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June 1, 1995

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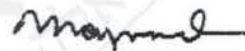
Dear Mort:

Thank you for the minutes of the last meeting of the Board and Executive Committee. I was sorry to have missed them.

I have a similar problem with regard to the November 2, 1995 meeting, since I will be in Israel attending a Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting at that time.

I am following with great interest and hope I get to be with you soon.

Sincerely,



Maynard I. Wishner

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September 29, 1995

Josie Mowlem
JCC Association
15 East 26th Street
New York, NY 10010

Dear Josie:

I am pleased to let you know that the forthcoming Board Meeting will begin with our third Jewish Education Seminar for CIJE board members and invited guests. Dr. Arthur Green, Philip W. Lown Professor of Jewish Thought at Brandeis University, will speak on "In Quest of a Future: The Jewish Seeker on the North American Landscape."

Dr. Green will talk about the current hour in Jewish history and the search for new directions that seems to occupy the spiritual lives of many Jews. What are the sources of this widespread quest for meaning? Both American and Western as well as specifically Jewish contexts of this quest will be discussed.

Bringing together his work as a historian of religion and as an authority on Jewish mysticism and theology, Dr. Green will reflect on the inner lives of American Jews and their relationship to the Jewish community in this challenging hour.

We have scheduled a dinner meeting of the Executive Committee to precede the seminar with Dr. Green. The dinner will take place at 6:00 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday November 1 at UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 130 East 59 St., New York, to be followed by the seminar at 8:00 p.m.


I am delighted to include a copy of "A Great Awakening," the talk delivered by Jonathan Sarna at the previous CIJE Jewish Education Seminar in April. Dr. Sarna's fascinating retrieval of the Jewish awakening at the turn of the century has powerful implications for our own revitalization today.

At the following day's Board Meeting, we will discuss the critical issue of professional leadership for Jewish educational institutions. We will also preview the results of the just-completed CIJE study of educational leaders in pre-schools, supplementary schools and day schools. Together we will examine the policy implications of these striking findings.

The Board Meeting of November 2, also at UJA/Federation, will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.; refreshments will be served from 9:00 a.m. We will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

We will soon be sending you advance materials as background for the meeting. In the meantime, please complete and return the enclosed reply form.

With best wishes for the year ahead.



MORTON L. MANDEL -- Chair





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October 6, 1995

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chair
CIJE
15 East 26 Street
New York, NY 10010-1579

Dear Mort:

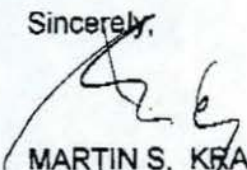
Thank you very much for your letter of September 29 advising me about your Jewish Educational Seminar as well as your Board of Directors Meeting.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend either, as I will be in Israel attending the Board of Governors Meeting of the Jewish Agency.

I regret that I cannot be there for I see it as my loss. CIJE is doing terrific things.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,



MARTIN S. KRAAR
Executive Vice President

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cc: Maynard Wishner

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October 6, 1995

Mr. Morton L. Mandel
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Re: CIJE

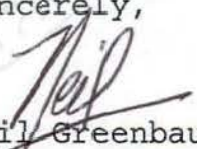
Dear Mort:

I just responded to your letter about the CIJE November 1st seminar and November 2nd Board meeting. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country. Rachel and I are taking a long postponed vacation.

I feel bad about missing these meetings and will do my best to make those in the future.

