



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

24th June, 1997.

Dear Mr. Alouf,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 6th June in which you ask whether Her Majesty might become Patron of the Historical Society of Jews from Egypt.

Whilst The Queen appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing as you did, I am afraid that she is already Patron of some seven hundred organisations and only rarely adds to this number. Her Majesty does not feel able to add your Society to this total and I am sorry to send you a disappointing reply to your request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Gimson'.

(SIMON GIMSON)

Rabbi S.H. Alouf