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Dear Mort, I was pleased to receive the bound volume of A Time to act. Thank you.

Your leadership is vital, sour commitment, understanding and enthusiasm are inspiring. I hope that we shall be able to initiate and inplement some significant measures.

With best vishes for the holiday of Perach,

Sincerely your

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March 21, 1991

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chairman Commission on Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mort:

Many thanks for your letter of March 12 and for the sentiments expressed therein which are greatly appreciated.

I am delighted to have the bound volume of "A Time to Act".

Kindest personal regards.

LJ:smv

### MATTHEW J. MARYLES

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March 20, 1991

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chairman Commission on Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mort:

Thank you for the bound volume of <u>A Time to Act</u>. It was a privilege to serve on the Commission, and I look forward to continuing to work with you on matters of mutual interest.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Maryles

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March 26, 1991

Mr. Morton L. Mandel Chairman Commission on Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mort:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 12, 1991, together with a personalized copy of the report "A Time to Act".

As I have indicated to you previously, it is an excellent report and an important contribution to Jewish education. But the real tribute should be reserved for you - for your leadership and vision.

How fortunate we are that there is a Mort Mandel - cajoling us - challenging us - inspiring us.

Susan joins in sending warmest best wishes for the Passover season to you and yours. We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 1991

Mr. Lester Crown President Henry Crown and Company 222 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2000 Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Lester:

I am pleased to send you the enclosed bound volume of  $\underline{A}$  Time to  $\underline{A}$ ct as an expression of my deep appreciation for all you did to make the Commission a success. I feel that the Commission achieved its mission.

On a personal note, it was a great pleasure to head the Commission, which was far and away the most stimulating and challenging group I have had the privilege to chair.

Most

MORTON L. MANDEL -- Chairman

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## Brandeis University

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March 25, 1991

Morton L. Mandel, Chairman Commission on Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mort,

I was moved to receive your letter and the very handsome inscribed volume of <u>A Time to Act</u>. As time gives me some distance, I have to say the Commission remains a highlight of my involvement in the Jewish community.

It is interesting how the Commission experience continues to reverberate through my life. Recently I received two engaging invitations to speak on my research for the Commission. The first comes from the Philadelphia Jewish community who invited me on April 22 to address one meeting of rabbis and educators and a second meeting of leading laypeople. Both audiences will be hearing a more indepth report on the synagogue's role in Jewish education.

A week later I will be joining Shulamith Elster in addressing a plenary session of the Rabbinical Assembly, the body of Conservative rabbis. While I believe Shulamith will update the rabbis on the CIJE, I will be asking "Should the synagogue continue to have a leading role in Jewish education?" I hope to be provocative in suggesting that if the rabbis do not get more involved in improving synagogue education, it could happen that other organizations will step in and take over more and more of the current role of the synagogue.

The on-going interest in the Commission is a clear testimony to its significance for our community. May we go from strength to strength and see a rejuvenation of Jewish education in our times.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Reimer

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March 21, 1991

Mr. Morton L. Mandel 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mort:

I was absolutely ecstatic to receive a bound volume of THE TIME TO ACT.

It is I who should thank you, not only for the wonderful book of your lifelong work, but for giving the quality of leadership you did to moving this thing down the road. I, for one, have great pride in being involved on a very minor level.

My very best to you, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

MARTIN S. KRAAR

Executive Vice President

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### Yeshiva University Office of the President

MAR 25 1991



March 20, 1991

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chairman Commission of Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Dear Mort:

Thank you very much for the handsome, bound volume of A Time to Act.

I am glad that you found the group as stimulating and challenging as you write. If a teacher derives satisfaction from his work, you can be sure that the students do too; similarly, if the Chairman of a group working on a concept which he originated finds such pleasure in his work, then the project is bound to succeed.

My best wishes for a happy Passover.

Cordially yours,

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March 21, 1991

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chairman Commission on Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Dear Mort:

I was thrilled to receive the bound volume of A Time to Act. It brings to a conclusion one of the most exhilarating experiences that I have ever had in my professional life.

Actually, it isn't really a conclusion but rather a way station. The effects of our meetings have stimulated me to do things in Ramaz and nourished the educational soil here so that many things will happen in the future that could be considered fruits of the work of the Commission.

