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Wexner Leadership Seminar. Columbus, Ohio. 1985-1986.

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January 13, 1986

Mr. Leslie H. Wexner
The Limited Stores
1 Limited Parkway
Columbus, Ohio 43230

Dear Leslie:

I really enjoyed participating at the leadership meeting at your home. From the conversation on the plane ride home Alex, Peggy, Henry and Herb all benefitted from the interchange with the young leaders from the Columbus community. Thanks so much for inviting me. I think you have designed something that's unique and exciting, that will make a special contribution to the future of American Jewish community life.

I look forward to your return from the Far East when Marty Stein and I can review with you an important program idea for major givers. Our efforts for major givers are primary and as we again were reminded about yesterday, "There is no life after fund raising."

Sincerely,

Marshall M. Jacobson

MMJ/rm

cc: Herb Friedman

Alan H. Gill

Executive Director

Columbus Jewish Federation

1175 College Avenue • Columbus, Ohio 43209
(614) 237-7686

January 13, 1986

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Wexner-Heritage Foundation
11 W. 42nd Street - 9th Floor
New York, New York 10036

Dear Herb:

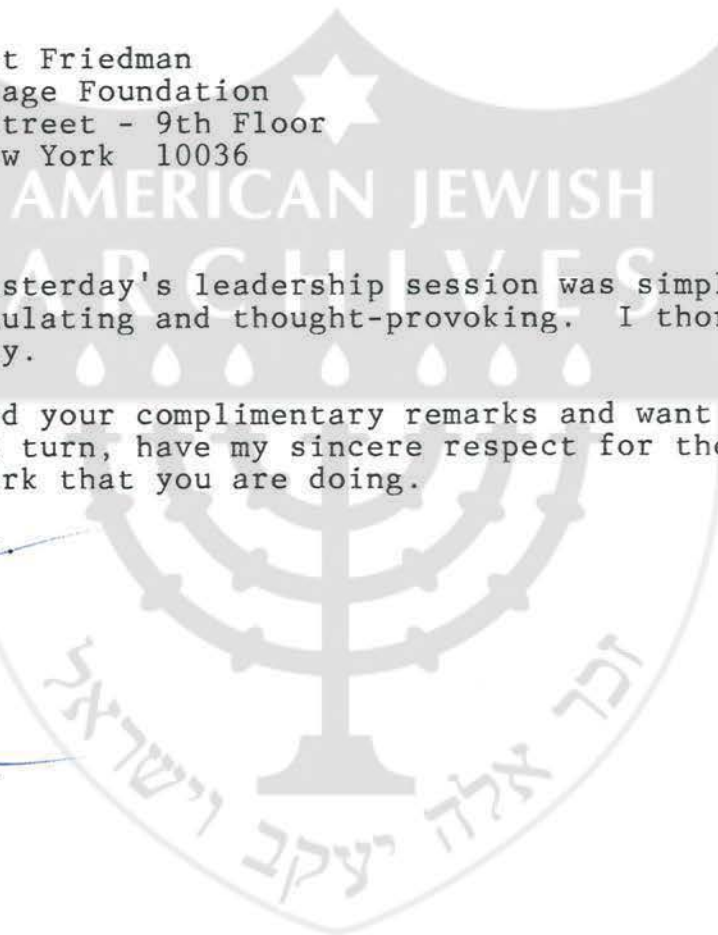
I thought yesterday's leadership session was simply outstanding - stimulating and thought-provoking. I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

I appreciated your complimentary remarks and want you to know that you, in turn, have my sincere respect for the critically important work that you are doing.

My very best.

Sincerely,


Alan H. Gill



THE WEXNER HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Herbert A. Friedman
President

Leslie H. Wexner
Chairman of the Board

January 13, 1986

Senator Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Rudy,

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We thought it was a remarkably successful meeting. The reaction afterwards from the group was highly enthusiastic.

The next appearance of this road show will be a year from now. We will let you know where and when.

Thanks a million!

Yours,



Herbert A. Friedman



Leslie H. Wexner

/ndg

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Mr. Alex Grass
4025 Crooked Hill Road
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

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111 DeVriese Court
Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

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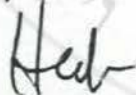
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105

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1. An individual presentation of 15 - 20 minutes by each of you four guests (in addition to you, Peggy Tishman, Henry Taub, Rudy Boschwitz).
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(Rabbi) Herbert A. Friedman

Mr. Grass:

Rabbi Friedman will
pick you up on
January 12, 1986
at the Museum Towers,
15 West 53rd Street
at 7:20 am for the
trip to Teterboro
Airport.

Just in case:
his home number is
212-628-9119



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Mrs. Tishman:

Rabbi Friedman will pick
you up on Sunday,
January 12, 1986 at 7:10 am
at your home.

