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25 April 1999

Dear Barry -

Oy! Indeed! What a
quelling schedule ~~THEY~~ (whoever
"they" are!) are putting you through
- criminal!

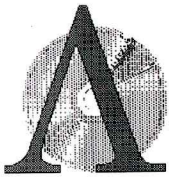
Shepperton - I assume the
place where you'll be - is about
a $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. drive from here. But
you have no idea when you'll
have free time for a chat,
and I don't know the town.
If it were London, I'd just
nip over whenever possible.

I was looking forward to seeing you, but it will have to be another time. Please make it before we become unrecognizable!

Warm regards -

Roye

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Ms. Gail Dorph – and Dr. Barry Holtz
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Dear Gail and Barry,

Shalom.

I have recently returned home and am reflecting back upon my trip to the U.S. I started my trip to the States with a meeting with you, and I would like to thank you both for your kind reception and for your assistance in opening sundry channels for further meetings.

Throughout all these meetings I received the impression, and I may be wrong, that technological progress has yet to really be integrated in Jewish education in North America. The pace of technological progress is continually increasing, and so, too, is the gap between it and the methodologies and resources used in our Jewish educational establishments. This gap will come to be more severely felt as the technologies impact on all other facets of the students' lives. This is a matter of grave concern.

I am not, however, pessimistic, I am trying to be realistic. I feel that the real success of my trip is that I helped to promote interest within organizations of the North American Jewish community, and that, perhaps, over the coming years this area will begin to develop. One must always hope.

If you come to Israel, I would be happy to meet with you.

I wish you a Shana Tova U-mevorachat, and once again, thanks for the kind reception and assistance.

Yours Sincerely

Yaacov Lorberbaum

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8 Nov. 1999

Dear Barry,

Hello. Again, very good to hear from you. I didn't try to get in touch when you were here. It would have been difficult, and, anyway, a phone call could have been made from anywhere. The point was to see each other.

We had a good summer - the same as usual in the S. of France. The exciting bit was that my daughter, Yara, gained her longed-for place at University College London to read Psychology - She's very chuffed!

No, I have no intention of attending the B.H.S. Reunion. Once was enough. I found ~~in~~ it very disappointing - quite depressing, in fact. I had been keeping a sporadic contact with my old girl friends never thinking I would see them again.

I want to the Reunion, the catalyst
being Beth's illness. I think we all
~~felt~~ felt we no longer had much
in common. But I have a longing
to see New England in autumn -
maybe next October, God willing,
I'll certainly be in touch if I sound
up the trip in N.Y.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. I
always celebrate it here - sort of
a dinner party with a theme for
those who've never had such a
meal. A love it!!

Bon appetit and best wishes,
Ray

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March 31, 2000

Barry Holtz, Consultant
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Dear Barry:

I read with great interest the March 2000 article in the Palm Springs Jewish News regarding teacher training programs for Hebrew schools. The article was very complementary of The Mandel Foundation; it seems that we have the same goals in mind. Emory University's new Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (ISMI) will be conducting a one-week partially-subsidized teacher workshop on modern Israel, which will be held at the Emory Conference Center in Atlanta from June 18-23, 2000. Our objective is to provide teachers with the highest caliber of scholarship on topics that relate to modern Israel.

The comprehensive cost per teacher, which includes kosher food, lodging, materials, fees for workshop specialists, and other expenses, will be \$1500 (minus transportation costs to be defrayed by each teacher). Through the generosity of a donor, ISMI is able to provide a \$900 scholarship per teacher. Each teacher individually, or through some other source, must defray the additional \$600 cost for participation. In essence, sixty percent of the costs for the workshop are being underwritten by ISMI.


At the end of the one-week workshop, each participating teacher will receive materials about Israeli history, society, politics, and culture. They will have enough information, media material, visual arts (teachers will have to pay for individual slide sets produced), and methodological information to impart four to six weeks of school work to their students. As a bonus to the teachers, they may earn step or academic credit for professional advancement. Subsequent to the summer workshop and during the 2000-2001 academic year, participating teachers will be asked to spearhead efforts to share such information with colleagues in their home communities. It is from this pool of teachers that efforts should be made by communities to send them in subsequent summers to Israel. Similar teacher workshops on modern Israel will be conducted at Emory every other summer or as demand requires.

Our hopes are that, in years to come, all of us in the East can cooperate in a more regular fashion on matters of education, Jewish continuity, and Israel-Diaspora relations. Obviously, the teacher workshop is aimed at enhancing the objectives of all three. The network of teachers that will evolve from these workshops should, over a period of time, allow us to engage in additional educational development activities with them.

I will be in the New York area April 18-19 if you would like to have coffee to discuss this program. Please let me know if you are interested. You may reach me at 404-727-4472 or via email <kstein@emory.edu>.

Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Stein".

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History and Israeli Studies

March 20, 2000

Dr. Barry Holtz
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Dear Dr. Holtz:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Daniel Pekarsky of the Center for Jewish Studies faculty to ask if you would be able to spare a small amount of time in the coming weeks to assist the Center in a very important project.

Specifically, the Center, in the near future, will be submitting documents that, upon approval by several administrative bodies, authorize us to offer a "Major in Jewish Studies." (Currently, we offer a Certificate only.) In support of our petition to implement the major, the Center must obtain letters of endorsement and support from several "outside experts" who can attest to the substance, rigor and completeness of our proposal; these statements would accompany our documents as we seek the approval of, finally, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents.

The task I would like to request of you is to review our materials (approx. 10 pages) and write a letter of support. You would have approximately 3-4 weeks from the time you receive the documents. I regret we will not be able to provide a fee for your important service.

If you can help the Center in this request, would you let me know? You can send your response to me by email at <cjsdir@bascom.wisc.edu>. Whatever your decision, I do want to let you know that I am very grateful for your consideration, and I wish you well on your current projects.

Sincerely,



Robert Skloot, Director
Center for Jewish Studies



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Yavneh
Day School

7/15/00

Hi Grammy, just a note
to let you know how much
I enjoyed & learned
from the recent seminar in
CA facilitated by
Bethanie - The work you are
doing is very important &
appropriate. Let me know if I
can continue to be of

assistance. It would be an
honor.

Warmly, Liz Michael

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Dear Barry and Gail,

In speaking with Toba and Gary about TEI III it came to my attention that you probably weren't aware of Connecting Prayer and Spirituality. I'm glad to be sending you (separately) both a complimentary copy for your work with TEI.

We're proud of the volume in part because it approaches adult, family, and children's experience with Tefila somewhat seamlessly. I also think it addresses to a degree Sharon's insightful comment that most teachers' guides characteristically say both too little and too much. Somehow I think we got a little closer here to the third bear/just right kind of talking.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Schein
Director of Education

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