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December 28, 1992

Mr. Morton L. Mandel Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education 163 Third Avenue #128 New York, NY 10003

Dear Mort:

I regret that I will be unable to be at the meeting of the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education on Thursday, February 25, 1993.

Unfortunately, the meeting is occurring toward the end of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors Meetings. Corky Goodman and I both must be there.

I regret this very much, and I hope that I will join you future meetings.

Sincerely,

MARTIN S. KRAAR Executive Vice President

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#### First Letter to Executive Committee

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Dear «SALUTATION»:

This is a reminder that we look forward to your participation in the CIJE Board of Directors meeting slated from February 25th. I would like to begin the day with a meeting of our Executive Committee at 10:30 a.m.

In addition, I hope you will join our Annual Meeting which will starts at 12:00 p.m. We have invited a distinguished group of incividuals from the Jewish communal and education fields and I am sure their reactions and comments to the Lead Communities Project will provide much food for thought.

Thursday, February 25, 1993

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (including Lunch) 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

CIJE BOARD MEETING

JESNA Conference Rooms 730 Broadway New York, NY (Dietary Laws Observed)

If you have not already done so, please call Art Rotman or Jo Ann Schaffer at (212) 532-1961 to confirm your attendance at one or both of these meeting. I look forward to seeing you then.



Morton L. Mandel

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MEMO TO: CIJE Executive Committee Morton L. Mandel, Chair January 29, 1993

This is to remind you of the upcoming meetings of the CIJE.

Thursday, February 25, 1993 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 10:30 a.m. - noon 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING (including lunch--dietary laws observed) 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. CIJE BOARD MEETING

Please note that due to the large response we have moved the location of the meetings to: UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies 130 East 59th Street New York, NY

We will hear a progress report of CIJE activities, including reports of developments in the Lead Communities, a report about our Best Practices project, a report of plans for monitoring and evaluation of the Lead Communities work, and other key developments.

Our work during the past months has been led by Art Rotman with the help of the JCCA staff. We are indebted to Art and to the JCCA for their assistance and leadership. Executive staff leadership will now be assumed by Henry L. Zucker in our Cleveland office. Art Rotman will stay on as a senior staff consultant.

If you have not already notified us of your attendance, please do so by calling 212-532-1961 by February 10, if possible.

I look forward to seeing you on February 25 and send my best personal regards.





## The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education

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January 19, 1993

Morton Mandel **Council For Initiatives In** Jewish Education 163 Third Avenue #128 New York, New York 10003

Dear Mort,

I applaud all of your efforts in the CIJE, and your work with the Lead Communities While I am certainly interested in hearing more information, I am Project. unfortunately unable to be in New York for your annual meeting on Thursday, February 25th. Thanks anyway for the invitation.

All of us at CAJE encourage your important work, and look forward to the opportunities when we might collaborate more to advance Jewish education. Best personal regards.

Shalom,

Michael

Michael A. Weinberg Rabbi

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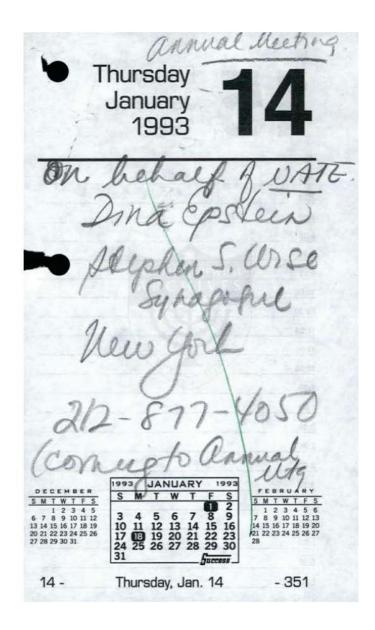
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COUNCIL FOR INITIATIVES IN JEWISH EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING February 25, 1993 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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- 11. Plans for Board Meeting in Lead Communities
- Monitoring, Evaluation, and Feedback Project Progress Report (Chair & III. Professional Respond)
- IV. **Pilot Projects**

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Jason G. Cury, Gruss & Company	V	
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#### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEBRUARY 24-26, 1993

#### WEDNESDAY. FEBRUARY 24

11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Professional Steering Committee Participants: S. Elster, S. Fox, E. Goldring, S. Greenfield, A. Hochstein, S. Hoffman, B. Holtz, M. Kraar, G. Levi, A. Naparstek, J. Ukeles, J. Woocher, (J.A. Schaffer) Bill Ber Chai e.

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#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

LOCATION: JESNA, 730 Broadway, New York, NY

10:30 a.m12:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting - Bullion E
12:00 p.m2:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting Brithum A
2:00 p.m3:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - Bullim B
3:30 p.m5:00 p.m.	Debriefing Meeting Participants: S. Elster, S. Fox, E. Goldring, S. Greenfield, A. Hochstein, S. Hoffman, B. Holtz, M. Kraar, G. Levi, A. Naparstek, J. Ukeles, J. Woocher, (J.A. Schaffer)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

.m. Professional Advisory Committee on Lead Communities

#### Participants:

S Elster, S. Fox, E. Goldring, S. Greenfield, A. Hochstein, S. Hoffman, B. Holtz, M. Kraar, G. Levi, A. Naparstek,

A. Rotman, J.A. Schaffer, J. Ukeles, J. Woocher.

MINUTES:	CIJE Executive Committee
DATE OF MEETING:	February 25, 1993
DATE MINUTES ISSUED:	March 16, 1993
PRESENT:	Mandell Berman, Charles Bronfman, John Colman, Seymour Fox, Neil Greenbaum, Annette Hochstein, Stephen Hoffman, Mark Lainer, Virginia Levi, Morton Mandel, Matthew Maryles, Melvin Merians, Charles Ratner, Esther Leah Ritz, Henry Zucker

#### I. The Role of the Executive Committee and Board

The Chair opened the meeting by reminding the committee that CIJE has a chair, four vice chairs, and an Executive Committee and that the function of the Executive Committee relative to the full board remains yet to be clearly defined. He suggested that the board continue to meet twice annually and that we consider holding Executive Committee meetings on a quarterly basis. The Executive Committee could make decisions between board meetings and consider complex issues before they were presented to the board.