You will be driven to
Teterboro airport for
an 8:00am flight to
Columbus.

You will leave Columbus
5:00 pm same day.

If you need to speak to
Rabbi Friedman that
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is 628-9119.

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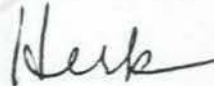
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RE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
TRIP TO COLUMBUS

DEAR MR. TAUB:

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at Teterboro Airport,
Falcon Executive Jet,
(south side airport past
hangars - look for office
of Falcon Jet) at 7:50 am
for 8:00 am flight to
Columbus.

You will return from
Columbus 5:00 p.m. arriving
Teterboro approx. 6:15 pm.

If you need to telephone
Rabbi Friedman that
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Calls re Jan. 12

Settle details with

1. Audrey -

a.) Falcon Jet - Teterboro

8.00 am. departure

I will bring speakers to airport

b.) Leave Columbus - return to ~~NY~~ ^{Teterboro}

5 p.m.

~~can~~ can available at Teterboro
to take people home.

~~at lunch~~

2. Inform participants:

Henry Tamb - Teterboro

Peggy Tishman - Teterboro

Alex Grass - will he take his own plane?
or join group at Teterboro?

Senatn Boschultz - how does he want to go?

3. Inform ~~the~~ study group members of change of time for Jan. 12 - 10 a.m. start, not 9

4) Inform Miriam Yentkin, chairman of
next day, to check with Audrey
on arrangements at Werner's house:

a) Lunch for 20-30 people -
exact number will be known in
two weeks:

14 group members

3 ex-officio Werner, Zacks, Friedman

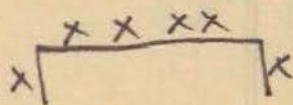
4 guest speakers

9 possible guests from other
communities

30

b.) Tape recording

c.) Seating arrangements - i.e. some
sort of table in front of fireplace
with six chairs



Audience

MRS. ALAN TISHMAN
1095 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10028

November 11, 1985

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
The Wexner Heritage Foundation
11 West 42nd Street - 9th Floor
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Herb:

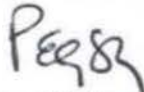
Thank you so much for asking me to join in the seminar at Les Wexner's home in Columbus, Ohio on January 12th, 1986. I look forward to the opportunity to share whatever knowledge I have with the other leaders who you have invited to attend.

Is there anything that you would like me to prepare in advance of that meeting or any material that you would like me to bring with me. Obviously I would be happy to do whatever will contribute to making this a meaningful seminar.

With regard to the logistics, do you plan to put us up the night of January 11th at a hotel near Mr. Wexner's home as I am sure I cannot arrive on January 12th in time for a 9:00 A.M. meeting. I am also wondering whether it would be possible for me to get a plane back to New York on Sunday evening as I would very much like to get home that night.

I know there are a number of details that have not been worked out and that I will be hearing from you in the near future. I look forward to that day and to working with you on what I am sure will be a very noble endeavor.

Sincerely yours,



Peggy Tishman

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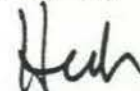
Dear Peggy,

I cannot tell you how delighted I am to have your acceptance for January 12 at Lex Wexner's house in Columbus. Henry Taub and Alex Grass are also coming, so the three of you will make a tremendous impact on the listening group.

I do understand all the questions you are asking about logistics and I hope to have answers for you within a very short time. I expect to see Les some time within the next week, and my hope would be that we can fly you in that morning, and fly you home that night. But I don't want to make any promises until I have talked it over in detail with him.

Meanwhile, my warmest personal thanks for your generous response. You will hear from me soon.

As ever,



(Rabbi) Herbert A. Friedman

HAF:ndg

MORTON L. MANDEL

4500 EUCLID AVENUE * CLEVELAND, OHIO 44103

November 7, 1985

Dear Herb:

I thank you very much for your letter of October 24, explaining The Wexner Heritage Foundation. It sounds to me like you've undertaken a noble cause, and I wish you every success in this venture. I'm sure that, between your efforts and those of Leslie Wexner, you will accomplish a great deal.

Regrettably, I am not available to meet with you on Sunday, January 12. It sounds to me like you have a well thought out program and that you are approaching your mission in a very serious way.

I do want to take this opportunity, again, to wish you every success. If I can ever be of assistance in any way, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,



MORTON L. MANDEL

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
President
The Wexner Heritage Foundation
11 West 42nd Street, Ninth Floor
New York, NY 10036

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November 13, 1985

Mr. Morton L. Mandel
4500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Mort,

I am really sorry that you will not be able to join us in Columbus on January 12. I do understand that there is lots of competition for your time, and you might very well be in Palm Beach at that particular moment.

