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Green, Arthur and Valerie Sandler. Restoring the Aleph and Study Guide. Planning correspondence and drafts, 1996-1998.

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October 28 Staff Telecon
Agenda

- I. Staff Learning
- II. Agenda for Wexner Meeting
 - Recruitment of Professionals

III. MLM's Board Idea

IV. ~~Aryeh Rubin: Preliminary Report~~

W/Barry

Art Green

V. Aloha Meeting Update

VI. Publications Policy

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- In the consciousness of A. Rubin
- Delighted to hear it; happy to loop in ex. way
- Not a great believer in study guides.

VII. Phoenix School

VIII. Cohort 3

IX. ~~GA Mailing~~

- Guiding questions - exp. (their own relig.; others)
- Bibliography
- Personalized; belated
- Ask J. Reimer:
- Valerie Sandler - 2nd yr. Hornet; ed.
- Yale grad, - very smart
- qualified?

X. Torah U'mesorah

Budget

- \$1000.
- Sheila -

- 8x10 - 4 p. foldout - some color on cover

- Liz Sheehan:

Sorin?

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(JCS) is Jewish education. I'm now in my second year, and will graduate
in 1998. I am a Wexner Graduate Fellow. I eventually hope to pursue a PhD
in Judaic Studies and work as a community educator. I am especially interested
in Modern Jewish History and issues affecting American Jews in particular.
As far as prior education, I graduated from Yale in 1994 with a degree in
American Studies, and spent a year in Israel on the Dorot Fellowship. While
there, I studied at Pardes part-time and worked in the Yad Vashem Education
Department for six months.

Now a bit about my conception of the study guide. As I understand it
through my contact with Prof. Green, we are working on a study guide to ac-
company the "Restoring the Aleph" essay. The study guide will be given to
members of congregations across movements, and will allow them to engage
the issues raised in it on a personal level. The study guide is something
that will be used on a short-term basis, ie. congregants will use it for a one-
or two- or three-session program, and nothing more. I also gathered from
our congregation that the study guide should be compelling enough for
rabbis to WANT to use it!

Prof. Green and I met just once so far to review some major areas of interest to be covered in the text of the study guide. I certainly understood the meeting to be the first of a series of discussions we'd have over the next month, as we revised the guide together. So far we've decided the following topics are important to cover in the guide for congregants:

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-----Nessa, please understand that this is a very rough sketch of the ideas we've discussed so far. What I'm trying to do now, before we meet again, is to draw really concrete connections between the ideas listed above. At this point I imagine Prof. Green and I will meet again pretty soon. I'll be in touch with you as things develop. If you need any more info. at this point, don't hesitate to e-mail or call...

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Thanks for the update. I'll be sending it around and will get back to you on the fee and other matters as they come up.

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Karen, 104440,2474

Re: Art Green: Update

On Monday, after our staff meeting, I got a call from Valerie Sandler, the student Art Green and Joe Reimer chose to write the curriculum guide. She had already met with Art and embarked on the project. Rather than try to describe to you how far this seems to have moved along, I asked her to send me an e-mail giving an update that I would pass on to the staff. And so I am. Barry and Gail, perhaps this document will help you identify which curriculum expert can supervise this project. (I did interject the idea that there may need to be such a person.)

Alan/Karen: Barry had told me that the customary fee for such an expert, were he/she writing it, would be \$1000. I need to tell Valerie what she'll be paid (presumably not nearly that much), keeping in mind that I'll need to give Aryeh Rubin another fee for the "expert." Also, I realized late in the day that we will have to include in the budget the possibility of going back to press, should enough people decide as a result of our mailing to create these contexts.

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I promise this is the last thing...

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Okay, I think that's it.

Thanks for your patience with an email system that really limits editing
capability!

valerie

TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122 11/6/96

Re: Art Green preliminary update

Well, we're cooking with gas here. Art was delighted and agreed not only to the idea but to work on it directly. He has a graduate student he thinks highly of and has already begun.

I have located the right lists to buy for rabbis; I'm getting a printing budget for the guide; estimating postage; estimating a modest print run to accommodate requests should we succeed in turning on America to this idea; etc.

My mental estimate is over \$10,000 and under \$20,000, but I'll be a lot more specific after the GA next week, when all my figures are in.

You had said you weren't the type to have your name in a box on such publications. Do you still feel that way as this begins to become concrete?!

I will not ask re family news but await your personal Jewish continuity report, b'shaah tovah.

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Alan/Karen: Barry had told me that the customary fee for such an expert, were he/she writing it, would be \$1000. I need to tell Valerie what she'll be paid (presumably not nearly that much), keeping in mind that I'll need to give Aryeh Rubin another fee for the "expert." Also, I realized late in the day that we will have to include in the budget the possibility of going back to press, should enough people decide as a result of our mailing to create these contexts.

Nessa

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FROM: Barry, 73321,1221

TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370

DATE: 11/7/96 10:39 PM

Re: Art Green: Update

Hi

I think this piece looks like a very good start by her. I think we (including Gail) should probably have a phone meeting with her (and maybe Art) in a short while about this.

As to the money: I think that \$600 would be fine. \$1000 is probably too low for an expert, by the way, as I think about it.

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Dear Nessa,
Thanks for your note. To touch base, let me just say that things are moving
along. I wrote a draft of the study guide that Art liked quite a bit. Now
we are getting a second opinion from Hornstein ed. people like Susan Shevitz.

I'm sorry I didn't connect with you last week. I was at the G.A. and things
were extremely hectic before I left. But now I'm back in town, at least
until Thanksgiving.

That fee sounds very reasonable, and again, thanks for understanding.

Valerie

p.s. I'll write back as soon as I can with a precise time when we can send
you what we have. It should be soon; I appreciate all the things that have
to get done to complete the project.

FROM: Alan, 73321,1220
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 11/9/95 1:21 AM

Re: Pressing

NR,
SORRY I HAD TO CUT OFF SO ABRUPTLY, AMITAL WAS POWERFUL, THE REST OF THE ASEFA WAS NOT.

SEE MY INSERTS.

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From: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
TO: Alan, 73321,1220
DATE: 11/8/95 6:30 PM

RE: Pressing

Alan, there are important matters falling between the cracks for all the reasons we know. I am not getting answers to my questions about GA publications
SEND ME THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN POINT FORM, I DID NOT BRING YOUR "CARRYFILE" WITH ME;

about who's REALLY staffing those workshops MY SUGGESTION IS THAT YOU AND BARRY AND GAIL MAKE A DECISION THIS EVENING WHEN BARRY IS BACK AND I WILL SUPPORT YOU..

. Leora Isaacs called me yesterday to say that Susan Shevitz needs to know how long she is speaking. Leora wants to know if she's right in telling Susan that the focus of the research and evaluation workshop will be less on what we have all learned from our specific projects and more on how r & e can be used for Jewish educational change. I DON'T MIND THAT BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE ELLEN A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT OUR WORK AND DISTRIBUTE THE POLICY BRIEF PLUS PLUS.

And is she right that each speaker should be for ten minutes? SOUNDS O.K. TO ME. ELLEN SHOULD HAVE A COUPLE OF OVERHEADS, I HOPE, TO DEMONSTRATE

And should she (IS THIS SUSAN OR LIORA? LIORA IS DEFINITELY IN THE BACKGROUND)speak for 10 minutes too or is she more in the background?

And do we know that Bill Berman needs a script for his chairing the session? (She says that even notes are not as good for him as a script. THAT'S GREAT - GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO FRAME THE ENTIRE SESSION. DON'T LET LIORA GET INTO THIS - DO IT YOURSELF WITH ELLEN'S HELP.

IN GENERAL I SUGGEST A SHORT SESSION BEFORE FRIDAY IN WHICH ALL THE PRESENTERS (WITHOUT BILL) AND THE STAFF GET TOGETHER TO GO OVER THE SESSION. MAYBE LATE THURSDAY NIGHT. I WILL COME BUT CONFIRM WITH DEBRA.

) I got an e-mail from Woocher with a possible script for MLM that I haven't yet read. Should I

fax it to you? ABSOLUTELY YES AND WOOCHEER SHOULD KNOW THAT I WILL DISCUSS IT WITH MLM ON SUNDAY IN NYC.

The next paragraph is a Nessa-Alan communication:

Aryeh Rubin: He called me today; we spoke for half an hour. He is potentially interested in us and is prepared to fund things tomorrow--like a half hour CD of Art Green's talk with documents you can click onto. (His background is publishing and he would like to see a laptop on the desk of every day school kid, etc.) But he has some questions: Who's the visionary leader of CIJE? He heard bright people and corporate speech but who's the Moshe? He sees himself as a gadfly who wants to make things happen, and in his inquiries about CIJE he heard...Etc. All of this is classic lay person's stuff, which I honor. And, as you well know, vision is not my problem! I spoke about why I'm here and why I believe we can make a difference. And I told him that even with great technology on every desk, if the teachers don't believe in it and don't know how to use it... Let alone the ideological problems of ANY materials for different denominations. I also told him that I have no interest in "selling" CIJE to him; it takes a long time to make change, and even though (I said) I think both his energy and expertise are a good match for us, I would want him to know much more about us to see, as I said, "how we might be able to be helpful to him." I encouraged him to meet with the two of us at length after Thanksgiving; he is so eager he would have tried for before. But he is also "sold" on technology and wants something quick--despite the fact that he is running into the same community process issues in Florida that all of us know so much about. Alan, I need someone to sit down with me and give me a strategic approach to this kind of overture, because I don't think he's going to be the last to cross my path. (I happen to LOVE talking about Jewish education to lay people who want to make a difference, but I need a mentor. Who is that person? You? Seymour?)

Please take me seriously about this, because I think that with the right concrete ideas (as pieces of our big dream) many wonderful people could be brought on board. I am also intrigued by the possibilities of Jewish women philanthropists and my bond with them. As I know you have sensed, I am frustrated by my desire to keep the big picture (which includes new blood for CIJE) firmly on our near horizon, and to continually challenge ourselves to ask how our day-to-day work addresses our commitment to our mission. People are so hungry for a big dream they can be part of--and we have to be asking ourselves, always, how we can infuse our daily work with that excitement that it deserves, and communicate that to non-professionals. I feel more strongly than ever that we are not doing sufficient justice to this part of our mission, and I want to be part of an ongoing conversation about this. With whom? And from whom can I learn?

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COMMENTS:

Please hold for
Nessa Rapoport
Guest

Hi Nessa:

Hope all is going well and you are actually getting some sleep!

Attached please find a 1 page fax from Aryeh Rubin. I thought you would at the least, find it interesting, and at the most, want to respond even before you return to work on Monday. I will pass a copy on to DSP for ADH.

Robin

Sarah

FAX

Date: Thursday, November 16, 1995

Time: 7:07:00 AM

1 **Pages**

To: Nessa Rapoport
CIJE

From: Aryeh Rubin

Fax: 212 532 2646
Voice:

Fax: (305) 868-0065
Voice: (305) 868-0092

Comments:

Dear Nessa:

Hope all is well.

I will be routing through New York on Dec 7 and 8 on a return trip from China. Will Alan and yourself be available for lunch or for an early afternoon meeting. The 8th is my preference but I am flexible. Please advise.

Do you have an Email number?

Best regards.

Aryeh Rubin

TO: Valerie Sandler, INTERNET:sandler@binah.cc.brandeis.edu

Re: Ongoing

Thanks, Valerie. When you have a draft that you and Art are happy with, please send it by e-mail. And keep me informed of your timetable. It will take time to get the budget in to the funder; to finalize the text and review it here; and to design and print it, so I'd like to keep the project moving.

We arrived at a fee of \$600. Does that seem reasonable to you? Let me know--and let me know if you received this e-mail!

Nessa



TO: Valerie Sandler, INTERNET:sandler@binah.cc.brandeis.edu

Re: continuing saga

Thanks, Valerie. Could you now fax me a copy that is not "grainy"? 212-532-2646. I have given the fax to Barry Holtz to look at for curricular points, and I will look at it for editorial ones. But I need to edit on a clean copy.

Barry's initial responses, apart from general approval!, were these, which I'd like you to consider:

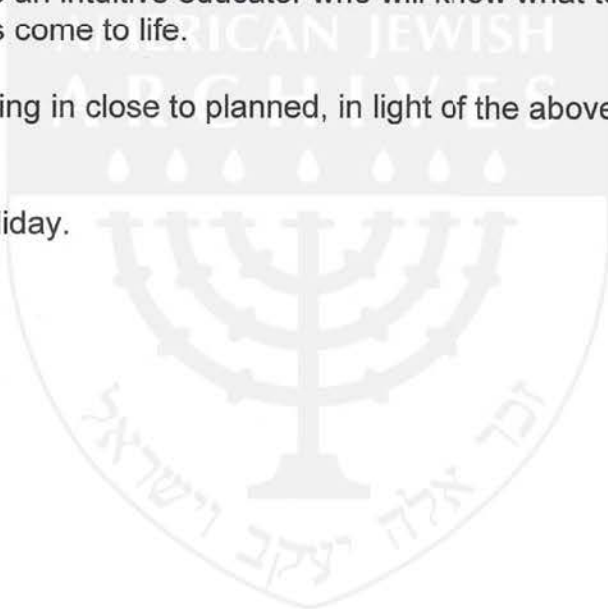
He thinks you'll need an introductory paragraph that says something like: "In this essay, Dr. Green addresses..." and then offer a one-paragraph summary of the essay, to give people a quick context.

