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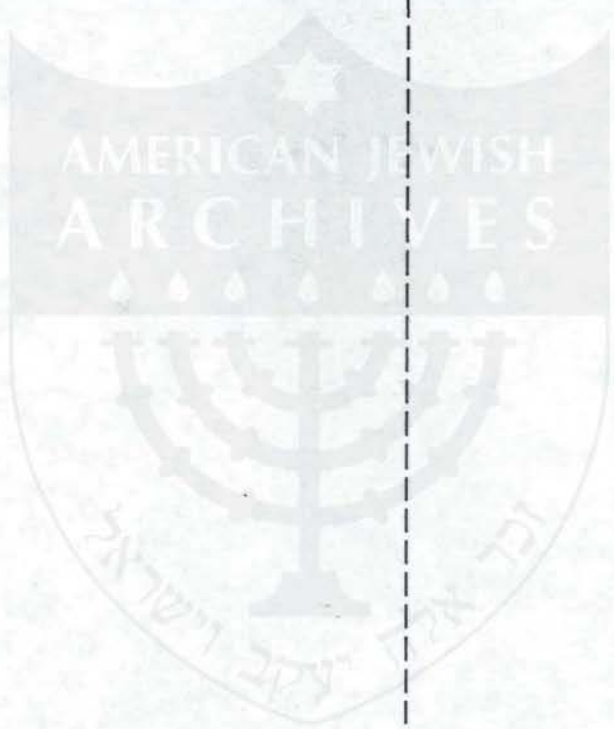
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July 18, 1988

Dear Rabbi Schulweis:

I tried unsuccessfully to reach you by telephone today. I will continue to try, but will also write to ensure that I reach you.

I would like to invite you to join me in a new initiative. The Mandel Associated Foundations is in the process of organizing a Commission on Jewish Education in North America. The Commission will function in cooperation with the JWB and JESNA and in collaboration with the CJF.

The purpose of this Commission is to bring together the best lay and professional minds we can assemble to make a positive impact on the quality of Jewish education in the United States and Canada.

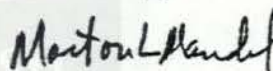
We believe that Jewish education needs a great deal of improvement if it is to make its appropriate contribution to the constructive continuity of the Jewish people. We believe that our Commission has a good chance to bring about important results, because American Jewish leadership is now sufficiently concerned to make this a high priority, and because there are important new financial resources available for Jewish education if we show how these resources can be utilized to good effect.

Enclosed is a paper describing our concept of the work of the Commission. It reflects the thinking of a small group that has worked to describe the idea behind the Commission. I am also enclosing a list of those who have agreed to serve on the Commission, thus far.

I hope that you will serve as a member of this Commission. The Commission will meet four to six times over a period of eighteen months to two years. It will have the benefit of a professional staff and consultants who will do the research directed by the Commission, and staff the Commission and its subgroups. The first meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held on August 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., UJA Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, 130 East 59th Street, New York, New York.

I know that you can be an important addition to the work of the Commission and I hope that you will wish to participate.

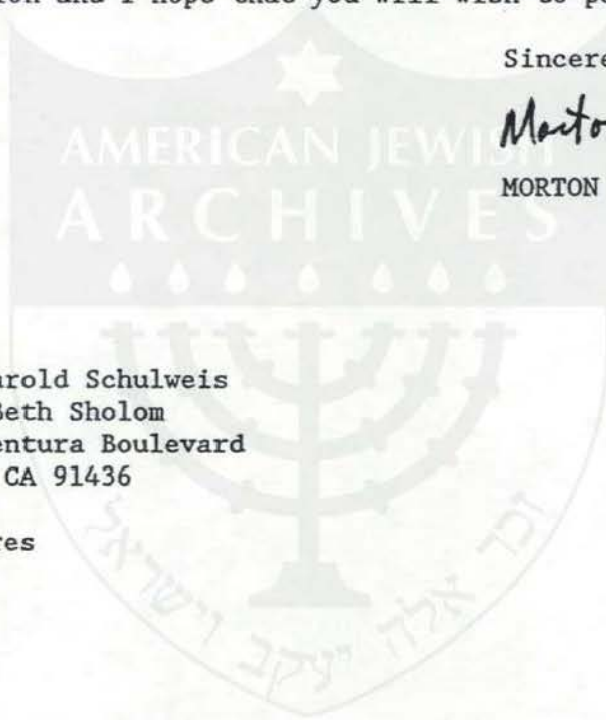
Sincerely,



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Harold M. Schulweis

Rabbi

July 21, 1988

Mr. Morton Mandel
4500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mr. Mandel:

I would very much like to join your Commission and would hope to be able to attend some of its meetings. I am however, as you know, actively involved in a congregation on the West Coast and have not in the past found it easy to attend meetings on the East Coast.

