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Dear Dan:

This letter confirms your attendance at CIJE's Synagogue Change Research Project Leadership Team meeting on Tuesday, August 4 from 9:30 AM-4:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the JCCA Conference Room at 15 East 26th Street-10th floor. A kosher lunch will be served.

Enclosed in this mailing are the following written materials for your review:

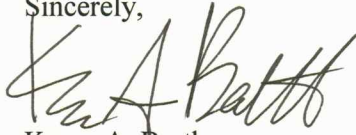
- A) Meeting Agenda 8/4/98
- B) Synagogue Change Research Project: Research Design Proposal (3/31 draft)
- C) Summary Grid/Map of Synagogue Change Projects
- D) Binder: Map Summary Write-Ups of the following synagogue change projects:
  - 1) Beth Am Israel
  - 2) Boston's change initiatives (Sh'arim, Me'ah, and Youth Educator Initiative)
  - 3) Cooperating Schools Network (CSN)
  - 4) Designated School Project (DSP)
  - 5) Experiment in Congregational Education (ECE)
  - 6) Friday Night Alive
  - 7) Grants Program of the UJA-Federation Continuity Commission of New York
  - 8) Koret Synagogue Initiative (KSI)
  - 9) Orthodox Caucus: L.E.A.D. Rabbinic Fellowship Program
  - 10) Partners for Synagogue Change (PSC)
  - 11) Synagogue Initiative Program (SIP)
  - 12) Synagogue Leadership Initiative (SLI)

Please note that the enclosed binder only includes map summary write-ups that we were able to revise by July 19. For reasons of confidentiality and accuracy, we are not distributing any map write-ups unless we have heard back from everyone we interviewed about the synagogue change project. Thank you to those of you who gave us your feedback by the requested deadline. We will distribute map summaries that are revised after July 19 in a future mailing or at the August 4 Leadership Team meeting.

We are looking forward to having a very hands-on and productive meeting on August 4. Therefore, we request that you read the enclosed research design proposal very carefully before the meeting. We also request that you review the grid of synagogue change projects and the 'map' write-ups in order to be able to give us general comments about the format and content; if you do not have time to review all of the projects' map write-ups, we would appreciate if you could at least skim them before the meeting.

Thank you for your continued participation in CIJE's Synagogue Change Research Project. We look forward to getting your feedback on the 'mapping' phase of the study and on the research proposal. *L'hitraot* on August 4.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



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CIJE's Synagogue Change Research Project  
Leadership Team Meeting 8/4/98

AGENDA

- 1) Introduction/Overview
  - a) Review of research questions
  - b) Review of methodology for Phase I mapping
  - c) Status of research project
- 2) 'Map' of Synagogue Change Projects
  - a) Presentation
  - b) Feedback & input
- 3) Definitions of Success & Factors Linked to Successful Synagogue Change
- 4) Research Design Proposal
  - a) Presentation of Phase III proposed design
  - b) Feedback & input:
    - data collection methods
    - sampling strategy/ site selection
    - issue: definitions of "success"
- 5) Next Steps