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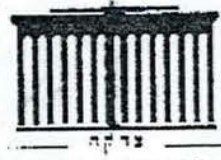
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Morton L. Mandel  
Henry L. Zucker

cc: Virginia Levi

FROM: Stephen H. Hoffman

David Sarnat called the other day to tell me that Gerald Cohen, the CIJE board member from Atlanta, would like to retire from active duty. Gerald is an older member of our board, though he has been a faithful attendee. You may remember that we had to encourage Gerald to join the board because he was reluctant to travel even then. He is a past president of the Atlanta Federation and a major supporter of Jewish education and conservative Judaism in Atlanta. He's also just a wonderful human being.

David has suggested that we consider replacing Gerald with another Atlanta leader, Jay Davis, a young man in his early 40s. He and his father (who is 85) gave a million dollars to the Atlanta Federation for an endowment in Jewish education. David tells me that Jay is still being developed as a constructive leader and is in need of a significant amount of support and education as to community process, politics, etc. It was David's suggestion that we consider inviting the three execs of our lead communities to CIJE board meetings in the future. This would give David a "cover" to be in attendance and to help with the education and cultivation of Jay Davis.

I think we should consider this recommendation positively. The more young, potentially significant players we can identify in the communities, the easier our job will be, and we will also be doing a service for our lead communities, such as I think we are doing with Dan Bader in Milwaukee.

You will, I believe, also be pleased to know that David was much more positive coming out of the staff meetings with the lead communities last week than he was going in. Coming from David, this is "high praise." His usual style is to tell you nothing when he's happy and only to let you know when he's not.

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Dear Jay:

We are most appreciative of the commitment of the Davis family to support for Jewish education in Atlanta. In light of that interest, we would like to invite you to serve on the Board of Directors of the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education. CIJE has as its long term goal to upgrade the quality of Jewish education in North America to ensure Jewish continuity. Enclosed is a list of current board members.

You can be helpful, as a member of our board, in the work of CIJE with Atlanta as a Lead Community. We hope to demonstrate successes in Atlanta which can be documented and implemented in other communities.

I understand that you share our interest in Jewish education and believe that your involvement on the Board would be helpful to us. I hope that you would also find our work as important and stimulating as I do.

We meet three times a year in New York, with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 26, noon to 4:00 p.m. I hope your schedule will permit you to attend the Board meeting. Details will be sent shortly.

If you have any questions about this, I encourage you to discuss our work with David Sarnat at the Atlanta Jewish Federation.

I look forward to hearing from you, and send my best regards.



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Mr. Jay Davis

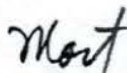
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Dear Jay:

I was pleased to learn that you have agreed to serve on the board of the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education and that you will be attending the board meeting in New York on August 26. I believe that your involvement on the Board will be helpful to us and hope that you will find our work as important and stimulating as I do.

I have asked Steve Hoffman, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, who has been working with CIJE since its inception, to call and fill you in on our work. I look forward to seeing you next month.



MORTON L. MANDEL -- Chair

cc: Steve Hoffman