Second, he pointed out that the content curriculum is wonderful, but that the piece does not yet have "process" curriculum. That is, what is a rabbi supposed to do to elicit the content? (Discussion, groups, all the stuff you educators know!) He will give us some feedback in that regard. Not every rabbi is an intuitive educator who will know what to DO from a pedagogic point of view to make this come to life.

It looks as if we'll be coming in close to planned, in light of the above. \$500 seems right, given that there's more work.

"Talk" to you after the holiday.

Nessa



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Dear Nessa,
Sorry about the grainy fax. I used a copy that was fine, so I guess the
fax machine at Staples was responsible. Tomorrow I'll see if I can fax
from Brandeis instead.

Those comments from Barry Holtz make sense. And they shouldn't be so hard
to fix. Susan Shevitz has now read the study guide, too, and we should
be able to connect this week in school.

I'll contact you by email again after I speak to Susan, and then will
see if I can start making the changes you recommended so far. I'll let you
know what Susan had to say in that next email.

Please understand that we're in the last week of the semester, so things
are a bit crazy now. But I'll do my best to keep up and let you know what
is going on.

thanks.

valerie

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Hi Nessa-

I'm still trying to find time to speak with Susan. She was called out of town yesterday, so hopefully today or tomorrow we'll stop playing phone tag.

I'm working on the intro and process curriculum stuff. Art thinks those are great suggestions and wants a copy of the "new study guide" as well. I'll write again when I'm further along, after Susan and I talk.

Happy Hanukkah! Best to Tobi!

-Valerie

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12/11/96

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for as i can without your stepping
in. why don't you begin to "direct"
her and cc me on your e-mail?
im giving srych rubin a budget
next week.

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sion more explicit.

6. Include a statement of the goals of the study guide in the beginning.

As you can see, there are many things here. Since I'm in finals this week, (I should say papers, for I don't have exams), it would be extremely helpful if you could tell me which things to concentrate on, from the above list. I will have the most time after Dec. 16, once my semester at Brandeis ends. While I will try to give you an "update" this week, it's going to be almost impossible for me to do everything. Could you wait for a more detailed revised copy next week? I'm sure by then things will calm down--please let me know the exact timetable so I can plan accordingly.

Sorry I sound so frantic; I suppose it comes with the grad. student territory,

thanks,
valerie



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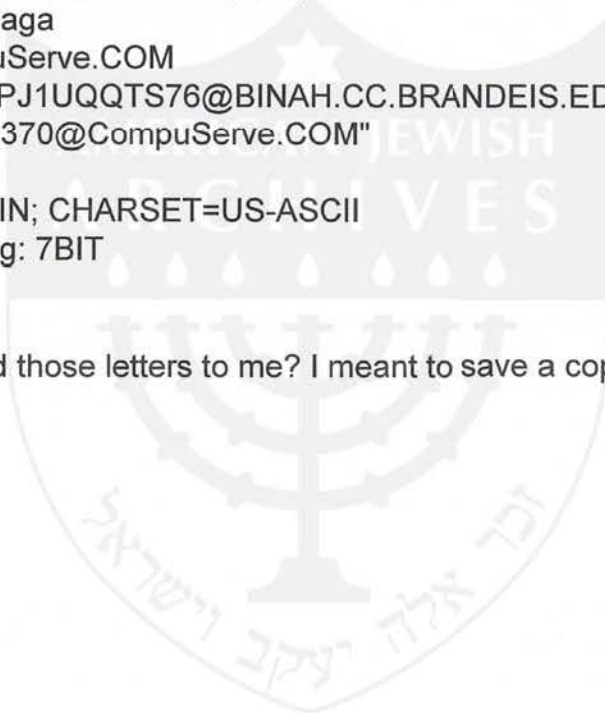
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One last message:

Could you please forward those letters to me? I meant to save a copy for Art,
but didn't do so in time.

thanks,
valerie



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One last thing, Nessa--

Susan doesn't feel that one could do justice to this topic in a "one-time" discussion. What is your exact conception of the way in which this study guide will be utilized? This information will also help me as I revise the draft.

Thanks,
Valerie

TO: INTERNET:SANDLER@BINAH.CC.BRANDEIS.EDU,
INTERNET:SANDLER@BINAH.CC.BRANDEIS.EDU
CC: Barry, 73321,1221

Re: Re: answers

Barry Holtz's e-mail is 73321.1221@compuserve.com. Please e-mail him directly after today, with a cc to me. In the meantime, I'll forward your past e-mail to him.

Nessa



TO: Valerie Sandler, INTERNET:sandler@binah.cc.brandeis.edu

Re: answers

Yes, it can certainly wait . I think you've reached the point in your thinking where Barry Holtz needs to be involved in order to answer the questions you sent me, which I've given to him. I've asked him to e-mail you directly, at this stage. He'll be in Cleveland at a program until Wednesday in any case. Let me know if you don't hear from him in the next 10 days.

Best,

Nessa



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Dear Nessa,

Thanks for your response. I just wanted to give you some information as
I am thinking about it...

I'll be in Boston until the evening of Dec. 21, at which time I'll be visiting
my family in Philadelphia for about a week. I'll have access to my e-mail
account until then. You (or Barry, perhaps more likely) can reach me
in Phila. that week at (610) 584-1991. I'll take the stuff for the lesson
/study guide with me so that I can work on it there. If you or Barry would
like to fax me anything in Phila that week, the number is (610) 272-3616.
This is actually the number of my father's office, so please address
it care of David Sandler.

I should be back in Boston on the 30th of December, or about that date, any-
way.

Art of course wants to see everthing as well as it develops. I have shared
Susan's suggestions with him, and will try to share my summary and process
suggestions with him next week over a meeting so that we can discuss things
in detail. I'll be sure to do that before I visit my parents.

Okay, that's about it. Shabbat Shalom!!

best to you and your famly,
(oops-family),

Valerie



FROM: Barry, 73321,1221
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Re: Re: answers

Nes

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Dear Barry and Nessa,
Brandeis's system is rather antiquated; there's not really a cc command
that I know of, so these letters will simply be "addressed" to both of
you!

Just a reminder that I won't be in Boston after Sat eve.--I'll be in Phila.
at (610) 584-4882, or you can FAX me c/o David Sandler (my father), at
(610) 272-3616. I won't have access to email betw. Dec. 21 and 31. I'll
be back in Boston on the 31st, at which point I can "return" to cyber-
space.

thanks,
valerie

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Dear Barry and Nessa,

I just met with Art Green, and we revised a potential summary of his essay
that could be used as a sort of "preface" to the study guide. I'll fax
it to you on Monday morning from Philadelphia, once I have an opportunity
to fix it up. I'll fax it to Nessa's office...is this okay?
valerie

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Dear Barry,

Just a note to let you know of my schedule for this week and next. I will
be in Boston this week, but am leaving for Miami Beach on Sun. for one week.
(I have the Wexner Winter Institute). Please get back to me soon on what
you'd like me to do next for the Study Guide, so I'll be sure to receive
any suggestions before I leave. I'll be back in Boston on Jan. 18.

Thanks,

Valerie

It is possible that I can contact you from Miami by phone, but I will
not be on email at that point.

TO: INTERNET:SANDLER@BINAH.CC.BRANDEIS.EDU,
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Re: Outcomes

Thanks for your notes. The funder would, ideally, like to mail this guide before Pesach. The project is a big undertaking, from a logistical point-of-view, so I'd like us to try to finalize the text as early in January as possible. (It will need a designer, and several other components that will have their own time frame.)

I leave the issues you raised to Barry's capable oversight. My general rubric would be to keep this a simple project and not try to accomplish more than is realistic in one short document. I'll step in next when it's time to edit, but please keep cc'ing me so that I know the pace.

Look forward to the finished document.

Nessa



TO: INTERNET:SANDLER@BINAH.CC.BRANDEIS.EDU,
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Re: the future

Hope you enjoyed your retreat. Just a note to remind you of what you already know: At this point, we need to really move. Did you and Barry arrive at a deadline by which you will get him the next version? Let me know.

Nessa

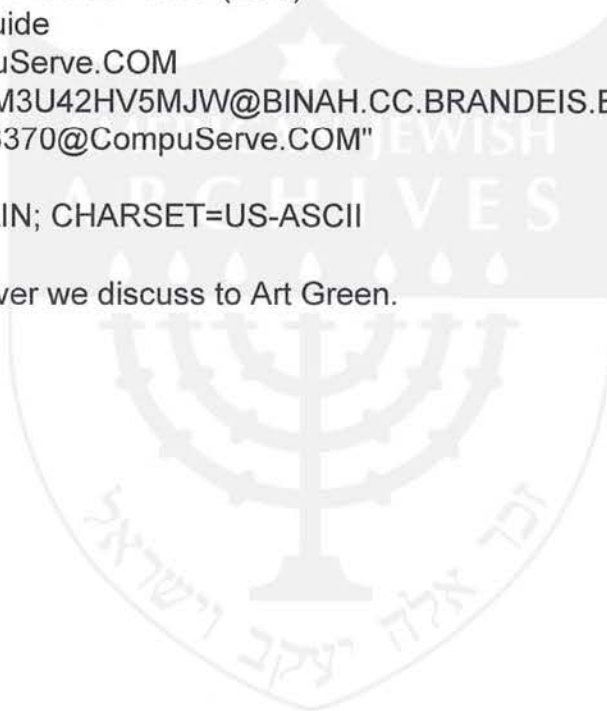


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Great--I'll pass on whatever we discuss to Art Green.
-Valerie



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Dear Nessa,
Sorry about the delay in getting back to you--I just got back from FL two
days ago...I am meeting with Art Green today to go over Barry's suggestions
and the changes I've made in response to them. We should have the next
version this week. I will write more after today's meeting, but I have
a hunch we're very close to the next version.
-Valerie

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Re: Re: the future

Great! I look forward to it.

Nessa



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Dear Nessa,
Hi--Luckily, I've managed to finish up the next version today, and will fax
it to you tomorrow afternoon when I get to the fax machine at work...Be
expecting about 8 pages around 3:00 or so on Wednesday, addressed to you
and Barry, of course.
KIT,
Valerie

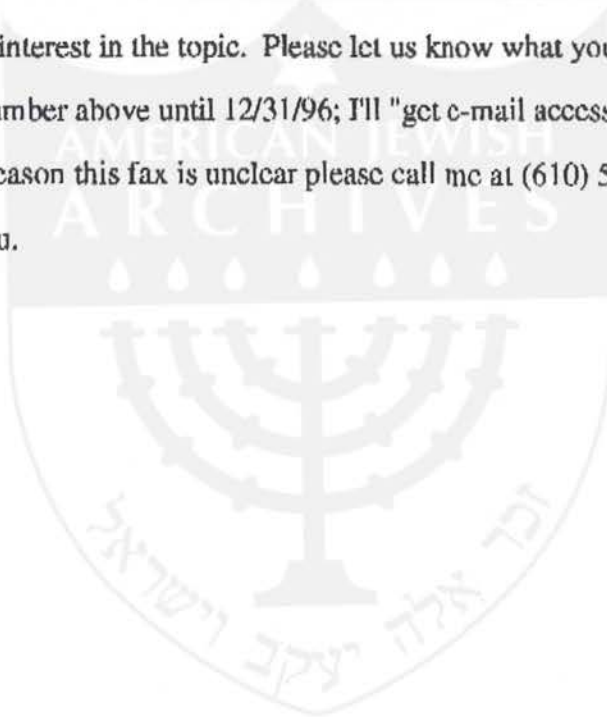
To: Nessa Rapoport, CIJE
Barry Holtz
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Date: December 23, 1996
Re: "Restoring the Aleph" Study Guide Introduction
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From: Valerie Sandler
c/o David Sandler
Dreslin and Company, Inc.
Fax # (610) 272-3616

In this fax is a suggested summary Art Green and I have worked on for the Study Guide.

It is meant to introduce readers to the main ideas in Dr. Green's essay, and to stimulate their own personal interest in the topic. Please let us know what you think. You can reach me via fax at the number above until 12/31/96; I'll "get e-mail access back" on that date as well. If for some reason this fax is unclear please call me at (610) 584-4882, and I'll send it again. Thank you.

-Valerie



Introduction to "Restoring the Aleph" --Summary of Essay

According to Dr. Green in "Restoring the Aleph," American Jews living in the nineties confront a paradox: they "fit in" to the society around them a bit too well. In the space of this century alone, Jews in this country have moved from the position of new immigrants to fourth-generation Americans; from ethnics seeking to shed their differences to American Jews with few distinguishing features.

Dr. Green confronts this tension head-on in his essay. He argues that if Judaism will survive, it must have something to offer "entirely American Jews." Judaism, that is, must speak to Jews and draw them in; it needs to have an absolute value that goes beyond the many attractions of the American cultural marketplace.

It is the spiritual dimension of Judaism that gives it this value. Dr. Green defines "spirituality" as "a view of religion that sees its primary task as cultivating and nourishing the human soul or spirit." It is this dimension that so many Americans of different religious stripes search for today. While Hasidism embraces a conception of spirituality with traditional undertones, it is not a path to attract many Jews today. But the movement nevertheless provides us with a Jewish vocabulary to move further. Today we recognize that, like spiritual seekers in other religions, we have a Jewish language with which to cultivate our inner selves, and nourish our very souls. Religious practice is part of that language, opening us to new experiences of the spirit.

