

February 13, 1948

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
820 Park Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Lehman:

I am taking the liberty to write to you concerning a case very close to my heart. It concerns the temporary admission into the HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM HEBREWS OF NEW YORK, (West 105th Str.) of an old man, sick of cancer. His name is Julius Urgiss and he is the father-in-law of Dr. Rudolf Kayser who was married to my elder daughter who died 14 years ago. Mr. Urgiss lives with his children at 528 Riverside Drive in a tiny two-room apartment. His case is one of advanced cancer of the liver (with metastases) which was declared unoperable by the physicians. His condition, however, has not yet reached the stage where a hospital would admit him.

Dr. and Mrs. Kayser are both working and have to be absent from home during the day. Dr. Kayser is auxiliary instructor at Hunter College and Mrs. Kayser is secretary at City College. Dr. Kayser is ailing and nearing 60; Mrs. Kayser is the main support of the family, energetic and self-sacrificing but of weak health herself. I am very much afraid that anxiety and lack of sleep will lead to a complete breakdown of those two valiant people if they have to take care of the sick man at night after a full day of hard work.

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Financially Dr. and Mrs. Kayser will do everything within their limited powers and I shall be glad to supplement whatever is necessary.

I should be deeply grateful if you would be so kind and tell me at your earliest convenience whether the HOME FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM HEBREWS could take care of Mr. Urgiss until the time his hospitalization becomes necessary and if so to let me know (or Dr. Kayser) what steps to take to accomplish speedy admission. If, however, it should not be possible to have Mr. Urgiss admitted in this home I should be very much obliged if you would kindly advise me where else I could apply. Information about the medical side of the case can be obtained through Mr. Urgiss' physician, Dr. Leon G. Dinkin, 495 West End Ave. New York City.

With kind personal regards,

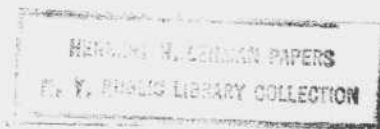
sincerely yours,

A. Einstein

Albert Einstein.

P.S. Dr. Kayser is a writer of merit, he is, f.i. the author of a recently published biography of Spinoza. Both people deserve help.

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