I do appreciate your good wishes for the success of our program. I think you would be pleased to hear the details of what I am doing. This is probably the most serious adult education program, in depth, which is going on in American Jewish circles today. The Study Group in Columbus consists of 14 persons, who sit around the seminar table for a four-hour session every two weeks, and they are accumulating knowledge at an incredible rate.

Just for your information, Henry Taub, Alex Grass, and Peggy Tishman have agreed to come that day. I hope we get a chance to put you up in front of the group at some future date.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



(Rabbi) Herbert A. Friedman

Nov 6

HENRY TAUB

long talk

OK - will participate

why 5 on one day -

too many

you want full exposition
from each one.

...him in Longhand.
said I would call 12/1

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Rabbi -

I have not yet made plans

for 1/12 - I may well be in
Israel, though the majority leader
(Bob Dole) may call us back on 1/13.

If I am in the US + free, I'll come but
will have to delay till we see how

the Senate is going
call me on 12/1 if that
fits your schedule

😊 Judy



Corporation

ALEX GRASS,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PRESIDENT

November 5, 1985

• **MAILING ADDRESS**
P. O. BOX 3165
HARRISBURG, PA 17105

• **GENERAL OFFICE:**
RAILROAD AVE. & TRINDLE RD.
SHIREMANSTOWN, PA 17011

• **(717) 761-2633**

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Dear Herb:

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the seminar at Les Wexner's home on January 12, 1986. Your objectives have my wholehearted support.

Barring inclement weather, I will certainly be with you for this event.

Sincerely,

Alex Grass

AG:lc

7 Nov 85
answered him longhand

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THE WEXNER HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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October 24, 1985

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Dear Peggy,

I have recently become the President of The Wexner Heritage Foundation, which is a private foundation of Mr. Leslie Wexner, Chairman of the Limited, Inc.

We have embarked on a project of providing a serious Jewish education to persons in their mid-30's who have displayed leadership qualities in their communities. This first year we are working in Mr. Wexner's home city of Columbus, Ohio - each successive year we plan to expand to four additional cities.

A most important element in the training of leaders is to expose them to role models who have been in the front ranks of national and international Jewish leadership. You are one of the prominent members of that top rank and we are very eager for the present group of 14 students to hear you.

The suggestion is to devote the entire day of Sunday, January 12, 1986, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to a seminar at Les Wexner's home in Columbus, Ohio, which he will chair. The general subject is: THE LAY LEADER: PERSONALITY AND IDEOLOGY. The specific subject is you - what you believe, how you function, how you motivate yourself, what you think is important. The details of your work can be described in relation to the New York Federation to which you have devoted so many years of your life.

You need not prepare a speech. I want the members of the Study Group to get the sense of your dedication, and this will come across if you just chat with them in your own manner. Let them ask questions. Just talk to them informally, personally, weaving in elements such as the following:

1. Your sense of noblesse oblige.
2. Your feeling that leaders receive more than they give.
3. Your motivation in working so hard.
4. Your sense of values - i.e., why you think Jewish survival is so important.
5. Your attitude toward Israel as a major factor in modern Jewish history.

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6. Your experience in Jewish communities around the world.
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There are many details to be worked out, but rather than go into those now, I would prefer to learn whether you are able to participate in this unique day. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Incidentally, the persons being invited, in addition to yourself, are:

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
Alex Grass
Morton Mandel
Senator Rudy Boschwitz
Henry Taub

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

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Enclosure: Program of Wexner Heritage Foundation

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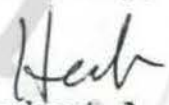
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Taub - not history - memoranda

Rudy - happy we're together

Alex - very impressed -
important

Tishman

AMERICAN JEWISH
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Marshall said there are
more advanced - communities

(1)

Alex 2) don't think Keen knowledge
or Jewish education very important.
but we need a sense of
identity which ignites us.

2) as I ~~am~~ became successful,
I felt a responsibility to become
involved, to pay back

3) In 1967, I became chairman
in Harrisburg. made first trip
to Israel after six-day war.
Eye-opener. I came back
more concerned than ever.

4) Three trips had greatest impact.
1967; again in 1973, less
than week after war ended.
(I saw how fragile Israel
was & could be destroyed);
and in Sept. 85, when I

(2)

led a mission to Eastern Europe,
and this was the most significant
trip of all. Warsaw + Auschwitz + Cracow
+ Rumania. Jassy moved me more than Auschwitz,
because of cemetery, containing Jewish soldiers
who had fought for Rumania, next to
Nazi victims.

On the flight to Eilat I
had my full understanding of why
I work as I do. Because of Israel
we have saved Ethiopians + Rumanians +
Moroccans, etc, etc. Israel is the
main factor in my motivation. It is
the protective shield of world Jewry.