Why are there so many spiritual seekers? Historical tragedy of our century, including the Holocaust, makes us human beings feel our existence on earth is tenuous. Moreover, we have ceased to be impressed by the accomplishments of science; we seek some "deeper" meaning. To move toward the future, we need a well of religious strength into which we can reach. Many Jews have turned to Eastern religions as that source, though a sizable minority of earnest seekers have explored Judaism. How can Judaism

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best respond to the deeply personal needs of those seekers? Why have so many turned elsewhere? How can more of them be brought to consider Judaism?

While Judaism at once offers a warm invitation to seekers, the "directions" enclosed with the invitation are often hard to follow. There is the language problem; one gets the most out of Judaism if one can "study" in the Jewish tongue--Hebrew. Many seekers don't know Hebrew, and feel understandably daunted by the task of learning it. The same is true of the tradition of *knowledge* so needed to be a Jew. American Jews frequently confront a feeling of inadequacy: is their Jewish life "good enough to count as authentic?" Will a seeker feel this way as well? A deeper problem concerns belief in God. There are many Jewish seekers who acknowledge their own religiosity, but don't name the object of their quest "God." Indeed, as Dr. Green points out, Judaism must respond to a new *religious or spiritual agnosticism*.

Dr. Green suggests that Judaism does have the resources to respond to these challenges. What if we expanded our vocabulary for "talking about God?" Dr. Green explains that tradition has caused us to be fixated on the "vertical metaphor" for understanding God, a metaphor that places God on a mountain and us permanently below. It seems very hard for some to relate to such a God. A second metaphor within the tradition to which we can turn is one of inwardness. God, that is, can be an internal source of depth and meaning for which we can search--that metaphor belongs to our mystical thinkers. A search for self-discovery, therefore, coincides on the deepest level with a search for God as the cosmic Self. Jewish texts, practices, and beliefs are our guideposts along the way, a means to that end.

Dr. Green's essay is a deeply personal one; he is a proud and committed Jew and seeker. How do we understand this sort of quest? If we also identify as "seekers," how can we come to understand ourselves?

To: Nessa Rapoport and Barry Holtz
CIJE
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From: Valerie Sandler

1/22/97

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Dear Nessa and Barry,

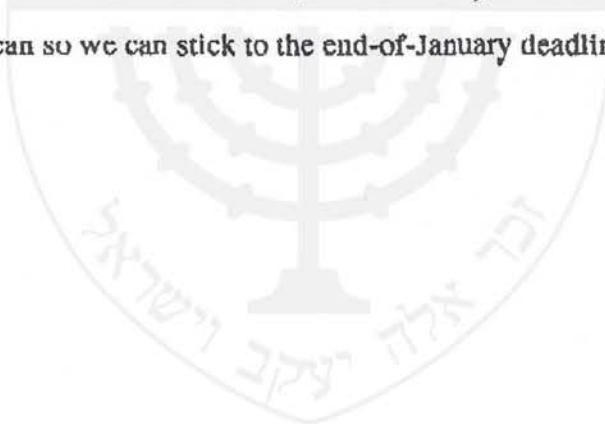
Here is the newest version of the study guide and introduction to the guide. I have reviewed my changes (made in accordance with Barry's suggestions) with Art Green, and he has approved them.

Please also note that Art suggested a couple of additional changes to the guide itself, namely those on questions 3 (in which we took out the Intermarriage issue and replaced it with a more general inquiry) and 12, in which we added guidance questions after the short text.

I hope this version is a good one. Please get back to me on e-mail to let me know you've received this! And, of course, if any further changes need to be made, please tell me as soon as you can so we can stick to the end-of-January deadline...

Thanks!

Valerie



Introduction to "Restoring the Aleph" Study Guide, Updated 1/21/97

According to Dr. Green in "Restoring the Aleph," American Jews living in the nineties confront a paradox: they "fit in" to the society around them so well that they have sometimes ceased to maintain their distinctiveness as Jews. In the space of this century alone, Jews in this country have moved from the position of new immigrants to fourth-generation Americans; from ethnics seeking to shed their differences to American Jews with few to no distinguishing features, *from other Americans.*

Dr. Green confronts this tension head-on in his essay. He argues that if Judaism will survive, it must have something to offer to "entirely American Jews." Judaism, that is, must speak to Jews and draw them in; it needs to have an absolute value that goes beyond the many attractions of the American cultural marketplace.

It is the spiritual dimension of Judaism that gives it this value. Dr. Green defines "spirituality" as "a view of religion that sees its primary task as cultivating and nourishing the human soul or spirit." Many Americans of different religious stripes search for that dimension today. Like spiritual seekers of other religions, *we Jews* have a Jewish language with which to cultivate our inner selves. Most specifically, *which?* our religious practice opens us to new experiences of the spirit.

Why are there so many spiritual seekers? Historical tragedies of our century, including the Holocaust, make us human beings feel our existence on earth to be tenuous. Moreover, we have ceased to be impressed by the accomplishments of science; we seek some "deeper" meaning. To move toward the future, we need a well of religious strength into which we can reach. Some Jews have turned to Eastern religions as that source, though a sizable minority of earnest seekers have explored Judaism. How can Judaism best respond to the deeply personal needs of those seekers? Why have so many turned elsewhere? How can more of them be brought to consider Judaism?

Connect this to role of synagogue?

Since it intended and is not for seekers but rabbis, syns, etc.

There has to be something that challenges us in syn. > b. what their exp is in syn?

Questions & introd.

Adults
Rabbis

While Judaism at once offers a warm invitation to seekers, the "directions" enclosed with the invitation are often hard to follow. Many seekers don't know Hebrew, and feel understandably daunted by the task of learning it. The same is true of the tradition of ^{learning & living} knowledge so needed to be a Jew. Finally, there are some Jewish seekers who acknowledge their own religiosity, but don't name the object of their quest "God." As Dr. Green points out, Judaism must respond to a new religious or spiritual agnosticism.

Dr. Green suggests that Judaism does have the resources to respond to these challenges. We could begin by expanding our vocabulary for "talking about God." Beyond the vertical metaphor that places God on a mountain and us below, we can also turn to the metaphor of inwardness. God, that is, can be an internal source of depth and meaning for which we can search--that metaphor belongs to our mystical thinkers. A search for self-discovery, therefore, coincides on the deepest level with a search for God as the cosmic Self. Jewish texts, practices, and beliefs are our guideposts along the way, a means to that end.

Dr. Green's essay is a deeply personal one; he is a proud and committed Jew and seeker. How can we understand this sort of quest? If we also identify as "seekers," how can we come to understand ourselves?

We have prepared this study guide to enable you to use Dr. Green's essay as a springboard for discussion of the situation of American Jews today as described above, as well as your personal responses to that situation.

After reading this essay in advance, groups of participants should meet once to discuss the issues raised. The groups should contain approximately 5-10 people each, and should appoint a leader to facilitate. Although s/he should be prepared to moderate the discussion, the leader does not need to be a rabbi or educator. We imagine that most, if not all, of the questions could be answered in one session lasting two to three hours.

This study guide could also be used as the beginning of a minicourse in spirituality in Judaism. After a first discussion of the issues raised in "Restoring the Aleph," the group could follow up that session with a discussion of other readings on the same subject. Below, we have suggested a list of works:

1. Martin Buber, *Hasidism and Modern Man*
2. Abraham Joshua Heschel, *God in Search of Man*
3. Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath*
4. Lawrence Kushner, *The River of Light*
5. Arthur Green, *Seek My Face, Speak My Name: A Contemporary*

Jewish Theology

Women?
Others?

Green, Holtz
Your Word is Fire
Kamenetz
Ochs
P.S.J.

Personal Journals ✓

Each person read one per. journey group. Everyone talk about it.

"Restoring the Aleph: Judaism for the Contemporary Seeker"

This Study Guide accompanies "Restoring the Aleph." It is meant to foster your personal engagement with the issues addressed in Dr. Green's essay.

I. Passing on our Tradition: Judaism through the Generations

On page 5 of "Restoring the Aleph," Dr. Green writes, "We were raised to see ourselves as a link between our parents and our children, our grandparents and our grandchildren, passing a legacy from each generation to the next. In Jewish families all over this country there is a feeling that the chain is being broken. We stand dumbfounded as we see whole limbs falling off the tree, the end of Judaism or Jewish awareness in branches of our own families."

beginning w/ intro? What's the audience?
 2. Intermarriage is often cited as one of the key indicators of the "breaking" of the chain of tradition. Has intermarriage occurred in your family? If so, in what generations has it occurred? How did it feel?

X 2. If intermarriage has occurred in your family, how have your relatives come to accept its existence? Has anyone sat shiva (observed a seven-day mourning period in the home, as is done after a death)? How have patterns of acceptance changed from generation to generation?

1. 3. What does it mean to "pass on the legacy of Jewish tradition" when we live in an open society, one in which learning from all people and many traditions is so highly valued?

II. Adapting that Tradition to Our Needs: Understanding the Spiritual Seekers

In the face of such challenges to the continuity of Jewish tradition, Dr. Green searches for new points of light which speak to many types of Jews. On page 7, he introduces a notion of spirituality originally adapted from Hasidism, but updated to suit contemporary needs. He writes, "Spirituality is a view of religion that sees its primary task as cultivating and nourishing the human soul or spirit. Each person, according to this view, has an inner life that he or she may choose to develop. . . . Ultimately, [this inwardness] is 'transpersonal,' reaching deeply into the self but then extending through an inward reach beyond the individual and linking him/her to all other selves. . . and to the single Spirit or Self of the universe we call God. God is experientially accessible through the cultivation of this inner life, and awareness of that access is a primary value of religion."

3. 4. How do you understand this conception of spirituality?

3. 5. What does it mean to you to "be religious?" Have you ever used the definition found on the bottom of page 7: "openness to a deep well of inner

experience?" ^{Have you ever had} ~~What~~ experiences have you had similar to those listed in this paragraph on page 7?

6. Read the texts below. Each elaborates on Dr. Green's conception of spirituality. After reading, use the questions as a guide to thinking about the texts themselves and your response to the texts.

God is unified oneness—one without two, inestimable. Genuine divine existence engenders the existence of all of creation. The sublime, inner essences secretly constitute a chain linking everything from the highest to the lowest, extending from the upper pool to the edge of the universe.

Impossible
to understand

There is nothing—not even the tiniest thing—that is not fastened to the links of this chain. Everything is catenated in its mystery, caught in its oneness. God is one, God's secret is one, all the worlds below and above are all mysteriously one. Divine existence is indivisible.

The entire chain is one. Down to the last link, everything is linked with everything else; so divine essence is below as well as above, in heaven and on earth. There is nothing else.

R. Moses de Leon, 13th century Kabbalist.
The Essential Kabbalah, p. 26.

elem. school

Opposing metaphor

- How would you describe de Leon's conception of God in your own words?
- Think about de Leon's divine chain that "links everything from the highest to the lowest." What is the significance of this metaphor? Do you find it compelling? Why or why not?
- In the second paragraph, de Leon suggests the secrets--the mysteries--of the divine; we will never understand how the world's many elements are connected. What might he mean by "mystery?" Is there a place for "mystery" in Judaism?

The human body is always finite;
It is the spirit that is boundless.
Before you begin to pray,
 cast aside that which limits you
 and enter the endless world of Nothing.
In prayer turn to God alone
 and have no thoughts of yourself at all.
Nothing but God exists for you;
 you yourself have ceased to be.
The true redemption of the soul can only happen
 as you step outside the body's limits.

R. Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev
Shemu'ah Tovah, Warsaw, 1938.
Your Word is Fire, p. 57.

Our feeling is that H. de Leon too hard with a teacher. People will have a lot of trouble.

- a. Think about the first two lines of this passage. Why do you think R. Levi Yitzhak draws the distinction between the human body and the spirit in the way that he does?
- b. Can you rephrase the process of "warming up for prayer" that he describes in lines 3-5? What does it mean to "cast aside what limits you?"
- c. In lines 6-9, R. Yitzhak urges his readers to only think about God, to replace thoughts of oneself with those of God. What effect would you imagine he is aiming for in giving these instructions?
- d. In the last two lines, R. Yitzhak speaks of the "true redemption of the soul" that happens only when one "steps outside the body's limits." What is the experience he describes? Have you ever had this experience, or come close to it?

7. On page 9, we learn that some Jews are "seekers" who "have chosen or needed to explore their spiritual lives through a variety of non-Jewish, mostly Eastern spiritual paths." [Do you personally know of people who define themselves as seekers?] How do you feel about some Jews' attraction to Eastern religions? Do these religions have anything to teach us? In what ways might these lessons be compatible with what we find in Jewish tradition? *What do you hear about them in E. relig. What can't they find in J life?*

III. Why Some May be Spiritual Seekers

8. On page 10, Dr. Green lists several reasons why Jews of this generation have become seekers. Among them are world tragedy and dissatisfaction with material rewards. What other reasons can you think of for becoming a seeker? Consider your own experience if you are a "seeker," or those of people close to you, Jews and/or non-Jews.

9. On page 14, Dr. Green writes that a serious seeker is "open to taking on spiritual disciplines, even of the most rigorous kind." But these disciplines must be relevant to us in contemporary society. Think about your current religious practice. What do you do to feel Jewish on a regular basis? Do you find those practices personally meaningful? Do you ever feel you need something more? Attached to this study guide are Dr. Green's "Ten Pathways toward a new Shabbat." They may be used either as a first step toward Shabbat observance or as a supplement to traditional practice.

