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Dear Professor Goldziher:

I thank you most heartily for the portrait of yourself you have sent me, and the beautiful words you wrote on the margin. I will treasure it as one of the greatest gifts I have ever received and it will (when framed) soon adorn my office in the Seminary, where I have already some of the greatest men of Israel presented in photograph.

And now allow me to approach you in a matter which I have very much at heart. In a conversation with Mr. Kohut I received the impression that you would not be disinclined altogether to accept an invitation to this country with the object of delivering a course of lectures on Jewish philosophy. I do not know how far my impression was justified, but I hope you will not resent if I put this question to you, whether there is any hope for your accepting such an invitation. I am very anxious for it, both for the sake of the lecturer, whom I revere and admire and whose proximity for some longer time would become a source of unique joy and instruction for me; and for the sake of the subject, which was badly neglected and ignored till now. You are the only scholar who both would and could do it proper justice.

I do realize the difficulties connected with such an invitation, both on your part as well as on ours; since we ought to provide the means that your visit to this country should become a pleasure to you. And I am not even quite sure how far I shall succeed, but I think there is a good deal of hope that I may be able to realize my plan. I would set to work with a will if I could know that



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my labors in this respect would not be quite in vain. I dearly hope that you will not find this suggestion of mine as a presumption, and I would not approach you with such a request, but from my conviction that such a course of lectures would prove so immensely beneficial to the cause of Jewish science, which you have so much at heart.

With best regards, from Mrs. Schechter and myself,

Yours very sincerely,

J. Schechter

Die müssen mir entschuldigen dass der Brief
type-written ist. Meine Schrift ist so schlecht
und so klein dass ich sie selbst kaum
lesen kann. *אשר*
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