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Dear Mr. Irving:

Your letter of November 3 addressed to The Office of the Chief Rabbi has been referred to me.

We are Trustees of the Czech Memorial Scrolls and accordingly we pass on a scroll on permanent loan. We ask each recipient of a scroll to contribute not less than 400 dollars towards the heavy work incurred in housing, examining and classifying the 1564 scrolls of which only a small proportion are usable. It is the policy of the Memorial Scrolls Committee to only allocate usable scrolls to congregations and Institutions without a scroll of their own.

A great many congregations have participated in a different aspect of our program. They have taken damaged scrolls (Legible but not kasher) and have given them a special place in their Sanctuary and use them on specific commemorative occasions and give them life and purpose in this fashion. It is our sincere desire to place every one of these sacred relics with a congregation which will cherish it and appreciate its history.

We have a long waiting list of congregations waiting for scrolls, if however you would care to have one of the Memorial scrolls we would be able to help you very soon.

On hearing from you further I will be happy to place your request before my committee at its next meeting. I am enclosing our last pamphlet which you may find of interest.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Shaffer
Honorary Secretary