IV. The Challenges Confronting Spiritual Seekers

10. Even those serious seekers among us may be continually frustrated by the apparent "prerequisites" to "doing the Jewish spiritual life seriously." (p. 17) Namely, Jewish prayers (and most texts) are written in Hebrew. Do you know any Hebrew? If your knowledge of Hebrew is limited, do you find the feeling to be one of disempowerment? [If it were made available, would you be willing to learn some basic Hebrew words that appear most often in prayers?]

limit you or yr ability to particip. in J prayer services?

Core Heb wds 2 expr. tht enhance yr exp of prayer?

How do they know enough ab E. relig. to say?

opport. to say something about

2 things.

First Section:

Having Our

Roots

Growing Religiously

12. Same question

(ble to Green?)

to help people in prayer life in syn?

2. Ritual practice, beginning w/ Shabbat.

11. On page 18, Dr. Green alludes to the changing definition of spirituality. Is it possible, he asks, that one can try to have a Jewish spiritual life without 'believing in God?' While many would be quick to criticize this position, this stance is a reality for some. More than anything else, the question to ask today is not "Do you believe in God?" but "Are you a spiritual person?" *X* How do you understand this "religious-atheist/agnostic" perspective? Do you ascribe to these beliefs at all? *these distinctions: parshah? To help yr. discussion,*

12. To extend your thoughts a bit on question 11, reread *the first 2 paragraphs* of "Restoring the Aleph." Can you empathize with either or both of the positions articulated in the first two paragraphs?

Who can follow? *X* Read as well the passage below. Discuss it with the following question in mind: Is there room in Judaism for persons with these beliefs?

In meditation, everything depends on thought. If your thought becomes attached to any created thing—even something unseen or spiritual, higher than any earthly creature—it is as if you were bowing down to an idol on your hands and knees.

R. Isaac of Akko, Otsar Hayyim
The Essential Kabbalah, p. 115.

But suppose the thought is attached to God or God's name. Is that a legitimate form of attachment? Are there ways in which even God or the Torah can become an idol?

V. You're Invited: Extending a Hand to the Spiritual Seekers

as well 13. If we accept the widespread calling out of spiritual seekers, our verbal or theoretical acceptance must be accompanied by the expansion of our own understanding of Judaism. Specifically, Dr. Green discusses the need to suggest a range of metaphors of the divine/human relationship--metaphors that incorporate, but also move beyond, the vertical. While the vertical metaphor "allow[s] for distance," the "hidden God buried deep within the self feels more like one who ever longs to be discovered" (22). Dr. Green suggests the metaphor of one "seeking to draw water from our innermost well." Rather than climbing the mountain, instead we are "journeying down into the depths. . . peeling off level after level of externals" (21). Discuss your opinion of this metaphor, particularly how it differs from the vertical metaphor. *X* Can you come up with another metaphor for this notion of inwardness? *In their own reflection, job. their rely life, so there images that help them conceptualize God + relationship between people + God? the divine 2 + human?*

Whose concept? *X* 14. On page 24, Dr. Green introduces the idea of a "Jewish mystical humanism." Humans are the actors, he explains, in shaping the world. Their conception of the divine, however, is truly like that of the mystics—one much broader and more far-reaching, perhaps, than most. Discuss that conception, as it applies to your understanding of Judaism.

5

TEN PATHWAYS TOWARD A NEW SHABBAT

DO:

1. **Stay** at home. Spend quality time with family and real friends.
2. **Celebrate** with others: at the table, in the synagogue, with your community or havurah, or with those with whom you can best share in appreciating God's world.
3. **Study** or read something that will edify, challenge, or make you grow.
4. **Be** alone. Take some time for yourself. Check in with yourself. Review your week. Ask yourself where you are in your life.
5. **Mark** the beginning and end of this sacred time: lighting candles and kiddush on Friday night and havdalah on Saturday night.

DONT:

6. **Do** anything you have to do for your work life. This includes obligatory reading, homework for kids (even without writing!), unwanted social obligations, and preparing for work as well as doing your job itself.
7. **Spend** money. Separate completely from the commercial culture that so much surrounds us.
8. **Do** business. No calls to the broker, no following up on ads, no paying of bills. It can all wait.
9. **Travel**. Avoid especially commercial places like airports, hotel check-ins, and similar depersonalizing commercial encounters. Stay free of situations in which people are likely to tell you to "have a nice day!"
10. **Use** commercial or canned video entertainment, including TV and computer. Stay in situations where you can be face-to-face with those around you, rather than facing the all-powerful screen.

Study Guide for Arthur Green's Essay: *Transforming the Aleph*

2/6/97

Background:

Aryeh Rubin, who has been a guest at several CIJE Board Meetings at the invitation of board member Matthew Maryles, was impressed by Arthur Green's Board Seminar in November 1995 and enthusiastic about dissemination possibilities. He thought the published essay (Fall 1996) was very strong and wanted to fund CIJE to create a study guide to the essay, specifically for rabbis to work with their congregants on the powerful ideas raised by Green in the areas of prayer, theology and spirituality. Rubin would like to send the essay and guide to every rabbi in the country.

Creation and Funding:

CIJE agreed in principle to orchestrate both the creation of the study guide and its distribution provided that:

- a. The project, staff time, and office overhead were funded entirely by Aryeh Rubin's family foundation; and
- b. The essay was distributed by the foundation or independently through Rubin's auspices.

I have attached both the budget created for Rubin and the letter with his initial down payment. (Note that should Rubin decide to expand the scope of the project in any fashion, he will pay for expenses incurred.)

A Wexner fellow and Brandeis graduate student, Valerie Sandler, has been working with Arthur Green on the guide, with input from Joseph Reimer and Susan Shevitz. Barry Holtz has been the curriculum resource and Nessa Rapoport has been the editorial resource and project coordinator.

Current Status:

We now have a draft for review by CIJE. Barry and Nessa will be meeting next week to discuss the draft, which will be sent, when approved, to Aryeh Rubin. The recently received down payment for \$5000 covers all work undertaken so far.

To: Nessa Rapaport and Barry Holtz
CIJE

February 12, 1997

Fax Number: (212) 532-2646

From: Valerie Sandler

(617) 861-1248

Dear Nessa and Barry,

7 pages

Here is the next version of the study guide and introduction to the guide. As we discussed, Nessa, the changes you mentioned on the phone are all incorporated here, with the exception of the four questions we have for Art Green. I'll touch base with him after I hear from you again.

Nice talking to you today, and all the best

-Valerie



TO: Valerie Sandler, INTERNET:sandler@binah.cc.brandeis.edu

Re: Ongoing

Hi, Valerie. I have finished editing the piece and need only type out the "master questions" for you to address with Art. I hope to do that very shortly (like tomorrow). I'll let you know when to expect these revisions. In the meantime, you should begin to look into getting me a disc, because once you type in the changes I've completed and have met with Art one last time, it's probably over to us. (At which point, by the way, you can send me a formal bill.)

Thanks,

Nessa



February 25, 1997

Dear Valerie:

Attached is my edited version of your work. Please incorporate these changes into your disc before you send it to me. (I work in pencil and should have asked you to add more space between lines; read slowly!)

What follows are my questions to you--and two questions for Art to think about with you. (The latter are a result of my meeting with Barry.)

The Summary

Editorial questions:

P. 1, third para.: I didn't know what "Like seekers of other religions, we have a Jewish language with which to cultivate our inner selves" meant. Seekers of other religions don't have a Jewish language.

P. 2, l. 4: I didn't know what "the tradition of *knowledge*" referred to.

P. 2, l. 6: This language seems strong: "Judaism must respond..."

P. 2, second para. Note my reservations about the wording here.

P. 3: The bibliography needs more information in order to be useful, particularly the publisher and date of publication.

Question for discussion with Art:

If this study guide is primarily for pulpit rabbis, its readers will be synagogue Jews, not seekers "outside the system." What is the relationship between the themes and thesis of this essay and the role of the synagogue and synagogue prayer in most American Jews' lives? How can both the summary and the questions challenge synagogue Jews about their experience of prayer in that context?

We feel this subject also requires a specific question, probably in the last section, "Growing Religiously," before the Shabbat suggestions. That is, we

want to provide readers with a question that helps people think about their prayer life in synagogues--which is where formal prayer takes place for most American Jews. Perhaps Art could comment on the relationship between what happens--and is meant to happen or could happen!--in synagogues and the kind of prayer life some seekers are developing, or the "informal" or spontaneous experiences described at the bottom of p. 7.

Bibliography:

When I read the bibliography, I felt it needed a greater balance of contemporary thinking and experience (and women's voices). Barry gave me a brief bibliography he uses for a "personal journeys" course he teaches at the Seminary. As he notes in his handwriting, there are others that could be added as well.

Please ask Art whether he feels there could be a supplemental bibliography with a theme such as "personal journeys"; or whether he can expand the one he has provided here.

The Study Guide:

Editorial Questions:

I have included these in the margins of the text.

Question for discussion with Art:

See our comments above re a question about prayer life in the synagogue.

Thank you for a splendid job in incorporating the changes I proposed in our phone call. Feel free to use this letter in your conversation with Art, if you think it would be helpful.

Let me know your schedule for this last step. When you have sent me your next version, I will send it to Aryeh Rubin, the funder, to move onto the next stage of the project.

Best,

Nessa Rapoport

TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122

Re: Re: Outcomes

Aryeh, here's a direct answer to your e-mail! Valerie Sandler is the Wexner student at Brandeis who is composing the study guide with Art Green. I have done my final editing; as you can see, she is meeting with him for the last questions I raised--and then, finally, you can see what we've been up to.

Happy Adar.

Nessa

Sarna, Green on their way.

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Dear Nessa,

I met with Art yesterday, and we went over everything in your note, plus the additional point. I will try to make the changes this week and get disk and hard copy out to you in the next few days. Please note that regarding that additional point (the metaphor point) Art did not suggest a third metaphor, b/c the essay only suggests one other than the vertical.

-valerie

TO: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin

Re: Greetings

I'm literally waiting for two sentences from Art Green to tie one section together. Even if I don't get it, I'll fedex it to your office for delivery Thurs. afternoon unless you tell me otherwise by return e-mail.

I'd love to see you next week. Pretty much out of commission Wed. and Thurs., but otherwise I'm here.

Nessa



TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122

Re: Art Green

Just spoke to Art and called you, but you're still away. I did ask him your question about "bullet points" and giving readers more information, but I didn't ask him about the plan for action. Instead, I suggested to him that it made more sense for him to speak with you directly; I'm not sure I can represent your concerns well enough, and I had filed away my notes so carefully that I couldn't put my finger on them when he called today.

So I gave him your office and home--and he'll call shortly. He's someone you should know in any case. I think he feels this particular project is complete in his mind, and that adding to it would turn it into something else. But you should speak to him one-on-one.

Nessa



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Nessa-

I'm pretty overwhelmed with papers this week, but I've managed to start
on the changes for the study guide. You can expect to get it Tues. or
Wed. of next week.--I just need to get a chance to get it finished.
Thanks for your patience.

-Valerie

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Dear Nessa,
Well, my estimate wasn't SO far out. After a pretty bad cold and two
papers are done (by TOMORROW!!) I should have the study guide to you
on Thurs. of this week. B/c of the unexpected delay, I will fed-ex it
to you so you get it Friday, hopefully in the earlier part of the day.
Sorry about this--my academic and internship schedules haven't been
too pretty.
-valerie

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Re: Re: Outcomes

Just keep me in the picture. And thanks for remembering the point I forgot!

Nessa



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March 21, 1997

Attn: Nessa Rapoport
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Dear Nessa:

Finally! Enclosed in this package is the next (final?) version of the study guide, an IBM disk, and an invoice. On the disk, you'll find four copies of both the study guide (listed under "restoring the aleph 2") and the introduction ("studyguide intro"). WordPerfect 6.1 should be able to read most of these formats, in particular WordPerfect 5.1 and RTF. I wasn't able to convert exactly to 6.1 because Brandeis does not "support" that particular software package. But the computer attendant assured me that 6.1 would be compatible with at least two of the four formats on the disk. By including more than one format, I figured you can choose what you want and trash the other copies.

Three other things: first, as I mentioned in a recent e-mail, Art didn't feel there was more than one new metaphor suggested in the essay (beyond the vertical), so we didn't revise question 11 on the study guide in the way you suggested. Second, regarding the bibliography, I did not include the note that your book was out of print. I thought it would look odd next to the others--but I wasn't sure what you wanted. Finally, I put the "Ten Pathways Toward a New Shabbat" on the disk as well, after the study guide itself. I figured it might be easier for you this way than to have one piece of the study guide in another font.

I look forward to hearing from you on how things are going! Take care, and please send my regards to Barry and to Gail Dorph, whom I met at the Wexner Institute in January.

Sincerely,

Valerie

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Dear Nessa-

I'll try to talk to Art soon and give you a couple sentences regarding
the "Shabbat connection." Until then (tomorrow or Fri, perhaps?) here
is my [REDACTED]

Thanks for your kind letter--it made me feel great!
-valerie

TO: Valerie Sandler, INTERNET:sandler@binah.cc.brandeis.edu
CC: Barry, 73321,1221

Re: Congratulations!

