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November 12, 1998

Laurie Neimark Perlstadt  
M2  
3330 Pierce St. Apt. 306  
San Francisco, CA 94123

example of letter

Dear Laurie:

We are writing to ask for your help with an exciting new project that the Mandel Foundation is developing.

For a long time the Mandel Foundation has been concerned with the improvement of Jewish educational institutions in North America and around the world. We have found that the kind of intensive, high-quality consulting help that is available in the business world can also be a powerful tool for the transformation of our Jewish educational institutions. We are looking into the possibility of building a consulting group that would make this type of consulting available in the area of Jewish education and continuity.

We are hoping that you would agree to be interviewed by one of the members of our planning team. We would like to ask your opinion on various issues related to the development of this project.

We are working with outside consultants Nancy Raybin and Lisa Kohn to develop a plan for this consulting group. A member of this planning team will be contacting you in the next week. We hope you will be able to make some time available.

For your information, a sheet is enclosed which briefly describes the work of the Mandel Foundation (formerly known as CIJE in North America).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Karen A. Barth

## **The Mandel Foundation Jewish Education Sector**

The Mandel Foundation's Jewish Education Sector works in three areas:

- a. Professional leadership education--the recruitment, training and placement of senior professionals
- b. Research and Development--the development, gathering and analysis of knowledge and data to inform its work
- c. Consultations with communities, major organizations, institutions and individuals in leadership positions--the sharing of knowledge and helping design effective strategies for addressing problems of Jewish life.

We operate according to the following principles:

- a. We are committed to work that fuses important, authentic ideas about Judaism with plans and methods for their implementation in the current reality.
- b. Our ideas, plans and practices must meet rigorous criteria of validity and reliability.
- c. Throughout the work process, different points of view, intellectual and practical are supported and preserved.
- d. Only activities that are believed to have a reasonable chance of being acted upon and of affecting the Jewish condition are to be undertaken.
- e. In all activities we are committed to supporting a plurality of world views, conception of Judaism, of education, of planning and development. People holding varying viewpoints are invited to join our community--as students, faculty members or members of staff.
- f. This approach requires an ongoing scan of the challenges and opportunities facing Jewish education and the participation of all of our senior staff in interaction with outstanding practitioners and theoreticians.

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Foundations

Organiz- ation	Location	Contact		Resp.	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter Sent	Interview Scheduled	Interview Completed	Notes
Megaivers Group	The Samuel Bronfman Foundation 375 Park Ave. NY NY 10152	Jeff Solomon (212) 572- 7191	✓	KB			- 16 different arenas - Tobin	11/12 (a)			
The Wexner Foundation	158 W. Main St. New Albany, OH 43054 (614) 939-6060	Fern Kattleman					Has hired consultant to do evaluation.				
Nathan Cummings Foundation	1926 B'way, #600 NYC, NY 10023 212/787-7300, fax 7377	Rachel Cowan Charlie Halpern	✓	NR							
Moriah Fund	Moriah Congregation 200 Taub Dr. Deerfield, IL 60025	Mary Ann Stein									
Revson Foundation	444 Madison Ave. NY NY 10022	Lisa Goldberg (212) 935- 3340									
Speilberg	Righteous Persons Found. 1460 4 <sup>th</sup> St, #212 Santa Monica, CA 90401 310/395-3599, fax 9676	Margery Tabankin (Executive Director)	✓	KB				11/12 (a)			
Covenant Foundation	215 Park Ave. South, Suite 2016 NY NY 10003	Judith Ginsburg (212) 420- 0604									
	2734 Caves Road Owings Mill, MD 21117 410/486-6400 x275 FAX/363-9790	Lee Hender (Meyerhoff)	✓	NR							
Lilly Foundation		Bob Lynn					Episcopal Alban	11/12 (b)			

# Federations

Organization	Location	Contact		Resp	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter sent	Interview Scheduled	Interview Completed	Notes
UJA Federation	130 E 59 St NYC, NY 10022	John Ruskay (Rm 706) Alisa Kurshan (Rm 604) Michael Paley (Executive Director)	✓	KB  LK							
JCF	1750 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115	Steve Hoffman (216/566-9200, fax 9084) Mark Gurvis, Jewish Educ. Center of Cleveland 2030 S. Taylor Rd. Cleveland, OH 44118 (216) 371-0446	✓	NR							
Federation (CJP) Consulting Firm for Synagogues	Combined Jewish Philanthr. 126 High St Boston, MA 02110 617/457-8500 FAX CK 617/988-6262	Carolyn Keller Barry Schrage (President)	✓	KB				11/12 (a) 11/12 (a)			
	Detroit Miami	Mandell Berman MLB Investments 29100 N. Western Hwy #370 Southfield, MI 48304 (810) 353-8390 David Page (Lay) Bob Aronson Jacob Solomon Greater Miami Jewish Federation 4200 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33137	✓	LK				11/12 (a)   JS-11/12 (b)			
	Mexico England	Schmuel Ben Alal	✓	KB							

# National Institutions

Organization	Location	Contact		Resp.	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter sent	Interview Scheduled	Interview Completed	Notes
HUC	1 W. 4 <sup>th</sup> St. NY NY 10012	Norman Cohen (212) 824-2259	✓	LK			CIJE past client				
JESNA	111 Eighth Ave. 11 <sup>th</sup> fl. NY NY 10011	(212) 529-2000 (212) 284-6879									
Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life	1640 Rhode Island Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20036	Richard Joel (202) 857-6560	✓	NR				11/12 (b)			
JTS	3080 Broadway NY NY 10027	(212) 678-8000									
PEJE	678 Massachusettes Ave. Suite 305 Cambridge, MA 02139	Josh Elkin	✓	LK				11/12 (a)			
Boston Hebrew College	1169 Commonwealth Ave., Newton MA 02165	David Gordis (617) 232-8710	✓	LK				11/12 (b)			
JCCA	15 E. 26 <sup>th</sup> St. NY NY 10010	Mark Cherendorff (212) 532-4949	✓	LK				11/12 (a)			
Yeshiva University	500 W. 185 St. Room F413 NY NY 10033	Bob Hirt (212) 960-5263									
Jewish Life Network	392 Fifth Ave. NY NY	Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg (212) 867-8888						11/12 (a)			