I would like to take this opportunity, therefore, to thank you for a personally enriching experience and for something which will, please God, have an effect upon the work of Ramaz today and tomorrow.

Very cordially yours,

Haskel Lookstein

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Dear Mort:

I want to thank you for the hardbound copy of <u>A Time to Act</u> and the note that accompanied it. It was <u>my</u> pleasure to be able to participate in and (I hope) contribute to the Commission process.

In the last four weeks alone, I have been asked to speak about the Commission, its work, and its recommendations during visits to St. Louis, Chicago, Southern New Jersey, Palm Beach County, Denver, and to the Jewish Educators Assembly leadership. I think this testifies to the enormous grass-roots interest in the Commission and the enthusiastic response that I am sure the ongoing work of CIJE will receive. You have every reason to feel both proud and gratified.

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks and, of course, in Cleveland for the Continental Leadership Conference.

With my best wishes for a happy Pesach.

Cordially,

Jonathan S. Woocher



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Dear Mort:

Thank you so much for sending me the volume of A Time to Act.

It is another indication of the very significant contribution that has been made to our communal enterprise by the Commission.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate together.

Best wishes to you, Barbara and the family.

Cordially,

Stephen D. Solender

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Dear Mort:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me the bound volume of  $\underline{A}$  Time to  $\underline{Act}$ , including the personal inscription to me. You have every reason to be deriving great pleasure from this undertaking and the contribution it is making to advancing the cause of Jewish education in North America.

I look forward to the meeting on Tuesday, April 9. Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 1991

Mr. Morton Mandel Chairman Commission on Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Dear Mort:

I was pleased to receive the bound volume of "A Time to Act" and your expression of appreciation. It was an honor to serve on the Commission and to help it achieve its mission. I will treasure this book as a fond memento of these years.

I look forward to seeing you soon and to continuing our important work.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

Alfred Gottschalk

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Dearest Mort,

Seymour Fox President

Annette Hochstein Director I was tremendously excited to receive the hardback edition of A Time to Act from you. It is a publication into which we all put a great deal and, I believe, we are justly proud of both the outcome and the impact that it will have.

Receiving that special copy from you is an honor. I will treasure it.

Warmest regards,

Annette



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March 25, 1991

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chairman Commission on Jewish Education in North America 4500 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mort,

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I was very pleased to have the lovely copy of <u>A Time To Act</u> with the personalized dedication. I feel the publication is an excellent summary of the important work done by the Commission and, indeed, an historic step in upgrading Jewish education in North America. I was honored to have had the opportunity to play a modest role in the work of the Commission.

This past week was a "double header" victory for me in that I also received the published paper I wrote for the Commission on Informal Jewish Education.

I am also very excited about the opportunity to serve as a Senior Policy Advisor to the new Council on Initiatives in Jewish Education, which will be working to implement some of the ideas which emerged from the Commission.

It is always an honor and challenge to be associated with you in your leadership initiatives.

Warm regards.

Singerely,

Bernard Reisman Director HENRY L. ZUCKER 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103

April 8, 1991

Dear Mort:

Reading the comments by Commission members who expressed appreciation to you for the bound volume of  $\underline{A}$  Time to  $\underline{A}$ ct inspires me to add my voice to the others.

Getting away from something in which you work intensively gives you a chance to get a perspective on the subject. There is no doubt in my mind that the direct and <u>indirect</u> effects of the Commission's work has had and will have a major effect on the quality of Jewish education in America during the next generation.

The report certainly is a landmark event in American Jewish communal life. By far the most important ingredient is your imagination, drive, energy, inspired group leadership, and total commitment to the idea that we dare not lose the values attached to the continuity of the Jewish people.

On a personal note, I had great satisfaction from my small part in the work of the Commission. As you know, Jewish education has not been my field, and at this late date it is a satisfaction to be able to get involved in it, and to be able to do something constructive about it. At the Federation, I always looked to Sid Vincent for leadership in this field. He would be very pleased to see that, at long last, I have gotten involved.

The big job lies ahead, of course. The proof of the pudding will be in the CIJE.

Fondly,

Henry I. Zucke

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