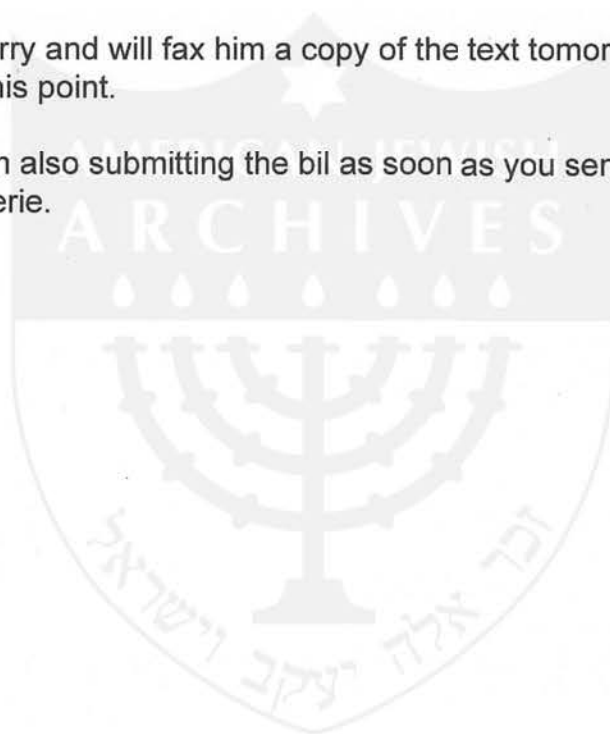
Although I have read this through only quickly--and once--it is a very different document from those first drafts--lucid and elegant. Good job!

My only remaining editorial question in this first-over-lightly glance is that I think we need one or two sentences linking the Shabbat suggestions to the body of the study guide, or it's not quite clear why the Shabbat page is there: i.e., why begin with Shabbat (or even practice) rather than, say, meditation? What is the relationship between this approach to Shabbat and the message of the essay and study guide? Perhaps Art has already said something to you to illuminate this question. If you don't know, you can ask him for the sentences over the phone--and e-mail them to me.

Next steps: I'm cc'ing Barry and will fax him a copy of the text tomorrow. I'm also going to send a copy to the funder at this point.

I'll keep you informed. I'm also submitting the bil as soon as you send me your social security number!. Well done, Valerie.

Nessa



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Hi Nessa. I did send the message last night but I guess it didn't get
to you for some reason. Perhaps the storm made it tough.

Art's suggestion is to add a question 14 to the guide that goes like this:
"Shabbat is a classic form of Jewish observance that relates to changing our
mode of consciousness. It has about it some qualities of meditation or
spiritual retreat. How do you observe Shabbat? Does your observance
have some relationship to the values put forth in this essay?"

And then, follow this with "Appended to this study guide are Dr. Green's
"Ten Pathways..."

Hope this is useful, and that it arrives!!

-valerie

4/7/97

W/Arveth Rubin

Very well done

Metaphor - hard

- A call for action? or inspiration?
- Answers? to the questions (bullet points)
- Authorship of Study Guide

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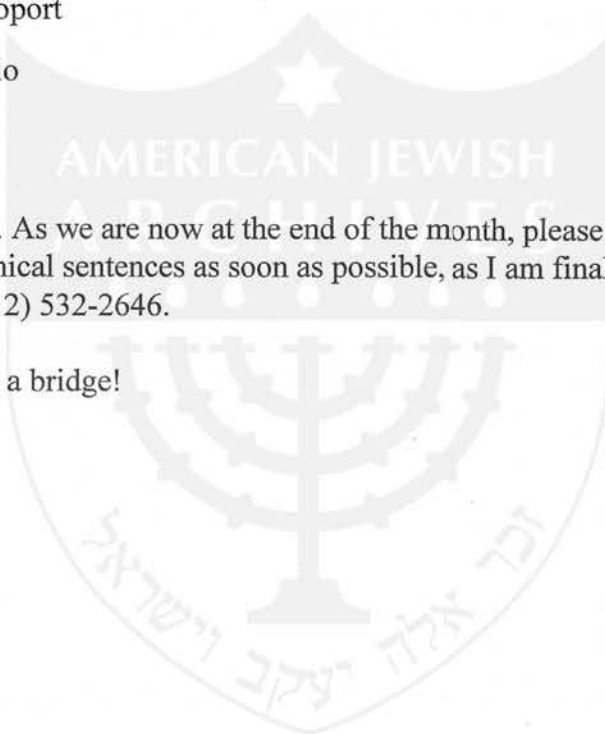
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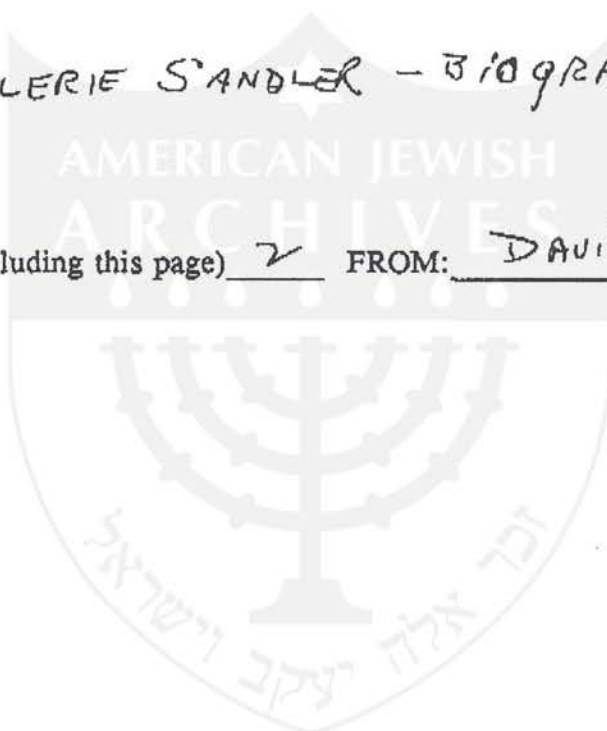
Thank you for your fax. As we are now at the end of the month, please be sure that Valerie faxes me a couple of biographical sentences as soon as possible, as I am finalizing the text of the study guide. CIJE's fax is: (212) 532-2646.

Again, thanks for being a bridge!

Nessa

Nessa Rapoport



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LOUIS J. PEDANTE, CPATO: NESSA Rapoport DATE: MAY 29, 1997Fax 212-532-2646MESSAGE: VALERIE SANDLER - Biography - attachedNO. OF PAGES (Including this page) 2 FROM: DAVID SANDLER

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE**VALERIE JOY SANDLER**

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University and a Coca-Cola National Scholar, Valerie Joy Sandler is completing a three-year double master's degree program in Judaic Studies at Brandeis University, where she is a Wechsner Fellow. The Pennsylvania native has taught Hebrew and Holocaust Studies to students of all ages and has helped to coordinate international summer programs at Yad Vashem in Israel. In keeping with her focus on curriculum development and family education, Miss Sandler will join the Providence (Rhode Island) Board of Jewish Education as an intern in the fall of 1997.



April 2, 1997

To: Aryeh Rubin

By: Fedex

Dear Aryeh:

Here, at last, is the study guide. Its brevity does not represent the amount of work Art, Valerie, Barry, and I have put into it.

I look forward to your reaction and to seeing you next week. As I said by e-mail, late Monday is ideal. Leave me a message about the time by Monday am, and I'll meet you at the Princeton Club.

Talk to you soon.

Nessa Rapoport

FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 4/13/97 11:23 AM

Re: Art Green

Hi
Expecting and looking forward to his call.

Will send Drucker article and KSF brochure under separate cover.

Enjoyed our sicha
Best regards
Aryeh



FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 4/20/97 11:12 AM

Re: Greetings and a Happy Passover

Greetings: Saturday night, April 19, 1997

We just wanted to wish you and yours a Happy Pesach. May our celebration of freedom bring us all closer to

I am up in New York with the family for the entire yom tov. We are staying on the East Side and we can be reached at the following numbers:

350 East 79th Street
Apt 22A
New York, NY 10021
212 717-2297
FAX:212 717-7838

Cellular: Aryeh -917 865-7325
Raquel-917 854-5466

Best regards

Aryeh, Raquel, Felissa, Angelica and Maya Rubin



TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122

Re: Are you counting?

Just back from Pesach to your note and articles. Are you saying that I should now proceed as if this is the final text? Or would you like to call Art Green directly (617) 736-2971 (w) or (617) 630-0896 (h)? I do not want to move forward until you are at peace (as much as you can constitutionally be) with this text, so let me know. (For example, if someone levels the same critique you did after the piece is published, will you be annoyed that you didn't push your point of view--or can you live with it!)

How did Manhattan feel to all of you?

Nessa



FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 5/2/97 4:28 PM

Re: Are you counting?

Hi

It felt like home, which it is. Manhattan felt great but a bit claustrophobic in the apt with 3 kids , wife and nanny. But I am ready; Raquel isn't but she's willing to give the suburbs a shot if I really want to uproot. Shrink thought that I would be restless wherever I am... so it may as well be where it's warm.

I am leaving to a spa in Utah for a week, and I don't want to slow it up, so let's proceed, and I will speak to Art Green at some other point I spoke to Yitz, and he seems willing but needs a push and a letter that I will attend to upon my return.

Enjoyed your book, and it's being passed along.

Am reachable by email and NY mobile 917 865-7325.

Shabbat Shalom
Aryeh

P.s. Re Are you counting, I now have a watch that has sfeirat haomer. Honest.



5/14/97

Restoring the Aleph: Study Guide

Authors: AG + vs on cover; on inside front cover; on title page; or as footnote to summary; or as italics intro. to summary: BWH; KAB; AR. Or no author.

Funder: Inside front cover?

CIJE's Role: Para. on CIJE on inside front cover--or not?



Study Guide

5/22/97

On Tues: B & W

P 9

16 pp 7

W/Anyeh 5/28/97

Send it to obbis

Principals of J high schools

UCC educators

Hillel directors



TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122

Re: Higiya Ha-zman

I'm about to get a prototype of the study guide from the designer and will send you a copy late next week--if you tell me where you'll be (I know your style!).

Now you need to decide what you want to say on the inside front cover (or back, if you prefer) about yourself/ your foundation, if anything, and to begin to think seriously about your cover letter. If you want to get this in the hands of pulpit rabbis, we have advantage this year of October chagim--but they're around the corner, from a publishing point-of-view.

I will work with you on the text of the cover letter, although your letter to parents on Jewish education proves you need no help from me.

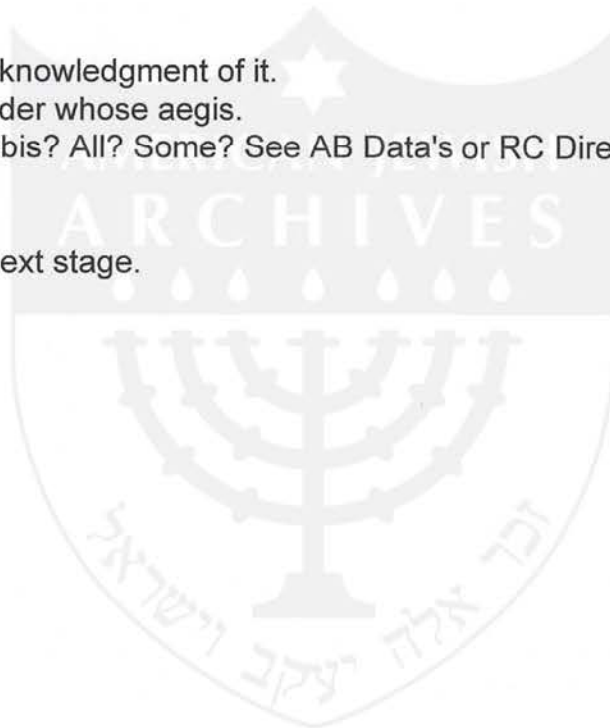
So:

The sponsorship and acknowledgment of it.

The cover letter--and under whose aegis.

The audience: pulpit rabbis? All? Some? See AB Data's or RC Direct's lists for what's possible.

Looking forward to the next stage.



FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 5/27/97 7:34 AM

Re: Higiya Ha-zman

Hi,

Let's talk in the next day or two. In the interim, please forward/fax listings of rabbis.

Best regards
Aryeh



FAX TRANSMISSION

CIJE

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NEW YORK, NY 10010
(212) 532-2360
FAX: (212) 532-2646

To: Aryeh Rubin **Date:** May 27, 1997
Fax #: 305-692-8883 **Pages:** 3, including this cover sheet.
From: Nessa Rapoport
Subject: Rabbis' listings

COMMENTS:

Dear Aryeh,

Here are the rabbis' listings from the two Jewish direct mail services.

I'm in the office Wednesday (10 am - 12 pm; 1:30 - 4); and Thursday (10 am - 12 pm). Please let me know e-mail or fax what time is best.

Nessa Rapoport



ORGANIZATIONAL/PROFESSIONAL LISTS

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LIST NAME & DESCRIPTION

QUANTITY

PRICE

Jewish Schools

2,515

\$125 Flat

A comprehensive listing of Jewish schools, including day schools, supplementary schools and congregational Hebrew schools.

Jewish Stockbrokers

30,000

\$125/M

Home addresses of professionals registered throughout the U.S. by the NASD to sell securities. Jewish surname select.

Mensa Members - Jewish

2,800

\$100/M

Members of this organization for people who score in the top 2% on standardized I.Q. tests.

