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FROM: Henry L. Zucker
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DATE: 11/30/88
REPLYING TO
YOUR MEMO OF: _____

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SUBJECT:

I had no notion that Israel Katz had in mind that the MAF should support the Burt Weisbrod study on public policy and the non-profit sector. If he does come to us for support, and my guess now is that he will, your idea of collaborative funding with other foundations should be pursued. It may take a little more effort on Katz's part, but it is the best way to go, nevertheless.

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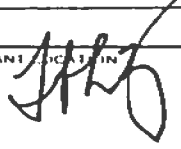
Yesterday I mentioned to you briefly that the Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel, and specifically Israel Katz, serves as a source of information on Israeli projects which merit American Jewish support. They are prepared to produce ideas by convening leading social scientists and other Israelis, and they are also prepared to counsel with respect to projects which are being considered by American philanthropists.

I believe that this service could be of assistance to the Mandel Associated Foundations, the CRB Foundation, the Revson Foundation and others which are interested in supporting Israeli projects. The Kahanoff Foundation already uses the service for guidance on the approximately \$2.5 million a year which they have available for Israeli projects. Federations also might profit from the use of this service.

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TO: Arthur J. Naparstek
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I had a very good discussion with Israel Katz in New York yesterday with reference to the Commission on Jewish Education in North America. We talked particularly about the follow-up work which we hope will be made with the federations and with the family foundations.

He is very interested in this development, and intrigued with the idea that we will be working with some of the family foundations to try to bring about collaborative planning and funding and to try to relate the work of these foundations with that of the Jewish Community Federations.

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study. Who will help
other than Herb Jones.
See Hassenfeld, et al.

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TO: HENRY L. ZUCKER

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FAX #216-391-8327

December 8, 1988

TO: Morton L. Mandel, Cleveland

FROM: Israel Katz

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Dear Mort,

Further to our observations in our recent Board meeting in NYC and our meeting in Cleveland on Monday, Dec. 5, may I please share with you the following comments on the importance and feasibility of the inter-country study on Public Policy and the Nonprofit Sector in America, European countries and Israel:

1. In the last 10-15 years there has been a significant recognition in the West that the nonprofit sector in our societies and economies is large, especially massive in the social service area and growing. (Its developing function is also increasingly being perceived in several eastern European countries.)
2. In all these countries, and perhaps, especially in the U.S. and in Israel there seems to be now a growing need for a better understanding on how the nonprofit economy functions within a modern mixed economic system which encompasses public, private, nonprofit and hybrid institutional forms. Such understanding is essential for the development of sound public policies toward nonprofit organizations and indeed the voluntary effort in our countries. Developing a coherent and consistent public policy toward the nonprofit or voluntary sector is no less required than determining what governments should be deciding on how the private sector should be regulated, taxed, or subsidized.

As the nonprofit sector is increasingly filling a growing role in democratic societies and especially in those with heterogeneous populations (U.S.A, Israel, the U.K. and others), public and social policies demand a continued appraisal of the social and public rules that constrain and encourage the nonprofit economy and the voluntary effort relative to other components of the social system.

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3. We believe that a timely and policy-relevant, inter-country study to analyze the above, examine existing policies and their impact or consequences, and indicate policy options is now feasible if the right professional leadership for the study, and other resources can be made available.
4. Burton A. Weisbrod of the University of Wisconsin, our Consultant and a leading economist and researcher of the nonprofit economy, is ready to head such a study to be undertaken by our Center. 8-10 top experts from government and other sectors in the respective countries (America, Europe and Israel) are ready to participate in the study. These researchers will undertake their parts of the study in their countries and convene once in the U.S. and once in Israel for the development and coordination (analysis and synthesis) of the project. The study will be published in book form in English and Hebrew by the Center. It is expected that the results of the study will be valuable to governments, the voluntary sectors and other students of public policy in the participating respective countries, and others.
5. We estimate the cost of the study to be US\$125,000. Herb Singer has agreed to assist in funding partially the study in the amount of \$25,000 if the remaining \$100,000 needed, can be obtained from other sources.

In light of its current financial condition, the CSPA would need the special funding required in order to undertake this highly important and promising study.

I consider the study and the Center's engagement in the study of the theme of Public Policy and the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector, as one of the most relevant and promising programs of the CSPA in Israel and on the international scene.