I hope to see you at the GA. In any event, I wish you and your family a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Neil Greenbaum

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Morton Mandel

October 9, 1995

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Dear Zeev,

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The seminar will take place on the evening of Wednesday, November 1 at UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 130 East 59 St., New York. We will gather for conversation and dessert at 7:30 p.m.; the program will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

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Executive Director

Alan Hoffmann

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Jack Nash

October 9, 1995

Mr. Morton L. Mandel
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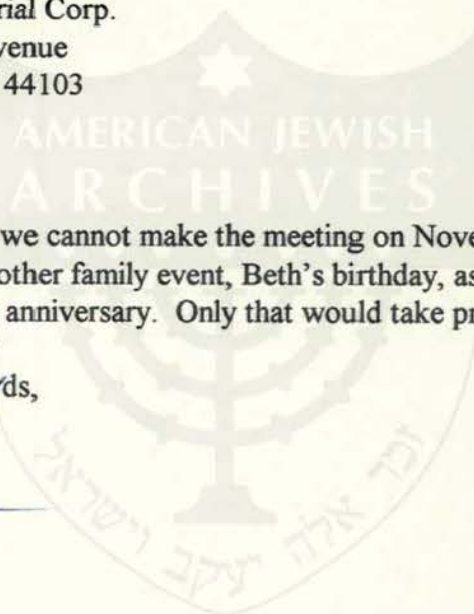
Dear Mort:

Unfortunately, we cannot make the meeting on November 1st.
There being another family event, Beth's birthday, as well as Beth
and Josh's first anniversary. Only that would take preference.

With best regards,



JN:rsi



Peggy Tishman
1095 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10128
Fax 328-4897

Board file

October 10, 1995

Mr. Morton L. Mandel
Chair
CIJE
15 East 26th Street
New York, NY 10010-1579

Dear Mort:

I am so sorry to miss the third Jewish Education Seminar with Dr. Arthur Green. We have tickets that evening to see "The Tempest" and they are so difficult to get that I cannot exchange them. I wanted you to know personally why I am unable to attend, and I can only hope that there will be some recording of the speech and discussion so that at least I can know what is said on that evening. I wanted you to have this personal note from me as checking a box seemed so impersonal.

I admire so much the work that you have been doing and continue to do to promote Jewish education and continuity.

Sincerely,

Peggy



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Stephen D. Solender
Executive Vice President

October 11, 1995

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

Dear Mort:

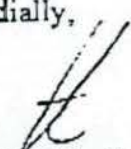
I just received your very gracious invitation to the November 1st Jewish Education Seminar.

I am only sorry that I will be in Israel attending the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting and, consequently, unable to be present.

The program looks most interesting. I will look forward to receiving reports of the discussions. I also look forward to reading the pamphlet that was written by Jonathan D. Sama.

I hope you, Barbara and the family are well and enjoying the holiday season. Eisa and I want to send to both you and your children our very best wishes for the New Year. L' Shana Tova!

Cordially,



Stephen D. Solender

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October 20, 1995

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Dear Susan:

I have been holding my breath that it will indeed be possible to see you at the CIJE board meeting on November 2. As you probably know from the mail, we will be talking together about the indispensable role of leaders in Jewish educational institutions. I think you will find both the data and the discussion pertinent to the Covenant Foundation's emphases, as you described them to me in Chicago.

Thank you so much for your receptivity to the essays I sent you. I hope that at some point you will find time to read the Jonathan Sarna essay included in your invitation to the CIJE board seminar (evening of November 1) and meeting. I found it very inspiring to hear a young historian uncover the role of women and "outsiders" to the Jewish world in revitalizing American Jewish life at the turn of the last century.

With best wishes for a peaceful and productive New Year.

Nessa

Nessa Rapoport

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October 20, 1995

Dr. Jerry Stein
2510 West Dean Road
Milwaukee, WI 53217

Dear Jerry,

I understand that you plan to be in New York on November 1 and 2, the dates of the upcoming Board seminar and meeting for CIJE. We would love to have you join us for both events, if you are able.

The seminar will be given by Dr. Arthur Green of Brandeis University on "In Quest of a Future: The Jewish Seeker on the North American Landscape." It will be held on Wednesday, November 1 at 8:00 p.m. at UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 130 East 59 Street, New York. It will be preceded by coffee and dessert at 7:30 p.m.

The Board meeting is set for Thursday, November 2, also at UJA/Federation. Refreshments will be served from 9:00 a.m., with the meeting beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. and concluding by 3:30 p.m.

