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Dear Mark:

As your former Rabbi and teacher, I am taking the liberty to write a personal letter to you, which hopefully will give you some food for thought.

A number of times I came across your name in connection with some matters of importance. It gave me great satisfaction to see one of my former pupils and congregants who I "Bar-mitzvahed" make the limelight.

Recently, one of your articles with the heading "U.S. at the Service of Imperial Israel" was printed in the Los Angeles Times. Most of the Jewish community here (and I am certain, in all other cities where ever this article appeared) were appalled and outraged. I could not believe an article so slanted and pro Arab could be written by you. You are certainly entitled to your own opinion and you may exercise your freedom of the press, however, as a Jew, with your kind of background, you could have used the pen to influence readers to think positively about Israel. Your article in the Los Angeles Times was certainly effective. It brought out the worst in Israel haters-Jew haters. Many of the letters to the editor approved of your stance and added some of their own venom.

Since this is a personal letter, I would like you to know that these type of articles provoke anti-Israel sentiment and antisemitism. No Jew is exempt from antisemitism. I can speak with conviction and first hand experience being a former inmate of Auschwitz, Mauthausen and Ebensee Concentration Camps. My entire immediate family and hundreds of other relatives were murdered courtesy of antisemitism.

Above, I mentioned your background. Your grandfather Bruzonsky of blessed memory was a "real Jew" and a saintly man.

He was well-known to me for I would see him daily in shul. He would walk down and up the hills to shul in 30 or 35 degree below zero weather. I had many discussions with him. He related to me about his early years in Duluth, when he was fired from his jobs practically weekly, because he would not work on Saturdays. I wonder how he would feel reading your article.

Your parents, uncles and aunts were all active in the shul and orthodox education. Just ask your father about the episode with the Palinsky fight between the 3rd and 4th Street shuls. It was all about an additional few hours of Jewish Education.

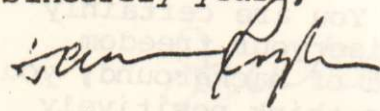
Your family sacrificed for Judaism. To them, the State of Israel is dear. G-d forbid without the State of Israel no Jew will ever be able to raise his head and hold it high.

Mark, you are in a position to do so much good for the State of Israel, and for the people of Israel. Please do your share, and you will see the reward.

This letter is not intended to offend you in any way. It is merely an expression of an aching heart from a Jew to a fellow Jew.

My very best wishes for your continued success. I am,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Herman Roszler  
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