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Please join us in our effort to make this study possible.

Kindest regard, and thanks.

Sincerely,



Israel Katz

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cc: John C. Colman, Chicago
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December 15, 1988

Mr. Henry L. Zucker
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Dear Hank,

Almost a week has passed since my return to Jerusalem. Before I'm fully readjusted to life and work here and while I still recall vividly my U.S. visit, I would like to thank you again and in writing for the time we spent together in Cleveland. Now I certainly hope that in the not distant future you will come to Israel and I can try to reciprocate the pleasant hospitality you extended to me. Many thanks.

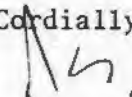
On the phone I have already talked with one or two relevant key people in Tel Aviv regarding the idea of a "Tel Aviv Bezalel" and I expect now that some time in the next two weeks there will be a meeting with several informed people, including Chich, to explore needs, possibilities and costs, if the need is indicated. After this exploration, I will share with you my findings.

Please continue to keep in mind the case of I.K. I realize that 1990 is sooner than we think. Hopefully, there will be an interesting and useful challenge in the U.S. for which I would be ready in the spring or summer of 1990. Obviously, if I have some ideas, I will write you. However, the problem is that it is not easy to make plans from Jerusalem. Moreover, by now you know some of my biases which, of course, doesn't mean that my special interests are also applicable and feasible. Next week I expect to meet with Mort and Art when they come to Jerusalem.

agn | This morning when I spoke on the phone with Professor Moshe Davies to bring him regards from Herman Stein, we had an exciting exchange when I mentioned to him the idea of "The Club of Jerusalem" which Mort referred to during dinner in Cleveland. We both felt I might mention it again when I see Ephraim Katzir next week and also to Mort himself. It seems that there is a real need for and great interest in the idea among many good people, especially at this time.

Miriam joins me in sending you our kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,


Israel Katz

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Mr. Henry L. Zucker

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December 15, 1988

P.S. As I finish dictating this letter, I realize it will reach your Cleveland address while you are in Florida. I don't have your Florida address but hope you will still receive the letter before too long.

P.P.S. I trust you received the copy of my Fax to Mort Mandel regarding the inter-country study of the tax treatment of non-profit organizations in various countries in Europe, America and Israel. I asked AJDC-New York to fax it to you and Mort.

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Mr. Henry L. Zucker
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Dear Hank,

This letter should reach you when you are back home in Cleveland. I hope your vacation in Florida was pleasant and you are ready for the Cleveland winter.

If I recall correctly, I already wrote you that we had an interesting meeting with Mort and Art and that I met with Art a second time. I trust Art reported to you about our talks and that in the near future I expect to have information available for you re Jack Mandel's request.

I did not mention to you that I had not received any reply from Mort regarding our request for help for the study on the tax treatment of the N.P.O.s in America, Israel and several European countries. You will remember that prior to my departure from New York, I wrote Mort about the study (with a copy to you) I had mentioned in our Board Meeting and in which we are so much interested, due to the importance of the subject and the possibility of having Burton Weisbrod join and coordinate the study towards its future publication in book form. Mort did mention it in our meeting but we never got to it as we spent most of the time on the report on Jewish education in America which Seymour Fox presented. I did ask Art to inquire what the chances were for the funding of the study, and he promised to look into it. You may remember that Herb Singer agreed to give us \$25,000 for the study if and when the other \$100,000 required would be forthcoming from another source. Could you please find out for us whether Mort would be ready to help us? Your assistance would be most welcome.

Kop and I expect to come to New York in February for the Board Meeting and I promised Burton Weisbrod at the time of our U.S. visit that I would come to see him in Wisconsin. It is important that I succeed in recruiting him to join us for the study.

Since my visit in Cleveland I have also been thinking a good deal about our conversation with respect to a possible assignment for me when I hope to come to the States in 1990. As I expect to be able to see you when I come in February, I should be able to raise this point again without wanting to impose on you. You already do know that if the idea you mentioned regarding some project or projects with the "foundations" would be feasible, it would be of great interest to me. And so are some of the other ideas and the question is whether they are realizable.

Mr. Henry L. Zucker

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Be that as it may, I will write you again in the near future after I receive the reports that were promised to me by some knowledgeable and relevant persons in Tel Aviv.

