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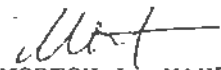
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10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, 130 East 59th Street, New York, New York. If you are unable to attend, we would welcome Jason Cury as your representative. Arthur Naparstek, Commission Director, will call your office early next week regarding your plans for attendance at the December 13 meeting.

You will be receiving, within the next week, background materials for the upcoming meeting.

I look forward, with pleasure, to working with you.

Sincerely,


MORTON L. MANDEL

Mr. Joseph S. Gruss
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Enclosures

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December 19, 1988

Mr. Arthur Naparstek, President
Premier Industrial Foundation
4500 Euclid Avenue
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Our File #151

Dear Art:

Just a note to thank you for your help with regard to Joseph Gruss. This matter was handled most sensitively and we are very grateful.

I was so sorry my schedule did not permit me to be at your meeting for a longer period of time. I understand it was quite effective. Perhaps over the holidays, we can compare notes.

Elsa joins me in sending our very best wishes to you and Bellruth.

Cordially,


SDS/eb



We give all the help you can give.

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December 20, 1988

Mr. Morton Mandel
Chairman of the Board
Premiere Industrial Corporation
4500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

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Dear Mort:

Just a note to thank you most sincerely for your sensitivity with regard to Joseph Gruss. We are deeply grateful for the very effective manner in which you handled the situation.

Please accept our best wishes and gratitude.

Sincerely,



SDS/eb

cc: Peggy Tishman
Arthur Naparstek



We give all the help you can give.

January 5, 1989

Dear Mr. Gruss:

Thanks very much for the letter you sent me about your thoughts as to how the Commission on Jewish Education should proceed. I want you to know that we had a wonderful attendance at our meeting on December 13, and we missed you. Mr. Cury was there, and I hope he gave you a full report.

I believe I understand your idea that the cities, themselves, have to organize to produce a higher quality of Jewish education, and we are working on this idea, which will be discussed further with the members of our Commission.

We will try to keep you fully informed, and look forward to the pleasure and privilege of working with you on this important cause.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

MORTON L. MANDEL

Mr. Joseph S. Gruss
900 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

December 9, 1988

Joseph S. Gruss

900 Third Avenue
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Mr. Morton L. Mandel
4500 Euclid Avenue
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Dear Mr. Mandel:

It is my opinion that your Commission on Jewish Education should consider recommending that several of the large Jewish Federations establish Funds for Jewish Education based on the New York model.

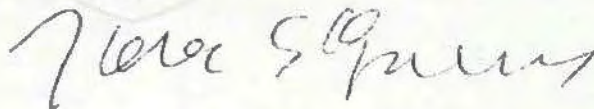
I specifically propose that the Jewish Federations in Los Angeles, Boston, Cleveland and Chicago, as well as other large Jewish communities, do studies to determine the following in each community:

- 1) Number of Yeshivots and Jewish Day Schools
- 2) Number of Jewish educators
- 3) Number of pupils

The review of these studies should be given top priority by your Commission. Mr. Cury will represent my thoughts at your next Commission's meeting.

I would appreciate your comments.

Respectfully,



Joseph S. Gruss

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March 20, 1989

Mr. Jason Cury
UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies
of New York, Inc.
130 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Jason:

Thank you for your letter of March 7 and the video cassette paying tribute to Joseph and Caroline Gruss. You are right, it is a valuable chronicle of programs associated with the New York Fund for Jewish Education. I really appreciate your having sent it to me.

We welcome your suggestions and hope that you will continue to send ideas to us. Please give Mr. Gruss my very best regards, and I look forward to meeting him at the next Commission meeting.

Again, I look with anticipation for other ideas that you may have. Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Arthur J. Naparstek
Director

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TO DO SO

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Appreciate his
Suggestion, and ~~will~~
~~take it~~ hope he continues
to send his ideas, etc

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March 7, 1989

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Dear Arthur:

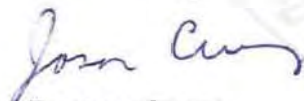
At Mr. Gruss' suggestion, I have herein enclosed a video cassette of a short piece that was presented as a tribute last year on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

While the theme of the film is a tribute to Joseph and Caroline Gruss, it is an extremely valuable chronicle of the history and programs associated with the New York Fund for Jewish Education and Gruss related endowment programs.