National Assoc. of Jewish Professionals

48,250

\$95/M•FR:\$75/M

Members of NAJP, an organization whose mission is to inform, educate and unite Jewish professionals through newsletters, meetings and mailings. Doctors, lawyers, accountants and more.

Professors of Jewish Studies

1,299

\$125 Flat

A compilation of professors who teach Jewish studies on the university level.

Rabbis and Cantors

4,126

\$45/M

An extensive listing of Rabbis and Cantors from all four major streams of Judaism. Can be selected by affiliation, Rabbinic organization membership or primary job.

Synagogues

2,618

\$125/Flat

A compilation of Synagogues from all major streams of Judaism. Can be selected by affiliation at no extra charge. 477 foreign Synagogues are available as well.

Zeta Beta Tau Alumni

55,737

\$70/M

Members of this largely Jewish, 90 year old fraternity.

Rabbis and Cantors

Orthodox	1,586
Conservative	1,025
Reform	1,359
Reconstructionist	156
Foreign	452
Canadian	154

Jewish Schools

Day Schools, USA	633
Day Schools, Canada	63
Supplementary, USA	2,058
Supplementary, Canada	100

Synagogues

Orthodox	1,180
Conservative	745
Reform	817
Reconstructionist	33
Traditional	49
Independent	88
Canadian	112
Foreign	365

	UNIVERSE	PRICE/M*	CATEGORIES
Politically Conservative Jewish Donors	10,414	\$75	D,K
This unique list will reach a select group that has not been adequately marketed until now. These individuals give to a variety of conservative causes and are well-educated, affluent and concerned about government and the economy.			
Present Tense Magazine	10,000	\$70	J
Present Tense, the family magazine of world Jewish affairs, is a publication which attracts an extraordinary upscale audience. Subscribers are individuals with income and educational levels well above the national average. The average unit of sale is \$12.00. This magazine was published by the American Jewish Committee, but is no longer in publication.			
Progressive Jewish Subscribers	10,985	\$75 or Ex	J,K,M
Jewish subscribers to progressive publications. Liberal, socially conscious individuals with a strong concern for the welfare of the state of Israel.			
Prospective Jewish Donors	43,250	\$60	D
Individuals recognized as likely contributors to Jewish direct mail appeals. These prospective donors were identified by their friends who responded to fundraising appeals for Jewish causes. Age and income selects are available.			
Prospective Jewish Voters	454,996	\$65	D,K,N
The largest list available of prospective, unregistered Jewish Voters. This list can be used for voter registration drives and is selectable by state, SCF and ZIP code. The list is phone appended and phone numbers are available for an additional \$20/M.			
Public Interest Database - Jewish Select	106,579	\$95	K
These individuals are liberal Jewish donors who support various causes and candidates. They are interested, involved and committed donors.			
Rabbis and Cantors	5,446	\$60	C,E
A comprehensive list of Rabbis and Cantors in the U.S. and Canada. It was compiled from rosters and directories of ordaining and affiliating organizations.			
This list is comprised of Rabbis and Cantors who serve as leaders in their communities. They are well-educated and maintain high profiles. Rabbis and Cantors affiliated with the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements are identified, as are those who are actively involved with B'nai B'rith Hillel foundations on college campuses or who are unaffiliated. The list also specifies if their function is pulpit, organizational, chaplaincy, educational or other.			
Raoul Wallenberg Committee	15,225	\$90 or Ex	B
Raoul Wallenberg, a low level Swedish diplomat during World War II, risked his life to save tens of thousands of Jews from murder at the hands of the Germans. After the War, he was arrested by the KGB as a spy, never to be seen again. Donors to this organization are committed to the perpetuation of his memory and efforts to reveal his whereabouts.			
Registered Jewish Voters	575,905	\$65	D,K,N
The largest list available of Jewish registered voters from throughout the United States. This list can be used for voter persuasion, campaigning and fundraising. This list is selectable by state, SCF and ZIP code. It is phone appended and available for an additional \$20/M.			

A.B. DATA
1-800-558-6908
in Wisconsin: 414-352-4404
FAX: 414-352-3994

FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 5/28/97 10:21 AM

Re: Telephone appointment

Dear Nessa:

Tomorrow morning 10:30-11:00 is good for me if it's good for you. I have spoken to Yitz about doing under his aegis, and he still says yes, but.. I need to nail him and Steinhardt down.

Should we be sending this to cantors?

Should we be sending this to orthodox rabbis? Will the fallout be worth the possible enlightenment?

I am thinking about what I am going to say/

Best regards

Aryeh



May 29, 1997

Aryeh Rubin
The Maot Group
3300 NE 191 St./ Ste. 2018
Aventura, Fla. 33180

Dear Aryeh:

Here are the page proofs of the study guide and a proof of the cover. Still missing: complete information about publishers for the list of books on p. 3; some biographical sentences on both Art and Valerie for the inside back cover; final read by Art Green (I'm sending him a copy.)

I'll call you Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. (Which is best?)

Nessa Rapoport

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■ TO

Dr. Nessa Rappaport
212-532-2360
X17

DATE 6-2-97

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PHONE

FAX 212-532-2646

■ FROM

Dr. Irina Sander
re: Valerie Sander

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■ SUBJECT

Valerie Sander: Biography Adjustment

■ MESSAGE

Please see attached correction from
Thanks for understanding. Valerie!

DATE: June 2, 1997

TO: Dr. Nessa Rappaport

FROM: Dr. Irena Sandler
Mother of Valerie Sandler

RE: Two Minor Corrections to Biographical Data

As indicated in a telephone message sent to your office at 1:30 p.m. today, kindly make the following adjustments to Valerie's biography:

In the first paragraph, please change the word "double" (referring to the double master's degree program) to "joint" (joint master's degree, etc.).

Also, please adjust the sentence concerning her plans for the fall by changing the words "family education" to read "adult education."

That sentence should now read" "In keeping with her focus on curriculum and adult education," etc.

Thank you for your continuing support of our daughter. She -- and we -- are truly grateful.

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CIJE

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FAX: (212) 532-2646

To: Liz Sheehan

Date: June 10, 1997

Fax #: 255-3699

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

From: Nessa Rapoport

Subject: Art Green corrections

COMMENTS:

For the bios, I decided to reprint all of Art Green's bio. Please correct the one embarrassing mistake on the fifth line from the bottom and add the word "recent" before the words "most scholarly work." Also, change the title to "About the Authors." You may need to bring down the type face a point to fit in Valerie Sandler's sentences, which I've attached on this fax.

Also attached are Chava's additions to the bibliography.

Many thanks--and looking forward to seeing the next version!

Nessa

Nessa Rapoport

Restoring the Aleph: Judaism for the Contemporary Seeker

A. Judaism and Spirituality

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4. Vanessa Ochs, *Words on Fire: One Woman's Journey into the Sacred* (San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace and Co., 1992).
5. Nessa Rapoport, *Preparing for Sabbath* (New York, NY: William Morrow and Co., 1981).
6. Anne Roiphe, *Generation (without Memory)* (Linden Press, 1981)
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To: Dr. Irena Sandler

Date: June 10, 1997

Fax #: 610-630-5115

Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

From: Nessa Rapoport

Subject: Valerie Sandler bio

COMMENTS:

Thanks for being so conscientious--and don't apologize! I am a mother, too, and I would do the same for my daughter.

Attached is my distillation of Valerie's sentences. I think this paragraph presents her in the most professional light. Please fax/send it to her immediately to be sure she is comfortable with it. (This bio will appear on the inside back cover beneath Art Green's bio.)

Also, do let her know that I spoke with Art about how to credit her work, and he chose to list her as co-author on the cover and title page. ("Arthur Green and Valerie Sandler") I think she'll be pleased.

Best wishes to all.

Nessa

Nessa Rapoport

Valerie Sandler graduated from Yale University and received a double M.A. in Jewish studies and Jewish communal service from Brandeis University. She has been a Coca-Cola National Scholar and a Wexner Fellow. In 1977 she joined the Providence Bureau of Jewish Education, where her work focuses on curriculum development and adult education.



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■ FROM

Irena Sandler

Mother of Valerie Sandler

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■ SUBJECT

Valerie's Bio

■ MESSAGE

See attached memo.

Thank you, dear lady!

DATE: June 11, 1997
TO: Dr. Nessa Rapoport, CIJE
FROM: Irena Sandler
SUBJECT: Valerie's Bio

It was comforting to receive your "mom-to-mom" fax and the effective distillation of Valerie's bio. I only wish I were in Jerusalem to see her face when she learns of her co-authorship with Art Green. How she worships him!

We will fax the copy to Valerie at once, but in truth the only possible adjustment I saw was in the year of her joining the Providence Bureau of Jewish Education. It reads "1977" instead of "1997."

Otherwise, it was perfect! Thanks again.

By the way, I feel like I'm getting to know you. Have a wonderful summer!



June 18, 1997

Art Green
324 Ward St.
Newton Center, MA 02159

Dear Art:

Welcome back. I wanted to send you the enclosed page proofs of the study guide to be sure everything is as it should be. (Both my assistant and I have reviewed them several times, but the eye of the author is always more reliable.)

It was very gratifying to be able to reprint and correct your bio. That mistake has irked me continually. You may, however, want to update the text, if the two forthcoming volumes you mention will be published by September (which is when I expect this guide to be distributed).

Please look over these pages as soon as you can. If you have corrections, you can leave them for me on my voicemail at (212)532-2360, x17; call them in in person to Chava Werber, my assistant, at x10, or fax them to me at (212)532-2646.

Aryeh Rubin is now working out to whom he wishes to send the guide and under whose auspices. I have encouraged him to call you and hope he will do so.

Looking forward to studying with you next weekend.

Warm regards to Kathy.

Nessa Rapoport

FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 6/26/97 1:47 PM

Re: Restoring the Aleph

Dera Nessa:

I have started the process of outlining my message, and will make a final decision of whether I want to take a public stance very shortly. I have tried Yitz several times but have not received a return phone call. I will try again soon.

I will be in New York from July 6 for several days. Will you be around?

Best regards

Aryeh



FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 6/30/97 10:14 AM

Re: Aleph/Greenberg

Dear Nessa;

I spoke to Yitz on Friday and he indicated that he was in but still needed to convince Steinhardt. We didn't talk long, and we expect to discuss details soon.

Best regards
Aryeh



MEMO

To: CIJE Staff
From: Nessa Rapoport
Subject: Study Guide to "Transforming the Aleph"
Date: June 30, 1997

AJH
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Attached is the text of the Study Guide to Art Green's *Transforming the Aleph*. Funded by Aryeh Rubin, it will be distributed--with the essay--to rabbis at the end of the summer. (We are currently finalizing the details.)

At a recent staff meeting we agreed that this might be a useful tool in planning the rabbinic retreat under discussion for the fall.

Attached is a copy of the page proofs.

Nessa



TO: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin

Re: Aleph/Greenberg

Welcome back and thanks for your messages. (I was about to write to you.)

Where we are: I am finishing my final proof-reading today. Art Green just called in his final (very minor) changes. I hope to have the additional figures you requested (colored envelopes; postage) by next week.

I await word on the inside front cover and your preferred sponsorship/acknowledgment. Then we must decide on lists, letter, and timetable.

Art Green would be delighted to talk to you and asks that you feel free to call him at home in the evening. 617-630-0896.

Yes, I'll be around next week. Give me a call.

Nessa



TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122

Re: Your logo

Does your foundation have a formal name and logo? I realize that the designer replicated our logo on the study guide, but it should have been yours. I know you're mulling over your decision about how to acknowledge your gift and role. In the meantime, if you have a logo and have it on disc, make sure I get it so that I can make the substitution--if that's what you decide. (And I think it should be!)

Nessa



FROM: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
TO: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
DATE: 7/3/97 9:50 AM

Re: Your logo

Hi

We had one designed but didn't put it into use. I will look to see whether I can locate it after our move. I am working out my message and role. You are forcing me to deal with a lot of issues that I have been wrestling with over the last couple of years if not my whole adult life.

I will call Art Green over the weekend.

Best regards

Aryeh



TO: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin

Re: Your logo

About your contending with issues over a lifetime: Well, you know that publishing is not "just words," as some people think!

I'm glad you're calling Art. I did mention to him your own inner debate about mailing to the Orthodox. He said that in his view only members of the RCA might be receptive. I think the risk isn't worth the possible gain, given the terrible climate of the entire community--worse than when we began this project 8-9 months ago. But we can talk about this next week. Do you want to make an appointment?

By all means, locate and bring the logo, as well as your mission statement.

Nessa



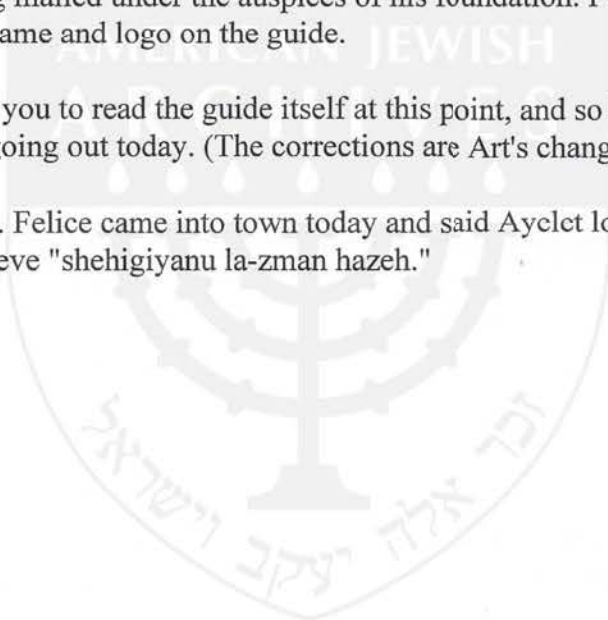
MEMO

To: Alan CC: Karen
From: Nessa Rapoport
Subject: Art Green Study Guide
Date: July 2, 1997

Hi, Alan. Sure enough, your instincts have not deserted you. Karen and I had a substantive conversation today about the study guide. We will remove the CIJE logo from the cover and inside front page of the guide. Aryeh Rubin's cover letter should indicate that he initiated the guide and that it is being mailed under the auspices of his foundation. I will also encourage him to put his foundation's name and logo on the guide.

