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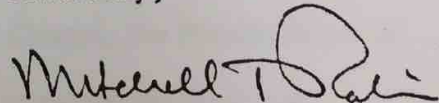
Dear Dr. Wolfson:

For several years we have been waiting patiently for the day when we would have a Chapel complex that would befit our Hospital, carrying forward the interest and dedication lavished by you on having a proper Chapel for the Beth Israel Hospital. That day is about to arrive with the completion of the Feldberg Building which will include a Chapel, Chaplain's office with facilities for a brit, and a family room where all clergy may meet with families of patients -- the entire complex being centrally located in the Main Lobby of the Feldberg Building near the Information Desk.

In celebration of these achievements, we are inviting the Rabbis of the Greater Boston area and their wives to join us in the sanctification of these facilities on Monday, 21 June 1976 at 12:30 p.m. It would be our pleasure if you could attend, since you played so important a role in the events which have brought us to this occasion, and we would like to extend a personal invitation to you. Following the ceremony, we will have a Kosher lunch together at about 1:00 p.m. and then tour the new building to inspect the outstanding facilities which Beth Israel happily offers patients for the best in care and in comfort. Of course, if it is not in your plans to be in Boston on that date, we would like to know when you will be in town, so that we can show you the Chapel and related facilities at that time; it will be our pleasure to do so whenever you return.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



Mitchell T. Rabkin, M.D.
General Director

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cc: Mr. Sidney Stoneman
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BETH ISRAEL DEDICATES CHAPEL COMPLEX

The Wolfson Chapel Complex at Beth Israel Hospital was dedicated recently with almost three score Rabbis and friends of the hospital participating in the ceremonies. The complex honors the parents of Dr. Louis E. Wolfson, the principal benefactor of the facility. The chapel proper will bear an additional designation in honor of the parents of the late Jacob Rabinovitz, whose early interest lent support to the development of chapel facilities at Beth Israel.

Located within the first floor lobby of the Feldberg Building, the complex consists of three units: the Chapel, the Family Room and the Chaplain's Office.

The Chapel is designed to offer to members of all faiths a quiet retreat for meditation and prayer. When appropriate, it is quickly converted to a more obviously identifiable Jewish house of worship by opening the doors of the ark containing 4 handsomely clothed Torahs (sacred scrolls upon which are inscribed The Pentateuch or "Law of Moses." Beth Israel, serving patients of all religious beliefs, hopes the clergy as well as patients and their families will avail themselves of this newly created opportunity for spiritual refreshment.

Immediately adjacent to the Chapel is the Family Room. Here, a dignified decor and tasteful furnishings await the patient's family should they meet there with their physician or clergyman for consultation. As with the Chapel, the Family Room is intended to serve members of all faiths for meetings requiring privacy in a comfortable setting.

Connecting with the Family Room is the Chaplain's Office, which serves as a work and study area for BI Chaplain Rabbi Dr. Hyman R. Friedman. Behind sliding doors in the office are facilities for a brit (ritual circumcision), which are available

not only for families of baby boys born at Beth Israel, but also for other families who might wish to have the religious ceremony performed in a hospital setting.

Information for use of the brit facilities can be secured by calling Ms. Carmel Brochu, clinical director of obstetrical-gynecological nursing services at Beth Israel, at 735-4172.

Beth Israel, a major teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School and long a leader in providing personalized patient care, is pleased to make this service available to the community.