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Dear Rabbi Levi

I refer to your sermon yesterday concerning the holocaust and you mentioned that in the year 1938 two scrolls were saved, brought out of Germany and given to the Temple Beth Israel. These two scrolls were gifts from Rabbi Dr. Sanger and from Dr. Adolf Lustig, my husband. As you wanted to know more about them, I thought I write to you. To know these two scrolls together were dedicated to the T.B.I. in a solemn ceremony in 1938, my son Lewis, then a child even remembers it. Dr. Sanger was given his scroll as gift from his former congregation in Berlin and Dr. Lustig from the Jewish District Council in Munich, where we lived.

This scroll was once a gift from the Lustig's family to the small synagoge in Rechenbach a/M. in Bavaria in the 19th century. When Hitler came to power in 1933, the Jews had to leave the village gradually. When my mother-in-law passed away in 1929 in Rechenbach, the Lustig families kept the beautiful house and gave it as a gift to a faithful cook before we left for Australia. They used the synagoge as pigstall. It might be of interest how we got the scroll out of Germany. While the packers carried our furniture and belongings downstairs to the lift for Australia, they complained to me that the closed nailed down box with the scroll inside was too heavy and I answered laughingly: gentlemen, there is G O L D in it! They looked at each other till the foreman nodded that the box be put into our lift.-

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Both my grandchildren here read their portion
from this scroll on their Bar resp. Basmitzwah.

Next year G'd willing my youngest grandson
Richard will do the same in T.B.I. Kew.

With kindest regards I am

sincerely Yours

Kate Lustig.

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14th August, 1968

Dear Mrs. Lustig,

Thank you very much for your letter. I am glad you were there when I mentioned the scrolls and that you were able to give me those precious details.

Each Sefer Torah must have its own story but I have often wondered about the big scroll with its special woodwork and beautiful lettering.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