Karen very much wants you to read the guide itself at this point, and so I am including a copy of it in your fedex packet going out today. (The corrections are Art's changes.)

Sorry I missed your call. Felice came into town today and said Ayelet looked so beautiful at the graduation. Hard to believe "shehigiyanu la-zman hazeh."



7/8/97

W/Aryeh

Yitz wd go along w/it.

Under "Jewish Life Network"

Steinhardt: Why "they" nd to communicate to the public

Yitz wants to write an intro.

Aryeh has notes; has something on charge

He did find a logo.

You guys would be guilty by assoc

Person getting CUE piece gets study guide in some color or style. pay attn

"Shit's going to hit the fan."

He has ~~managed~~ mentioned it for day one.

Yitz sees the potential for stimulating disc.

Foreward, J. wk

Gary's a little 2:00 of mine.

Fell for shuck about media

Show the public you're doing something.

It's radical.

From anonymous or from Yitz.

Do I sell them or not?

917-865-7325

Hillel dirs.

Ad of govern of syn.

Not firm on e-mail.

logo

color

IF presented rt, it's fine

7/9/97

Aryeh: - Yitz rd essay; Steinh. rd guide!

- Web site

- Yitz wants to send to Orthodox; members of

RCA.

- His intro.

KAB: Test-market w/ people

Yitz/Green/Steinh: Enough noise to get people to

Aryeh: Conference call.

Steinh: Why wd this stand out?

Imp.

Go for JLN

Start wking together.

7/8/97 Koren: 2 concerns

- Oblige to present a pluralistic image, whatever our personal beliefs. A forum for others to express views. Not denomin. questions.

- I don't like it. I don't think it's up to the level and quality we norm publish. Not of the caliber, thoughtfulness of our other work. Doesn't represent t best of what we do. (our image)
I don't think you know how bad it is bec you're on t inside.
For t most part, we're not respected out there. Wasting a lot of money, not doing anything useful, elitist, exclusionary. Barking up the wrong tree. Punch of bright people, not doing

2/

Anything useful.

First thing many have gotten with our name on it.

I asked APH to read it. If he thinks it's fine, then ok.

Letter from Yitz.



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To: Aryeh Rubin **Date:** July 10, 1997
Fax #: 396-2195 **Pages:** 4, including this cover sheet.
From: Nessa Rapoport
Subject: The never-ending conversation

COMMENTS:

Well, we can always publish our voluminous correspondence....

Here's the info you asked for--at last. The best time to set up that call on Monday July 21 would be 11 am, since I know I have a meeting with Karen at that time--so I can guarantee the slot. But I'll talk to you Monday about that and other matters.

Whoever said that God is in the details was certainly right when it comes to publishing.

Nessa

Have a good Shabbat, both of you.

FROM: Gail Dorph, 73321,1217
TO: nessa, 74671,3370
DATE: 7/10/97 5:15 AM

Re: re: study guide

I'm really sorry that I had not had time to respond before and I couldn't read and talk. Here's what I think educationally speaking. The questions themselves could be better framed so that they could take people through a process of understanding what green says, to more analytically framed questions, to personal approaches and responses. first and third are the most prevalent and are in the case of the third often framed in a "leading" as opposed to open way.

in every case, it might have been important to include alternative kinds of questions, that leader could have chosen from.

for example, p. 9:

can you describe a prayer experience that you found meaningful? was it a public or private prayer experience?

how would you characterize your experiences of synagogue prayer?

could you describe a particularly meaningful synagogue prayer experience, what made it meaningful?

can you imagine how a synagogue prayer service might be meaningful to you? what might be some of its elements?

have you ever engaged in private prayer or meditation? how was that like/different from public/synagogue prayer experiences in which you have participated? which did you find more meaningful? why?

when I say leading I mean that there is a way in which the questions themselves feel as though they reflect a bias.

with all that said, I'm not sure what good these comments are. feels like too little, too late. I could say more. that is, respond to ways I might frame and expand other questions. but it seems like a stupid thing to do now.

TO: Gail Dorph, 73321,1217

Re: re: study guide

Gail: I can't tell you how much I appreciate your taking time to even read, let alone comment. Far beyond any expectations. It's not a case of "too little, too late." It's a case of "too little clarity from the beginning."

It did not occur to me to elicit comments from you at a point where I could have used them, because the whole point of Barry's being the "yoetz" is that he is a curriculum expert who has also thought a lot about prayer. He stands behind this guide in its limited ambition--and I stand behind him! I have already learned from your e-mail what questions I might have asked, but the issues you raise would not occur to an editor. They are indeed "inside" education.

As for the larger context of the discussion, I will talk to you when I see you.

To the business at hand:

I am trying to set up the photograph of Sharon and of the group. (I'm assuming Bob Sherman is not attending.) I'm sorry to say that it does take time to set up these shoots properly. On the one hand, I know how tight your schedule is; on the other, I have a deadline and I simply have to get these photos taken. I believe that Zion (the photographer) will be in Jerusalem on July 16 and 17. And I think the 16th might be a tiyyul. He's shooting photos for Wexner but thinks he may have time to slip away. All of this has been complicated by his leaving before the designer and I could speak.

SO: Now I need to call him in Israel and try to set this up.

He may be in Jerusalem on the 14th and 15th, but I'm not sure. In any case, I want to give you time for the group to jell before I intrude with my photos! Perhaps we could get the group outside at lunch time, for example. And Sharon at the same time.

THEREFORE: Could you look at your schedule on, let's say, the 15, 16 and 17 and give me time slots when it is most realistic for him to come? The designer would like the people against an interesting background, so Zion may need to take them just outside the building, although I recall a car lot and other not-very-interesting backdrops. He's a pro and I'm sure he'll do it as quickly as he can. Give me your top choices on those days (lunch hours?) and some alternates, and I'll do my best.

I may try to reach you tonight by phone as well.

Nessa

Yitz: Wants no work.

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- Aryeh. Nds rewrite by me - doesn't have cadon.
- Yitz's introduction: Discuss with Aryeh; Yitz. - Edited. Contact Greg.
- Create test-market letter after talking to Aryeh; send to Yitz. - Yitz. KAR. - Define we sent it out
- Like some insight.
- If changes needed, Aryeh wants question for the Orthodox.
- Numbers to Yitz. Just rabbis. If we add, we'll talk it through.
We budgeted X. Additional budget. 20-25 M.
- Find and enter new bibliographical titles (Kaplan; Buxbaum). Chara
- Final copy of guide to Yitz; Aryeh. (Week of 7/29). Liz - Liz Sheehan - Cost of fold-out.
- Logo: Yitz? Aryeh? Aryeh: To fix.
- Test mailing: See attached page.
- Envelopes and mailing: Aryeh/Yitz.
- Full mailing:
-- Create letter for full mailing. JLN letterhead; signature? Steinhardt.
Rubin
- Under consideration:
CCAR; RA; RCA; Reconstructionist rabbis.
Hillel directors.
Selected communal leaders.
Foundations, both funders and professionals.
Jewish professionals within federations.
- Target mailing date. Nov. 15
- Publicity. Aryeh. PR. J Medis. Forward. J Wk.
What type of coverage?
Web Site.

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(after speaking with Aryeh on 7/22)

- **Numbers to Yitz:** Note explaining budget of X; additional budget for beyond rabbis.
- **Yitz's intro:** Aryeh to contact Greg for editing.
- **Final copy of guide:** CW to update bibliography + new titles. NR to input final changes and proof; Liz to input; copy to Aryeh, Yitz. NR to ask Liz Sheehan about cost of fold-out vs. adding 4 pages. Art approval
- **Test-marketing:**
 - Letter: NR to create for KAB; Aryeh; Yitz sign-off: Who to sign? On whose letterhead? Reply form? Mail with essay and guide.
 - Addresses: How to get?
 - Timing: When to mail?
- **Logo:** NR to discuss with Aryeh; Yitz. Send to Liz for final design.
- **Envelopes and mailing:** Aryeh and Yitz decision.
- **Full mailing:**
 - Create letter for KAB, Aryeh, Yitz sign-off. JLN letterhead; Steinhardt/Rubin signature.
 - Under consideration:
 - CCAR; RA; RCA; Reconstructionist rabbis.
 - Hillel directors.
 - Selected communal leaders.
 - Foundations, both funders and professionals.
 - Jewish professionals within federations.
- **Target mailing date:** November 15, pre-Chanukah.
- **Publicity:** Aryeh (J. Wk., Forward, other PR + Web site.)

TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122

Re: Mo'adim L'Simchah: Reminder

Just a note to let you know that I do need to hear back from you and Yitz on decisions re our project by Monday Oct. 27--not only the strategic decision of who and how but such mundane matters as the inside front cover text for both institutions and logos.

Late-breaking news: Seth just called Chava to let her know what you no doubt already know: that Yitz is in Israel and that they will get back to me no later than Wed./Thurs. of next week, since Yitz returns on Mon. I am assuming that deadline includes a prior conversation between Yitz and you.

Why am I pressing? You know better than most that it will take real time to finalize the text of the letter, complete the design, and print the guide in the numbers we want. Already, I'm speculating on a November design and printing time frame but a Jan. 5 mailing date, since to mail in December is risky, given Christmas and the U.S. Postal system.

Nessa



TO: Aryeh Rubin, 76162,3122

Re: Keeping in touch

Thanks for your message. I'll be in the office on Wednesday and then out until Monday. If there's anything dramatic I need to know, do leave me a voicemail message. Otherwise, let's talk on Monday.

I can speak any time from 1:30 to 4. Tell me what's best from you, and where you'll be (knowing you!), and I'll call.

Given Yitz's schedule, please try to pin down answers to ALL the questions I raised, because it's the only way to move forward with any speed.

All best,

Nessa



To: Nessa Rapoport
Fax #: 212-532-2646
Re: Bibliography
Date: December 11, 1997
Pages: 1, including this cover sheet.

FACSIMILE

This is the bibliography of which we spoke. I am still awaiting receipt of the text concerning JLN from Yitz and JJ. Let me know if there is anything else you need.

Bibliography of suggested texts to be added to *Restoring the Aleph* (p. 9)

Greenberg, Blu. *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1983.

Greenberg, Irving. *The Jewish Way*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1988.

Heschel, Abraham J. *The Sabbath*. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1975.

Strassfeld, Michael et al. *The Jewish Catalog*. (3 volumes) Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1973.

Waskow, Arthur. *Seasons of Our Joy*. (Chapter 5) Boston: Beacon, 1991.

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From the desk of...

Seth Brysk
 Assistant to the President
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 392 Fifth Ave. 6th Floor
 New York, NY 10018

212-279-2288
 Fax: 212-279-1155

To: Nessa Rapoport
Fax #: 212-532-2646
Re: Restoring the Aleph
Date: December 22, 1997
Pages: 1, including this cover sheet.

FACSIMILE

Here are the final pieces of information you needed from us for the mailing.

Yitz wants these texts added to the *Restoring the Aleph* study guide (p. 9) and listed as follows:

Some further sources on Shabbat:

Fromm, Erich. "The Sabbath Ritual," in *The Forgotten Language*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1951.

Greenberg, Blu. *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household*. (Chapter 1) New York: Simon & Schuster, 1983.

Greenberg, Irving. *The Jewish Way*. (Chapter 5) New York: Simon & Schuster, 1988.

Strassfeld, Michael et al. *The Jewish Catalog*. (3 volumes) Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1973.

Waskow, Arthur. *Seasons of Our Joy*. Boston: Beacon, 1991.

The description of JLN for *Restoring the Aleph* should read as follows:

CHAvérIm kol yisrael/Jewish Life Network's mission is to create new institutions and initiatives to enrich the inner life (religious, cultural, institutional) of American Jewry. The Foundation advances religious and cultural renewal and institutional transformation through entrepreneurial philanthropy and innovative partnerships.

JJ and Yitz would like the JLN logo to appear on the front and the inside of the study guide cover (just as CIJE logos appear on the *Restoring the Aleph* booklet). Please make sure that the words, "A Judy and Michael Steinhardt Foundation" appear beneath the design. On the inside cover, our address should be listed as: 6 East 39th St., 10th Fl., New York, NY 10016 Telephone: 212-279-2288 Fax: 212-279-1155 Email: ckyjln@aol.com

The opening letter should be edited as follows: in the last sentence of the second paragraph change the word "necessary" to "needed". In the second sentence of the fourth paragraph, it should read, "The essay both confirms views and challenges values within every movement." Finally, the letter should be signed Jonathan J. Greenberg, Executive Director.

Of course, JJ and Yitz would like to preview the proofs prior to the final printing and mailing.