# Consultants

Consultant	Location	Organization	Resp.	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter sent	Interview Scheduled	Interviewed Completed	Notes
Len Schlesinger	Brown University Box 1967 Providence, RI 02912		✓ LK				11/12 (b)			
David Schnall	Yeshiva University Belfer Hall 1205 500 West 185 <sup>th</sup> St. NY NY 10033 (212) 960-5432	Yeshiva University	✓ LK			Orthodox world	11/12 (a)			
Peter Geffen	Abraham Joshua Heschel School 270 W. 89 <sup>th</sup> NY NY 10024 (212) 595-7087	Abraham Joshua Heschel School	✓ NR			Consulting to Day Schools; Good educator	11/12 (b)			
Nancy Axelrod	P.O. Box 5863 Washington, D.C. 20016 (703) 739-4634									
Rabbi Fried	1416 48 <sup>th</sup> St. Brooklyn, NY 11219 (212) 340-7733 (w)		✓ LK			Rest of the Orthodox world				
Michael Hammer			✓ KB							
Heather Booth										
Si Kahn						Social justice				
Sally Gottesman	160 Riverside Dr. #60 NY NY 10024 (212) 799-8143		✓ LK							

# Consulting Firm Models

Organization	Location	Contact Name		Resp.	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter sent	Interview Scheduled	Interview Completed	Notes
M2	3330 Pierce St. Apt. 306 San Francisco, CA 94123	Laurie Neimark Perlstadt	✓	NR				11/12 (b)			
McTemps	Chicago										
Technical Advisory Group		Liz Curtis	✓	LK				11/12 (b)			
MAG	1555 Conn. Ave. 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl. Wash, D.C. 20036	Susan Gross (Executive Dir.) (202)659-1963	✓	LK			Nonprofit	11/12 (b)			
ISM (Independent School Management)											
Ford Foundation	320 E. 43 <sup>rd</sup> NY NY 10017		✓	LK			\$, MAG, Social action				
Robin Hood Foundation	111 Broadway 19 <sup>th</sup> fl. NY NY 10006	Lisa Smith (212) 227-6601	✓	LK				11/12 (b)			
NY Consulting Partners	1370 Ave of the Americas NY NY 10019	Liz Haas (MCK. alumna) (212) 974-9610	✓	KB / NR				11/12 (b)			
Support Center		Terry Williams									
Alban Institute	7315 Wisconsin Ave. Suite 1250 West Bethesda, MD 20814	1-800-486-1318	✓	LK							

# **Institutions: Synagogues**

Organization	Location	Contact Name		Resp.	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter sent	Interview Scheduled	Interview Completed	Notes
Chizuk Amuno Congregation	8100 Stevenson Rd. Baltimore, MD 21208	Lee Hendler 2734 Caves Rd. Owings Mill, MD 21117 (410) 486-6400 x275 R. Joel Zaimin (410) 486-6400	✓	NR							
Fairmont Temple Early	23737 Fairmont Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44122 (216) 464-1752	(ask Mark Gurvis)	✓	NR							
Valley Beth Shalom	15739 Ventura Blvd. Encino, CA 91436 (818) 501-4674	R. Ed Feinstein									
Temple Israel Center	280 Old Mamaroneck Rd. White Plains, NY 10605	R. Gordon Tucker (914) 948-2800									
Congregation Rodeph Shalom	Religious School 7 W. 83 <sup>rd</sup> St. NY NY 10024	Alice Herman Executive Director (212) 362-5880									
Reform Movement	United American Hebrew Congregations--NY	Dan Friedlander	✓	KB				11/12 (a)			
Lincoln Square Synagogue	200 Amsterdam Ave. NY NY	Adam Mintz (212) 874-6100	✓	LK				11/12 (b)			
NY Federation	UJA-Federation Synagogue and Community Affairs 130 E. 59 St. NY NY 10022	Michael Paley Executive Director (212) 836-1505 (212) 666-5407 (h) (212) 755-9183	✓	LK							

# **Institutions: Schools and JCC's**

Organization	Location	Contact Name		Resp.	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter sent	Interview Scheduled	Interview Completed	Notes
Agnon School	26500 Shaker Blvd. Beachwood, OH 44122	Ray Levy (212) 464-4055	✓	NR							
Big Tradition											
Start-up School			✓	LK							
JCC of Columbus	1125 College Ave. Columbus OH 43209	Joel Dinkins (Exec. Dir.) (614) 231-2731	✓	LK				11/12 (b)			
92 <sup>nd</sup> St. Y	1395 Lexington Ave. NY NY 10128	Saul Adler Executive Director (212) 996-1100 (main)	✓	NR				11/12 (b)			



# **Institutions: Camps**

Institution	Location	Contact Name		Resp.	Timing	Next Steps	Comments	Letter sent	Interview Scheduled	Interview Completed	Notes
Sunrise Lake	National Ramah Commision 3080 Broadway NY NY 10027	John Ruskay can tell us	✓	LK							
Camp Ramah		Shelly Dorph National Director (212) 678-8881	✓	LK							

