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FROM: Barry Holtz

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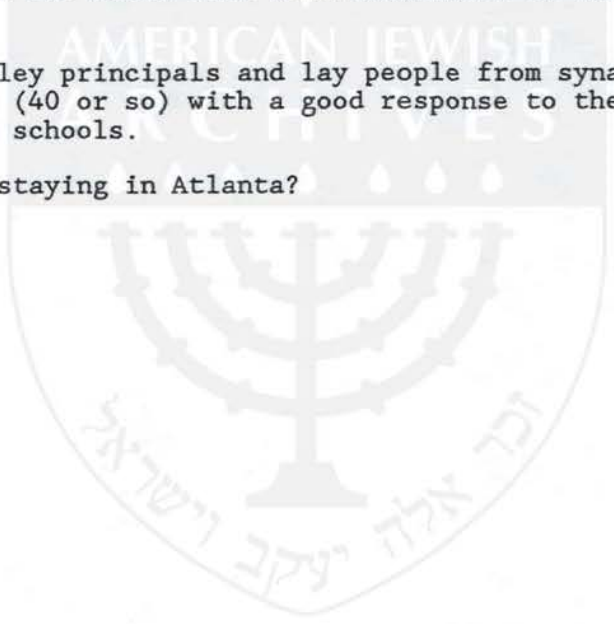
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A question: where are we all staying in Atlanta?



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Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education

To: Mort Mandel

From: Barry W. Holtz
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Date: April 6, 1995
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Dear Mort,

I spoke with Mark Lainer today about the upcoming board meeting. He is not going to be able to come, but he asked me to let you know directly why he is not. Basically, he seems to be very busy these days with board commitments to JESNA, HIAS and CJF. He told me he is running around so much, he doesn't have time to come. But he seemed quite concerned that you should know that this is not out of a lack of interest in CIJE. He doesn't like to be seen as a person who doesn't live up to his obligations.

I think that he wants to stay on the board and he told me that if he moves into a high position in CJF's allocations committee (I probably have the name of this committee wrong, but I'm sure you know what he means), that he will then have to resign his board positions with JESNA and HIAS, in which case he will have more time for us. It appears to me that he will be moving in that direction so I think we may "get him back."

He sounded quite sincere to me. As I've heard from him before, he has great respect for you and your work and he said if you wanted to speak to him directly about this, he'd be pleased to tell you directly what he has told me. I assured him (I hope this was not out of line) that I had heard no rumblings from you that you didn't want him on the board simply because he had missed these meetings and that the purpose of my call was to indicate that we **did** want him to be involved with us.

I don't think it's necessary to call him unless you feel that you should. I would be happy to tell him that I was in touch with you and your message to him was---whatever you want that to be.

Best
Barry

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