Please complete and fax back the enclosed reply form, or call my office (212-532-2360) with your attendance plans. We very much hope to see you there.

Best wishes.

ALAN D. HOFFMANN -- Executive Director



BALTIMORE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 23, 1995

Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chair
CIJE
15 E. 26th Street
New York, NY 10010-1579

Dear Mr. Mandell:

Thank you very much for your kindness in inviting me to participate in the third Jewish Education Seminar at CIJE on Wednesday, November 1. Unfortunately, I teach a graduate class in Jewish Studies that evening, and according to our principle of *Talmud Torah k'neged koolam*, I have to give priority to my graduate class.

However, I very much appreciate your inviting me and I hope I will be able to participate in future CIJE functions of this type. I also very much appreciate your sending me the article by Jonathan Sarna. Jon is a first-rate scholar whom I have known for many years, and I look forward to reading his article.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert O. Freedman
Acting President

ROF/jb

January 3, 1996

Melvin Merians
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10021

Dear John:

I am delighted that you were able to attend the November CIJE Board and Executive Committee meetings. As you know, the Board meeting's centerpiece was the critical role of leadership in revitalizing Jewish educational institutions. In 1996, CIJE will expand our current work and initiate new programs in this essential area. The minutes of both meetings are enclosed.

Building on the success of our 1994 leadership institute, CIJE and Harvard University will hold the next principals' leadership institute in March, titled "Leadership and Vision for Jewish Education." We are also entering the second year of our project, "Transforming the Supplementary School Educator," with the support of the Nathan Cummings Foundation. In Jerusalem this summer, we will begin an exciting collaboration with leading Jewish professors of education from American universities, enabling us to draw on cutting edge work in general education to benefit Jewish education and CIJE's work.

As all of us reflect on what makes a difference in deepening Jewish knowledge and commitment, the area of summer camping stands out in its importance and potential. Under the CIJE Goals Project, we will embark this year on a new initiative with the JCC Association in "vision-guided" Jewish camps. We will also publish, in early 1996, the latest volume in the CIJE Best Practices series, "Best Practices in JCC Jewish Education."

At the next Board meeting, we will report in greater detail on these projects and others. Please mark your calendar. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 1996, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Again, we will begin with an Executive Committee dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by a CIJE Board Seminar at 7:45 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, May 1.

Best personal regards.

Morton L. Mandel--Chair

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Morton Mandel

January 3, 1996

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Felix Posen
24 Kensington Gate
London, England W85NA

Dear Felix:

Honorary Chair
Max Fisher

We are pleased to send you the minutes of the last two CIJE Board meetings, and we will send you the minutes of future meetings.

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Frankly, as we have discussed, a CIJE in the UK might do wonders.

Incidentally, we have been pleased to have Stephanie join us for the last two meetings, and look forward to her continued participation.

It was wonderful to be with you in Jerusalem last month. Best personal regards.



Morton L. Mandel--Chair

Executive Director
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Executive Director
Alan Hoffmann

May 17, 1995

Alan Hoffmann
CIJE
15 East 26th St., Rm 1010
New York, NY 10010

Dear Alan:

I am delighted that you were able to attend the CIJE meetings last month. As you can see from the enclosed minutes, this coming summer will be an exciting one for CIJE, as we embark on a three-year project, "Transforming the Supplementary School Educator," with the generous support of the Nathan Cummings Foundation. CIJE will also build on the Jerusalem Goals Seminar of 1994 in creating vision-driven institutions, and expand its work into new communities. As we intensify our efforts to train mentor teachers for Jewish educators in the field, we will also begin to examine the critical role of informal Jewish education in shaping knowledgeable and committed American Jews.

There will be much to report at the November board meeting. Please mark your calendar. The meeting will be held at UJA/Federation in New York City, on Thursday, November 2, 1995. It will begin with an Executive Committee meeting and CIJE Board Seminar on the evening of Wednesday, November 1.

Best personal regards.

Mort

MORTON L. MANDEL -- Chair