Mr. Gruss has suggested to me that if it is at all possible, that this film be presented at the next Commission Meeting on June 14th.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Jason Cury

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MCM,

I have not reviewed the tape, but even if I read I do not think we should do what he wants. What do you think, how should I answer it? Perhaps we can discuss.



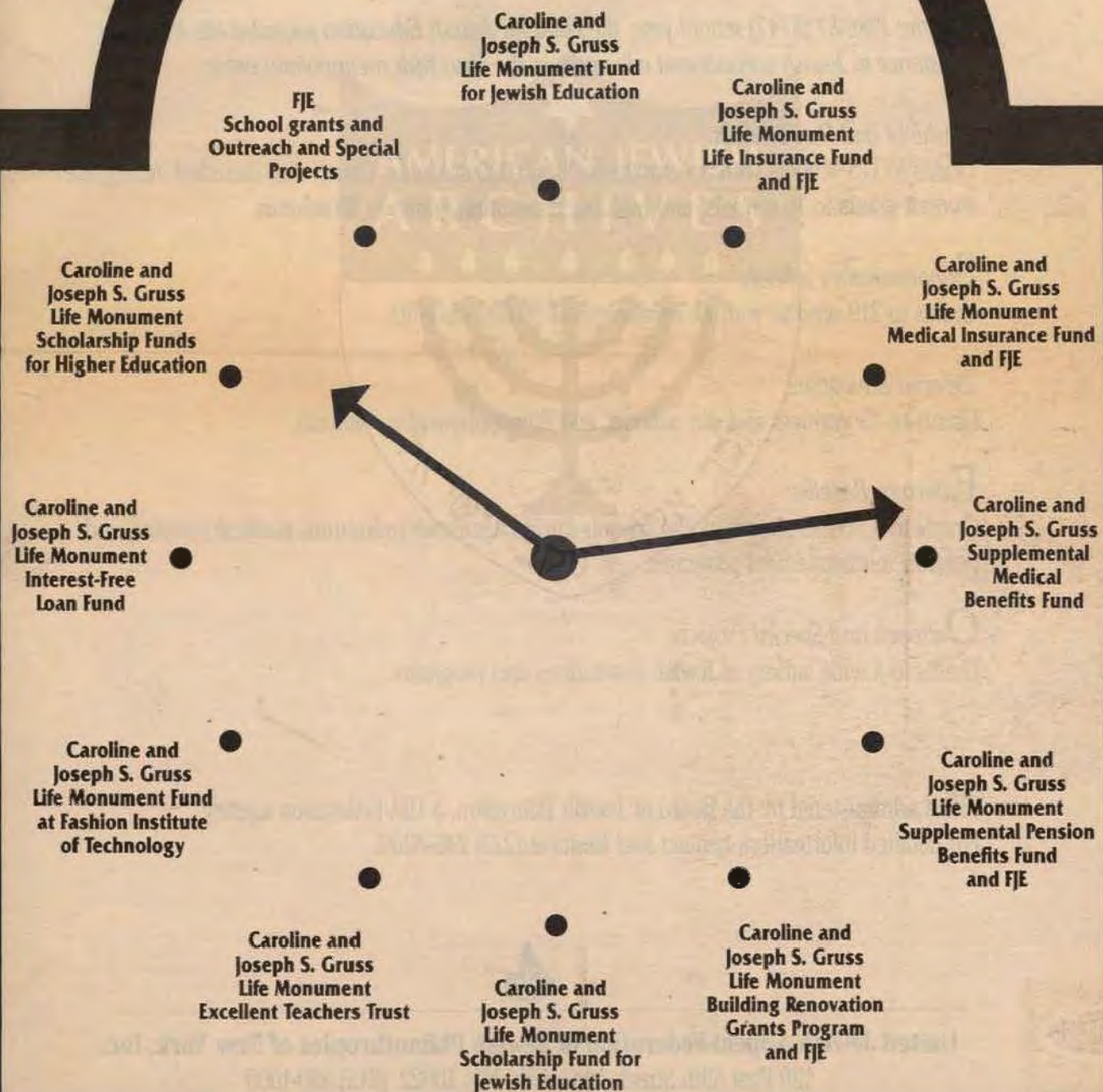
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Mr. Joseph S. Gruss



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