I am however deeply interested in the project and, given these limitations, I would be honored to join you.

Cordially,

Harold M. Schulweis
Rabbi

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J. Reimer

Interview with Rabbi Harold Schulweis (5/1/89)
One hour in his office

1. Rabbi Schulweis listened to the general direction of our work and agreed with that direction. Most of our conversation focused on his explaining the need for personnel training in family education - which is the latest focus of his attention in his congregation.
2. To summarize: Rabbi Schulweis has practiced a model of training selected lay members of the congregation to assume key educational roles alongside the professionals. He developed that in a para-rabbinics program and is now expanding it to a training family educators who will work in homes, family to family. The training is extensive, but there are no materials to use or any teachers to do the training. The rabbis will begin the process, but who will carry it on? There needs to be a new type of training education if this is to have any long term success.
3. As Rabbi Schulweis' focus is on synagogue life, I asked if he saw a need to develop a relationship among congregations, JCC's & Federation. He did see the need and admitted that rabbis can be too turf conscious. He would see the foundation as playing a crucial "shadchan" role in sponsoring formats in which first lay people and then professionals from these organizations could get to know one another's concerns and learn to bridge differences to find more common ground.
4. Rabbi Schulweis does not plan to attend on 6/14.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

TO: MLM MG FROM: VFL DATE: 10/13
NAME NAME
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REPLYING TO
YOUR MEMO OF: _____

SUBJECT:

On Sun., Oct. 29 Harold Schulweis will be speaking in Cleveland (see attached). If you are available to see him to try to involve him in the work of the Commission, I'll be glad to try to arrange a meeting. If you're not available, we suggest that we try to schedule a meeting for him with any 2 of Kurris, Hoffman, Ariel + Stein. (HLZ will be out of town.) Please advise.

Idm. - MG
Yansvinty or
Patner

Sorry - will not be able to attend - out of city
MLM

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CORRESPONDENCE



Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, spiritual leader of Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue in California's San Fernando Valley, is a nationally-respected theologian and prolific writer whose innovative approaches to congregational and communal affairs have earned him acclaim as a humanist.

A Conservative rabbi, he is known for such creative programs as the training of "para-rabbis" who serve as family counselors in a synagogue counseling center, assisting as many as 100 persons weekly, Jews and non-Jews alike. He also founded two organizations which recognize and benefit Christians who risked their lives to help Jews escape the Holocaust. And during the 60's he was active in the civil rights movement.

Rabbi Schulweis, who was ordained from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, is a graduate of Yeshiva College and holds a master's degree in philosophy from New York University and a doctorate in theology from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. He has received honorary doctoral degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Hebrew Union College as well as the Israel Prime Minister's Medal, the United Synagogue Social Actions Award and the American Jewish Committee's prestigious Akiba Award. He is the author of *Evil and the Morality of God* and has been a contributing editor and writer to many publications, including *Commentary*, *The Reconstructionist*, *Sh'ma* and the *National Jewish Monthly*.

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by

RABBI HAROLD M. SCHULWEIS

*spiritual leader of Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue
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**Sunday, October 29, 1989
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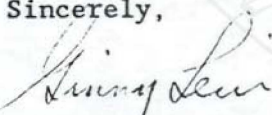
Dear Rabbi Schulweis:

I am sorry that we have been unable to arrange a meeting for you with Commission representatives during your time in Cleveland. We very much appreciate your interest in the Commission process and hope that you will provide us with your thoughts and suggestions to materials which we send you periodically.

We are pleased that the Los Angeles Commission on Jewish Education is underway and has been working closely with the Commission on Jewish Education in North America and look forward to continued involvement with that group.

Many thanks for your interest in the Commission.

Sincerely,



Virginia F. Levi
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Dear Rabbi Schulweis:

We had our sixth and final working meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education in North America in New York last month and are now preparing the Commission's final report. We had been listing you as a member of the Commission, but as you did not attend any meetings, we feel it would be unfair to list you as a Commission member in the final report.

If you have any questions, or care to make any comments about the work of the Commission, please contact me. I would be very pleased to hear from you.



Morton L. Mandel
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Education in N.A.
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Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Dear Mort:

You are quite correct, I have not been able to attend any of the meetings of the Commission and given my schedule and other commitments I don't think that the situation will alter.

I think it would be fairer to remove my name as a Commission member.

Needless to say, I am deeply interested and committed to the important work of the Commission and if I can be of any help I know you will feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

Harold M. Schulweis
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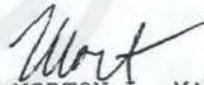
Dear Rabbi:

Thank you for your very gracious letter of July 19, and your offer to be of help to the follow-up work of the Commission.

I know of your very deep commitment to Jewish education where you have been making such a great impact. We'll certainly know that you are available and will be helpful.

Very warm regards.

Sincerely,



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