Let me know if there is anything else you need.

From the desk of...

Seth Brysk
 Assistant to the President
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 New York, NY 10018

212-279-2288
 Fax: 212-279-1155

December 23, 1997

Art Green
324 Ward Street
Newton Center, MA 02159

Dear Art:

As I indicated in my phone message, I have waited to send you the attached documents until I had as many final changes as possible--so that I wouldn't have to bother you in a piece-meal fashion!

The only content change that is new is Yitz's desire to fill in the blank half of p. 9 in the guide with additional readings specifically about Shabbat. Please let me know if you are comfortable with his suggestions.

The other materials are more technical, but I still want you to cast your eye on them. They include both the funder's cover memo and JLN's letter to be printed at the opening of the guide.

As soon as you can, please give me your feedback/approval, either by phone message (212-532-2360, x17); or fax (212-532-2646). If you need to speak with me and don't find me in the office when you call, please leave me times that are good for you and I'll get back to you. I'm out of the office from the afternoon of Wednesday December 24 through Monday December 29 but will be in all day Tuesday December 30--and am otherwise available as needed. I will also check my messages.

Happy Chanukah.

Nessa Rapoport

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To: Art Green, Aryeh Rubin, Yitz
Greenberg, J.J. Greenberg

Date: December 23, 1997

CC: Karen Barth

Pages: 6, including this cover sheet.

From: Nessa Rapoport

Subject: Final copy for Study Guide

Attached are the final additions to the study guide.

1. Aryeh Rubin's cover memo.
2. Text for the business-reply postcard, to be attached to Aryeh Rubin's memo.
3. Text for letter signed by J.J. Greenberg, to be printed at beginning of study guide.
4. Bibliography to be added on p. 9.
5. Text of JLN description and address:

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Address: 6 East 39th Street, 10th floor, New York, N.Y. 10016. Telephone: (212) 279-2288 Fax: (212) 279-1155 E-mail: ckyjln@aol.com.

6. Logos: Logos of both JLN and Targum Shlishi will appear on the front cover, and on inside front cover if design allows (depending on where the text of the JLN letter is printed). JLN logo will have the words "A Judy and Michael Steinhardt Foundation" beneath it.

7. Quote to be printed on mailing envelope:

"Above all, the need Judaism can answer is the *spiritual* one, a dimension of life that continues to have great and perhaps even increasing significance in American life."

[from *Restoring the Aleph: Judaism for the Contemporary Seeker* by Arthur Green]

What remains?

1. Sign-off by Art on the documents he has not yet seen, particularly the bibliography.
2. Aryeh Rubin's foundation's description.

When I receive both of the above [by Tuesday December 30, if possible] and when I double-check the dates/publishing citations of the Sabbath bibliography, I will give all these elements to the designer so that she can create the final version.

Note: All parties will be sent those proofs for final oversight and sign-off before we go to press.

Many thanks.

Nessa





TARGUM SHLISHI, INC.

Dear Rabbi, [How to address Hillel directors?]

Attached for your review is a copy of the essay *Restoring the Aleph: Judaism for the Contemporary Seeker* by Dr. Arthur Green, with an accompanying study guide. We would be pleased to send you additional copies of both the essay and guide for distribution to your congregants [Hillel students] for their own study.

We believe that this essay will stimulate and challenge the reader and hope it will inspire a dialogue among rabbis, communal leaders and thoughtful seekers within all denominations. Perhaps the contents of this essay will also serve as a catalyst to individuals and their institutions to bring back those unaffiliated Jews who want a home within our people. Our creative energies need to be prodded to help us concoct the tonic that will begin the healing of a divided people.

This program is sponsored by Targum Shlishi, Inc., through the offices of the Jewish Life Network. Please note J.-J. Greenberg's introductory letter to the guide. In it, he states that while the sponsoring institutions and the individuals associated with them may not agree with every statement in the essay, all believe it is important to bring the essay's ideas to the synagogue community.

If you think that some of your congregants would benefit from a study group using the attached materials, please complete the postage-paid reply card and drop it in the mail today. We look forward to your comments on how to make this and future programs resonate within your community.

Sincerely,

Aryeh Rubin

AN ARYEH AND RAQUEL RUBIN FOUNDATION

Restoring the Aleph: Judaism for the Contemporary Seeker
Jewish Life Network • Targum Shlishi, Inc.

Yes, I would like to participate in this project with my congregants.
Please send me _____ copies of the essay and study guide to the address listed below.
(Maximum of 15 sets)

Rabbi _____
First Last

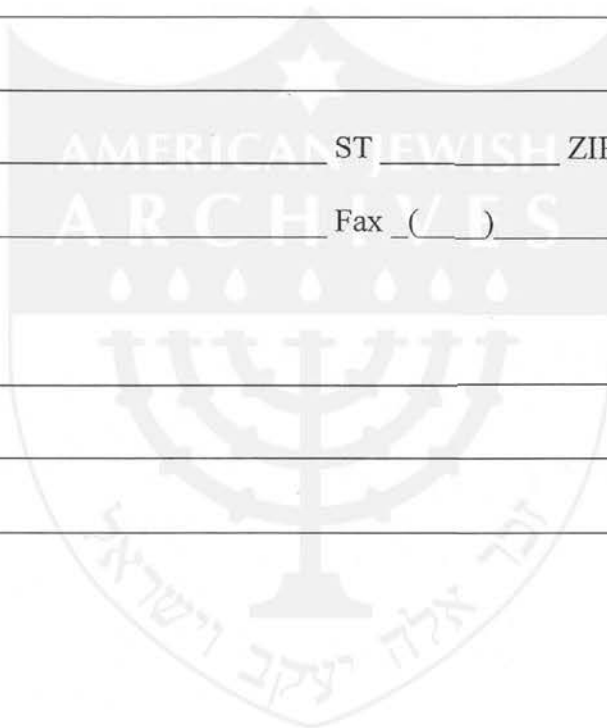
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Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Tel (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Comments: _____



Dear Reader:

The distribution of this study guide and essay is a project of the Jewish Life Network (JLN), a Judy and Michael Steinhardt Foundation established to create new institutions and initiatives in order to enrich the religious, cultural and institutional life of American Jewry.

Jewish Life Network is the result of a partnership between Michael Steinhardt, who defines himself as a seeking Jew deeply troubled by the erosion of Jewish life and especially committed to the continuity of non-Orthodox Jews in America through the generations; and Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, who defines himself as an Orthodox pluralist dedicated to the necessary renaissance of Jewish life. Both believe that intensive learning, cultural renewal and cooperation among all Jewish movements are needed to sustain Judaism and revitalize Jewish life.

The study guide project is undertaken at the initiative and inspiration of Aryeh Rubin, a communal leader who has participated in the work of JLN and is committed to extending the interpretive tradition by bringing the work of contemporary scholars and thinkers to the North American Jewish community.

Arthur Green's powerful essay, *Restoring the Aleph: Judaism for the Contemporary Seeker*, published by the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education (CIJE), raises profound and provocative questions about how our community and theology might respond to the spiritual quest of Jews in these times. The essay both confirms views and challenges values within every movement. The study guide is particularly designed to be used by rabbis and/or interested congregants interested in grappling with issues of spirituality.

This project is the first public mailing of JLN. Although the project's sponsors may not agree with specific statements within the essay, we hope that both the essay and study guide will foster a lively dialogue between rabbis and thoughtful seekers of the various denominations in Jewish life, as well as with secular Jews who may belong to none of these groups.

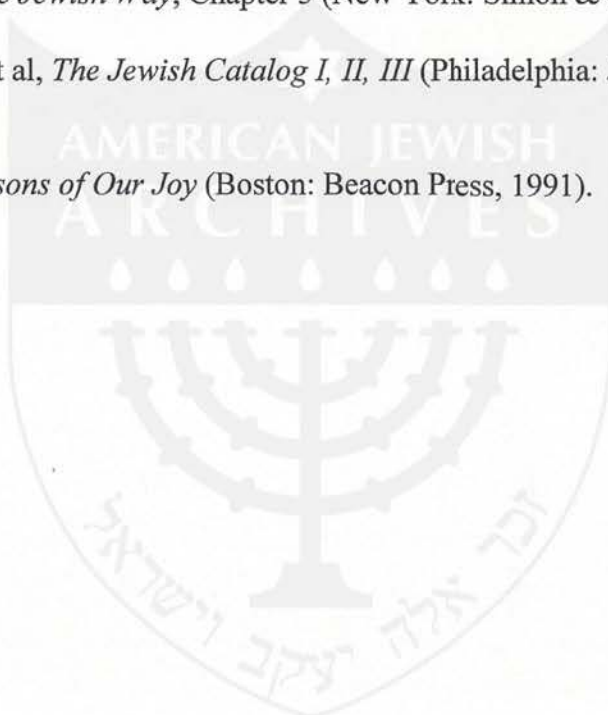
Through this and future projects, JLN hopes to stimulate high-level learning and personal Jewish living among all Jews, and to help forge authentic bonds between Jews of different affiliations through study, shared values and personal growth.

Jonathan J. Greenberg
Executive Director

[References to be checked for final citations.]

SOME FURTHER SOURCES ON SHABBAT

1. Erich Fromm, "The Sabbath Ritual," in *The Forgotten Language* (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1951).
2. Blu Greenberg, *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household*, Chapter 1 (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1983).
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4. Michael Strassfeld, et al, *The Jewish Catalog I, II, III* (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1973).
5. Arthur Waskow, *Seasons of Our Joy* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1991).



MEMO

To: Aryeh Rubin; Yitz Greenberg; J.J. Greenberg
CC: Art Green
From: Nessa Rapoport
Subject: Study Guide
Date: January 27, 1998

Attached is the final pre-print version of the Study Guide, which incorporates all the changes you requested. Please read it with care; this is our last chance to catch any mistakes. (I hope there are none!)

One small suggestion: In the second paragraph of J.J.'s letter, the term "Jewish life" occurs three times. I would prefer to amend the last line to "are necessary to sustain and revitalize Judaism" to avoid that repetition.

What I need: Formal sign-off, including the above suggestion, by voicemail (212-532-2360, ext. 17); by fax (212-532-2646); or by e-mail (to me, c/o my assistant, Chava: cwerber@compuserve.com) **no later than Friday morning.**

This is my final week in the office before (iy"v) my baby arrives. I will continue to oversee this project very closely; Chava and I will be in near-daily conversation and in weekly meetings. But I do want to get this volume safely to the printer before I go.

Many thanks for the hours of work and support of various kinds contributed by all.

Nessa

Presentation on *Restoring the Aleph: A Study Guide*
3/19/98 Board Meeting

- Early last fall, Nessa's communication memo told you of the birth of this project.
- The project is entirely funded by a philanthropist named Aryeh Rubin who attended a CIJE Board meeting as a guest of Matthew Maryles and was so impressed with the quality and originality of Art Green's presentation that he wanted to disseminate it much more widely and use it as a teaching tool.
- We still get requests for the original essay from individuals and institutions including requests from Rabbis and speakers who plan to use the essay for synagogue Shabbatonim and study groups.
- The original essay, *Restoring the Aleph: Judaism for the Contemporary Seeker*, describes the way Judaism can draw on its own ancient wisdom to answer the spiritual quest of fourth-generation American Jews as a response to the prevailing anxiety about the Jewish future.
- The Study Guide was written to help congregants and students explore the issues and questions addressed in the essay.
- An initial mailing including the original essay and the accompanying study guide is going out to a total of 2009 Jewish leaders including:
 - Pulpit rabbis
 - Hillel directors
 - And others across North America.
- We will keep you updated on the impact of this project.

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11/12/98

To: Aryeh Rubin

Date: November 12, 1998

Fax #: 305-692-8883

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

From: Nessa Rapoport

Subject: Bat Mitzvah

COMMENTS:

Even before you return to Florida: How's that for organization?!

Here is a copy of:

On one sheet:

1. The bat mitzvah invitation; and
2. The inside text of the smaller card, which was sent folded.

On the second sheet:

3. The reverse of the small card, which says: "Shabbat Tefillah Schedule."

Nessa



*With great pride and joy we invite you to join us
in celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter*

Sara Batya

שרה בתיה

Shabbat Parshat Chaye Sarah, November 14, 1998

שבת פרשת חיי שרה כ"ה מרחשוון תשנ"ט

Lincoln Square Synagogue

200 Amsterdam Avenue

New York City

Carol and Jonathan Sparbock

*Women and girls are invited to attend
The Lincoln Square Synagogue Women's Tefillah Service*

at 9:00 a.m.

Sara will be laying

Parshat Chaye Sarah

*Men and boys are invited to attend
any of the following Lincoln Square Synagogue Services*

Hashkamah Minyan at 7:45 a.m.

Main Minyan 8:45 a.m.

Late Minyan 9:45 a.m.

*Please join us in the Main Sanctuary at 12:00 noon
when Sara will deliver a D'var Torah
Kiddush lunch to follow*



Shabbat Tefillah Schedule

To: Nessa Rapoport, 74671,3370
From: Aryeh Rubin, aryehrubin
Date: 11/16/1998, 4:49 PM
Re: Bat Mitzva

Dear Nessa

It was great bumping into you and your daughter. Bashert.

Thanks fot the copy of the invitation in sucj a timely manner. How was the simcha.

A reminder about Ms. Holtz and the brachot you mentioned.

Next time, it's lunch.

Best regards
Aryeh