In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that the Executive Committee be used as a sounding board for issues and policy proposals, but that the board be empowered to make final decisions. The value of the full board working together was emphasized. It was noted that the board is a diverse and strong group which should be fully involved in the decisionmaking process. It was suggested that position papers be prepared prior to board meetings so that board members could come better prepared to discuss issues.

#### II. Management of CIJE

Committee members were reminded that Steve Hoffman served as acting director of CIJE from its inception until a more permanent arrangement could be made. This was followed by a period during which Art Rotman and the JCCA staff provided leadership. It was concluded that we need to find a top-notch professional prepared to devote full-time to the work of CIJE. In the meantime, leadership has moved back to Cleveland where Henry Zucker and Virginia Levi will coordinate CIJE activities with the close involvement of Steve Hoffman.

Currently the full-time staff includes Shulamith Elster, Chief Education Officer, and the three field researchers. Barry Holtz is devoting part time to the Best Practices project and will begin a two-year stint of full-time work with CIJE in June 1993. Annette Hochstein and Seymour Fox are consulting on content issues; Adam Gamoran and Ellen Goldring provide leadership for the monitoring, evaluation and feedback project; and Art Naparstek is working on support development. In addition, other consultants are being turned to as appropriate.



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> In discussion, the group considered what might attract a full-time director to CIJE. It was suggested that we are looking for a person with strong managerial and administrative skills who can serve as a strong advocate and who has the vision to work with an emerging organization. The position offers such a person the opportunity "to make dreams a reality." Executive Committee members were encouraged to inform the chair of any potential candidates of whom they are aware.

#### III. Working through Committees

Three committee chairs have been identified as follows:

- 1. Best Practices John Colman
- 2. Lead Communities Charles Ratner
- 3. Monitoring, Evaluation and Feedback Esther Leah Ritz

Executive Committee members suggested that all board members be assigned to committees and that the work of CIJE be carried on through these committees. It was agreed that a list of committees will be circulated to all board members, who will be invited to indicate their preferences. These committees can then begin working with the activities now being undertaken in the Lead Communities.

#### IV. Summary of Activities

Henry Zucker and Steve Hoffman provided a brief summary of recent activities of CIJE, noting that more detail would be provided later in the day. It was noted that the three Lead Communities have been selected and that CIJE staff teams have visited each of them several times. Work has begun in designing CIJE's role in each local community, noting that it will vary according to each community's needs.

Efforts continue in the area of fund development. Both the Blaustein and Cummings Foundations have now committed funds for support of CIJE projects. Conversations are under way with several additional foundations.

The monitoring, evaluation and feedback project has begun with the placement of a field researcher in each community and initial interviews with key players in the communities. The field researchers have been in place since fall and are establishing baseline data. There has been some question about the role of the researchers and their acceptance in the communities. As this is clarified and as it becomes apparent that the researchers are a resource to the communities, they are being more generally accepted. It was noted that the communities need to understand that the evaluation is for the purpose of informing not just the three communities but all of North America on what does and does not work in this experimental process. CIJE Executive Committee February 25, 1993

> In response to a question about the level of satisfaction within the three communities, it was noted that there was a need for the roles of CIJE and the communities to be clarified. The Lead Community concept itself is new and evolving. As dialogue continues, we are clarifying expectations, and truly making progress.

> A Planning Guide has now been drafted and shared with each of the three communities. The first Best Practices volume, focusing on work with the supplementary schools, has been completed and distributed to the three communities.

It was noted that if repositioning and revitalizing Jewish education were an easy process, it would have been done long ago. CIJE will learn from its efforts, and pass that learning on to others everywhere who are concerned about Jewish education.

While progress is being made, this is not apparent beyond the people directly involved. The importance of better communication with a larger public was noted.

#### V. Work of the Reform Movement

Mel Merians reported on a recent conference of the Reform movement which included top leaders of Hebrew Union College, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the major rabbinic and major educators organizations, and the Reform Commission on Jewish Education. These groups were updated on the work of CIJE and the Lead Communities and discussed how they might contribute to the project. They agreed to cooperate fully and are prepared to send delegates to the Lead Communities to offer support and special assistance.

It was noted that the support of the movements is critical to the success of this project and the Reform movement was applauded for its positive action.

#### VI. Funding Base

Mr. Mandel noted his belief that CIJE is a worthy idea being implemented at the right time. He indicated that CIJE has not yet been widely accepted as a continental institution, but still remains closely identified with the Mandel name. He believes that it would serve the Jewish community more effectively if CIJE were perceived as a full communal enterprise. This is an item for further discussion with the Executive Committee. At present, the Mandel family is supporting CIJE disproportionately until CIJE can develop the broader base of support it needs.

It was suggested by several that each member of the Board be asked to contribute to the core budget and noted that this would help them to develop a greater sense of commitment. It was reported that a meeting is being arranged with the presidents and executives of CIJE's partners--CJF, JCCA, and JESNA--at which this will be discussed. Following that meeting, the outcomes will be reported promptly to the Executive Committee.