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145 Brooklyn Avenue
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I hope this letter finds you well. I take this opportunity to thank you for facilitating a visit to the Brooklyn Children's Museum by a group of rabbis, and we appreciate the efforts made by the staff to accommodate our religious requirements. We had been made aware that there are human remains kept at the museum, a situation that could potentially prevent a subset of Jews called Kohanim, who adhere to specific religious guidelines from being able to enter the building. During the visit, we ascertained that all human remains are appropriately sealed off in accordance with Jewish law, ensuring that there is no issue for Kohanim to visit the entire visitors' center.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Rabbi M. M. Hakohen Vaisfiche and Rabbi M. M. Rotenberg, members of the AskTheRav team, in this matter. Their guidance and collaboration have been instrumental in addressing the concerns raised by our community members and ensuring that the museum remains an inclusive and welcoming space for all visitors.

If there are any further discussions or arrangements needed to ensure the continued accessibility of the museum for all communities, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the ongoing success of the Brooklyn Children's Museum as a place of learning and exploration for everyone.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Yosef Braun
Executive Member of the Crown Heights Beth Din