Miriam joins me in sending you our kindest regards and good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Israel Katz

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Message from Sender:

Dear Hank,

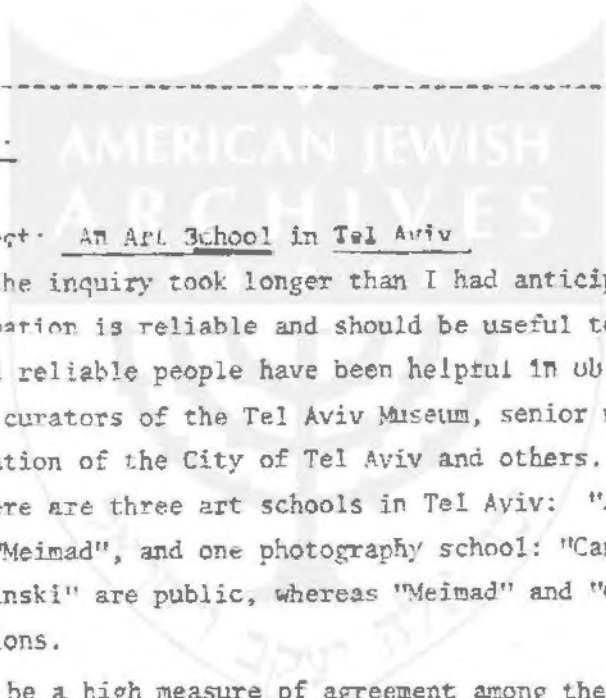
Subject: An Art School in Tel Aviv

I regret that the inquiry took longer than I had anticipated. I believe the following information is reliable and should be useful to meet the request. Several relevant and reliable people have been helpful in obtaining the information. They include curators of the Tel Aviv Museum, senior members of the Education Administration of the City of Tel Aviv and others.

At present, there are three art schools in Tel Aviv: "Avni," "Mardoshinski" and "Meimad", and one photography school: "Camera Obscura." "Avni" and "Mardoshinski" are public, whereas "Meimad" and "Camera Obscura" are private institutions.

There seems to be a high measure of agreement among the various experts that the time is right for founding and erecting a new institution for the study of Art in Tel Aviv.

The majority of Israel's artists seem to reside in the city of Tel Aviv-Jaffo and its vicinity. There is a high demand for academic institutions of art study. The Betzalel Art Academy in Jerusalem admits only one out of 10 candidates. The experts believe that the type of art school required in Tel Aviv is an academic, high-standard institution, which will not take the place of existing schools that must be continuously encouraged and fostered. It should be an institution which will complement the art education system in Tel Aviv. The experts concur that it should be a selective institution,



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only admitting the best of talent. It should be a small and intimate school, accommodating the better artists and teachers, putting special emphasis on individual attention to each student. The physical conditions should also be appropriate - ateliers, classrooms, a library and learning aids, as well as a spacious environment which will contribute to the success of this institution. This type of educational institution should invite lecturers from both Israel and overseas. Reputed artists may be invited for a one-semester-period, also to be provided with an atelier where they will be able to continue their work while teaching. The thinking is that this school should grant a degree parallel with universities first degree, as well as a second degree in art (parallel to a university M.A.). This institution should be similar to London's Royal College- which admits for second degree studies, distinguished students from institutions in Great Britain and other countries.

An apt model of a selective school of art, based on famous artists as its teaching staff, is the new School of Art recently founded in Paris, under the management of Pontus Hulten (formerly Managing Director of Centre Pompidou, presently its Counsellor and Managing Director of the Palazzo Grassi in Venice).

This school may be a small one, developing gradually and providing the missing link in the chain of academic art education in Israel.

As of now, no data are available regarding the scope of the institution, its area and - accordingly - its cost of erection and maintenance thereafter. At the same time it has been made clear to me that the Tel Aviv Municipality would be ready to allot the area for its erection, will provide assistance for its construction and participate in its future maintenance.

If more detailed information is required including the cost involved, it should be possible to obtain several alternative proposals for the building dimensions and the cost.

I do hope the information is indeed helpful and in line with your request.

I expect to come to New York on February 19th and will, of course, call you. Hope you will be at the Board Meeting on February 24th. Needless to add, I would like very much to see you when I'm in the States, in New York or in Cleveland.

With kind regards and all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Israel Katz
Israel Katz

P.S. Kindly acknowledge.

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