Reggy

Part of motivation is the joy and pleasure of a meeting like this.

I came from an un-Jewish background — went to a Methodist school. My brother became Catholic, my father remained a Methodist. But I had my Jewish dybbuk — a grandmother — who loved every Jew and gave that to me.

My father never came to terms with his Jewishness. I confronted anti-Semitism in my school — and tried to learn my heritage.

I never have enough Jewish education. I'm hungry for it.

With my background, how did I get into this business? There is something mystical about being Jewish.

I was impressed by Mark Twain's description of the Jews.

I think the black movement - when becoming black was beautiful. Jewish couldn't be far behind.

Rudolf Borchardt

I went to a Methodist school in N.Y.

I think the Jewish people is very fragile. I want to protect its unity. Our people must be unified, outspoken & strong.

My father's generation thought Jews should be quiet & stay in background. I absolutely reject that.

My father was farsighted and got away from Hitler. We ~~left~~^{decided} on Jan 30, 33 to leave and I went to Reagan on Jan 30, 83 to tell him that;

with my son. I spoke in the Senate floor that day on that subject.

We went from country to country trying to get to U.S., even though we had an uncle here. We were born on the Polish side of a village, and fell under Polish quota.

Only in England (sixth country) did we convince the US consul to take us under the German quota.

I became a penate guide by chance.

I believe that ~~under the~~ ^{I must} participate in keeping our people strong, even using my public position.

I've never been to a camp. Maybe I ~~but~~ should take my son.

Henry

Immigrant community of
Peterson - full of Jewish
activity - vibrant, competitive,
struggle, warmth, ethical values.

The pushke in my house
was very real. 1933 I was
six - and remember the sharing
of poverty. Grandmother was focal
point - strong sense of family.

Advancement depended on education.
I remember Holocaust - because we
lost huge chunks of our family.

In 1945 I was a 25
year old girl, and in 1951 I bought a
\$50 bond.

He represent ethical + moral
standards - and a sense of mutual
concern for each other. I'm proud
to be a member of such a unique
people.

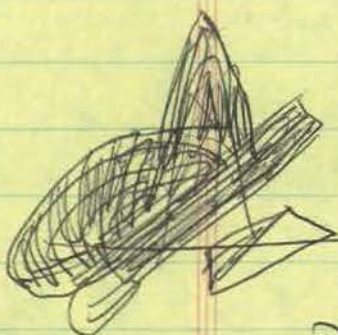
I was ~~hardly~~ ^{always} locally involved. I was never hired by the IJC - but I did like the IJC and that brought me into the national scene about 7 years ago.

Jerusalem is a reality - our grandparents dreamed for it - but we have it. So we have to make it work.

Peggy - flesh it out

Norman

1. ~~Is there life after~~
~~fund-raising?~~ The
~~collecting agent is fund-raising.~~
~~Is there something more~~
~~important?~~



2. ~~Does it make sense~~
~~Does it make sense to~~
~~assassinate Gadafi?~~

Raven

1. ~~Is there life after~~
~~the USSR is to eradicate Jewish~~
~~life. The USSR has failed to prevent~~
~~that. Comment~~
2. ~~to Auschwitz - Abortion & prayer in school -~~
~~Comment on divisiveness in Jew-comm. on these issues~~
3. What is real purpose of J. Agency meeting in Feb?
4. What do you each still hope to accomplish

Brend

1. none of you mentioned God or ~~at~~ religion as a motivation in your life.
2. to Bosch. - Is it enough to send contrib. to politicians — or should we have more senators.

Nelson

1. to Bosch - Jewish agenda has to be first & foremost. How reconcile this to your father's position. Has your Jewish outspokenness caused problems?

Billy

Parental direction
+ anti-Semitism

~~A Jewish identity is critical
What will promote that identity in next generation?~~

2. to Bosch - Senate for B.B. - anything similar today?

Miriam

to Alex.

contributions can't make dent in Israeli's problems — so more money should be allocated locally.

Penny

What would Jewish life be
without a crisis?

HAF

What ~~are~~ will be the major issues
of the next 15 years.

Care of Aged
US - Israel ~~is~~ drifting apart

These panelists are

1. idealists
2. optimists
3. pragmatists

Henny - fearful for Israel's future - very pessimistic
Rudy - not quite as pessimistic but I hope that Israel will grow.
and I see the Jewish comm. in U.S. getting stronger.
Peggy - Camp David a dead issue; terrorism grows; aging of
Jewish population; in-fighting on religious grounds; money
Alex - I'm more optimistic. Don't see major changes in 15 years. If U.S. Jews
remain strong, Israel will remain strong.