please let me have some popular article on any subject you please.

The draft here enclosed is the original copy.
A duplicate is sent by the Steamer "New York"
in case this one should be lost. Please
destroy the duplicate immediately, and
acknowledge receipt.

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