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September 20, 1991

Mr. Charles Ratner
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Dear Chuck:

I hope that you will accept this invitation to join the board of the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education. This is, as you know, the successor to the Commission on Jewish Education in North America. An initial organization meeting of the board was held in April. I am enclosing copies of the minutes and of the materials which were distributed at that meeting. A second meeting was held in August, for which background materials are also enclosed. I will send the minutes of that meeting shortly.

We are at work developing criteria for establishing Lead Communities, for undertaking a Best Practices project, and for developing a means to monitor, evaluate and provide feedback to the Lead Communities. In addition, steps have been taken to develop a North American research capability. We have engaged Dr. Isa Aron of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion to conduct a scan of research currently available.

Of particular interest is that as of July 1, Dr. Shulamith Elster became the full-time chief education officer of CIJE. She has served as Headmaster of Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Maryland. We are currently involved in a search for a full-time chief professional officer which we hope to complete by the end of the year.

The next meeting of the CIJE board, which will also be the first annual meeting of a larger advisory group, has been scheduled for:

Thursday, January 16, 1992
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (luncheon included)
UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York
130 East 59th Street
New York City

Please call me (391-8300) to indicate your willingness to join the board. I look forward to seeing you soon, and send my warmest wishes for a happy new year.



Morton L. Mandel
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January 12, 1995

Charles Ratner
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Dear Chuck,

As I indicated to you in an earlier letter, CIJE has initiated a process to identify a successor to Alan Hoffmann, whose commitment to CIJE extends through August, 1996. The executive search firm, The Phillips Oppenheim Group, has been retained for this purpose. I know they have been in touch with you and thank you for the time you have already given to this effort.

The task of selecting a chief executive for any organization is one of the most important contributions lay leaders are called upon to do, in my judgement. The CIJE steering committee is the lay group best qualified to make this initial decision. I would, therefore, like to ask you to serve as a member of the **search committee** together with Esther Leah Ritz, John Colman, Lester Pollack, and myself.

I am aware that this is an additional demand on your time, and we will try to hold meetings in conjunction with steering and board meetings. We plan to end the February 14 Steering Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. and pull together the search committee from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Our meetings for the day will conclude at 3:30 p.m., as originally planned.



MORTON L. MANDEL - Chair