

May 25, 1971

Mr. Jakob Michael
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Dear Mr. Michael:

I know that you have long been thinking about the problem of young Jews who are estranged on the college campuses. Your support of Yavneh certainly bespeaks the great and continuing interest you have shown in this area.

However, I know that you have been especially concerned with publications, especially in the realm of Jewish ethics, i.e., demonstrating to our Jewish youth the moral treasures within Judaism.

If you recall, I have in the past not been overly enthusiastic about a number of projects which you mentioned to me, especially that of an anthology of ethical maxims. It was hard put to offer any alternative that might be satisfactory.

However, with the present ferment on the campus, there has arisen a group of young, brilliant, and highly dedicated Jewish students who have turned from radical causes to a rediscovery of their Jewish identity. They are working on a world wide scale, attempting to link Jewish student groups on several continents. One of the most fascinating of this group is the young man (shortly to receive his doctorate in clinical psychology) who is the author of the enclosed letter and material to me.

Please do me the kindness of reading his letter and glancing through his material. (I may have sent you a copy of the Haggadah he edited; if not, I enclose one herein together with some other of his material). I believe that what he proposes is remarkably close to what you have been looking for these past several years.

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It was good to see you at The Center this morning and I look forward to seeing you again on Shavuot and perhaps meeting with you in the park.

Cordially yours,

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