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Mr. David Ariel
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Dear David:

As you know, the next meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education in North America is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14 at Hebrew Union College, 1 West 4th Street, New York City.

This will confirm plans to hold a debriefing session on Thursday, June 15 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at JWB, 15 East 26th Street, New York City.

Please mark your calendar and confirm your plans to attend these meetings by returning the enclosed postage paid reply card by May 26.

Your calendar should reflect plans to hold the fourth Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please also hold the morning of Thursday, October 5 for a debriefing session.

I look forward to seeing you in June.

Sincerely,



Arthur J. Naparstek
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Dear David:

This is to bring you up to date on activities which are taking place regarding Commission communications. We are working on a strategy for contact with the news media and a General Brochure describing the background and goals of the Commission. I will send these to you when they are complete.

We believe that, thanks to your help, we have the beginnings of a good communications/public relations approach. Until we put this approach in place, it seems unnecessary for the Commission Communications Committee to meet. Therefore, I am writing to cancel the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 10. We will be in touch about a meeting in the future, should the need arise.

Again, thank you very much for your help in getting this process under way.

Sincerely,



Arthur J. Naparstek
Director

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MEMORANDUM

June 29, 1989

TO: Mort Mandel

FROM: David S. Ariel

RE: AIHLJE MEETING - JUNE 7, 1989 - CHICAGO, IL

I reported to the institutional representatives at the meeting of the Association of Institutions of Higher Learning in Jewish Education on June 7, 1989. The following institutions were represented by the heads of their Jewish education programs: Yeshiva University, Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College, Boston Hebrew College, Spertus College of Judaica (Chicago), Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, Brandeis University and McGill University.

The purpose of the report was to bring them up to date on the work of the Commission and to solicit their advice on the ideas before it. My report presented the Commission's thoughts about the enabling and programmatic options along with the assumptions about how to achieve change through local and national strategies.

The response was both strongly supportive and desirous to participate in furthering the goals of the Commission. Whereas in my previous reports, there was some caution about where the Commission was heading, this meeting was very positive. The group supported the idea of developing a strategy for change in Jewish education based on a strong grounding in theories of strategic change and school improvement. They thought that such an analytic perspective is the best approach to long-term improvement in the field. They expressed support for the serious way the Commission is going about its work and are eager to do their part in the effort.

The Association has begun to explore how its institutions can change in order to meet the challenges which they face. The Association is interested in beginning its own strategic planning process for the network of training institutions. I think it is fair to say that the Association looks forward to playing a significant role in implementing the recommendations of the Commission and would welcome the opportunity of contributing further to the planning process.

I think that the Association remains a very critical group in the field. With Sara Lee as Chairman and the heads of the major educator training departments

and institutions as participants, we should look to involve this group even further. They are key thinkers and spokesmen for the field who can help the Commission in many ways.

The next meeting of the AIHLJE is October 29-30, 1989 in New York. We should consider having a further report at that time. A visit by you at some point might also be considered as a very effective means of building a bridge to this group.

I think we should give further thought to the strategic roles of these training institutions and to a mechanism for working with them towards the goal of making them more effective.

I will keep you informed about the next steps taken by the Association.

DSA/pae

cc: Ms. Ginny Levi
Mr. Henry Zucker
Mr. Joseph Reimer

