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MESSAGE FROM TERRY

Welcome to the new fiscal reality. Its February 2009 and our world is still reeling from the Madoff fiasco and the general market conditions that have destroyed our confidence. For now, foundations have less to give away and non profits have to strip to their core competencies.

Here at our family foundations, we have made a decision to concentrate on the problems this meltdown has inflicted on middle class folks here and abroad. In Baltimore, we are looking at agencies that prevent

foreclosure, free programs at libraries and museums that are in jeopardy, recreation leagues and summer programs for kids. Our college scholarship program for middle class families administered through the Central Scholarship Bureau has 13 students enrolled in Maryland public colleges.

We just hosted a lunch for them and have learned that they need some additional support in course advising, work load and off campus housing. Our goal is for our students to graduate and to give back to our re-

gion through their productivity.

I leave for Israel at the end of the month, and my questions and focus there is likely to be the same.

While diaspora contributions to the Israel GDP is deminimus, certain organizations are heavily dependent on diaspora funding. Some may not survive.

There will be a new prime minister and a new government installed so there should be some interesting reactions to report during my visit.

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HERBERT D. KATZ CENTER FOR ADVANCED JUDIAIC STUDIES

September 9, 2008 family and friends were on hand for the official renaming of University of Pennsylvania's Center for Advanced Judaic Studies to the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, (a.k.a., the Katz Center).

The naming event was a truly special day for the family as it celebrated Uncle Herb's commitment to the Center and to UPenn. For those who were able to be there, it will be remembered as an exciting and moving occasion.



Aunt Ellie and family at the Herb Katz naming event

FAMILY NEWS

ZOH'S GOSPEL

KABBALISTIC TEACHINGS of the FEMALE PROPHETS



The Seven Holy Women of Ancient Israel
J. ZOHARA MEYERHOFF HIERONIMUS

Kudos to Zoh Herioniumus on her new book:

“Kabbalistic Teachings of the Female Prophets.” The book explores women’s places in the Torah and the connection between the Seven Prophetess and the stages of development of the world.

Already heralding rave re-

views by people of Jewish and Christian faith alike, this book is proving to be a must read for all those interested in Kabala and the divine feminine.

Zoh’s book can be found at Barnes and Noble in Pikesville, The Ivy Bookshop and Amazon.com

FUNDS NEWS

MEET THE CFO

We are pleased to announce that Donna Findlay is the Meyerhoff Family Office’s new CFO.

Donna has worked as our accountant for over 13 years and replaces Phil Huber who will remain of counsel.

Says Donna, “It is an incredible opportunity; I am honored and grateful to be offered this promotion and I look forward to the new challenges and opportunities for growth that this position will

afford me. I will do my very best to surpass all expectations of me.”



New CFO, Donna Findlay with a few of the Toys for Tots donations

TOYS FOR TOTS

In the spirit of “think globally, act locally,” the office staff came together to deliver a little holiday joy to some families by donating toys to the Toys for Tots campaign of Baltimore. The pile of toys that was collected brought smiles to everyone in the office and when donation day finally rolled around the loot required more than one person to haul.

The office is very much looking forward to donating again this year.

GRANT NEWS

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH STUDIES UPDATE

Within the past two years, ICJS has been through quite the transformation. A groundbreaking, an office move, and in September, the hiring of Rabbi Ilse Kramer as their full-time religious educator,

which our grant helped to fund.

Rabbi Kramer's expertise and experience in adult education, along with her understanding of different learning

styles and curriculum make her a great fit with ICJS' goals.

We look forward to hearing more new updates as the new year progresses.

NATIONAL HOLOCAUST AND WAR VICTIMS TRACING CENTER

In the first year of funding the National Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center we are pleased to report the Center has been able to resolve 1,073 searches for survivors, with one of the highlights being a family reunification.

The Center continues to reevaluate and re-search cases hoping to reach their goal of resolving over 17,000 searches for survivors.

We look forward to hearing more of their progress and hopefully more stories of reunification in the months to come.

For more information on the National Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, visit:

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/rctrace.html>

JEWISH ARTIST LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

LABA: The National Laboratory for New Jewish Culture, formerly the Jewish Artist Leadership Training Program, launched by the 14th Street Y in New York, has successfully placed three Artists-in-Residence for an eight month period at the 14th Street Y. Each artist is responsible for developing and presenting a new artistic venture. This year's theme

is the "Body" and aspires to inspire artist and community members—reconsidering the spiritual social and emotional dimensions of the body through progressive exploration of Jewish text, contemporary culture and cross cultural references. LABA seeks to transform the Jewish cultural landscape by placing artists at

the center of communal institutions as leaders, innovators, role models, and sources of inspiration.

Stephen Hazan Arnoff, an Israeli and former Mandel Scholar, brought this concept the United States and if successful will expand the program to other cities.

For more information on LABA visit:

http://www.edalliance.org/index.php?section=article&album_id=11&id=364

BEERSHEVA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OPENS

September 23, 2008 the doors to the Beersheva Performing Arts Center officially to rave reviews.

Here is just a sampling of some the reviews we received from Israelis:

"I attended yesterday evening at the opening of the performing art center and I must tell you that this is one of the most amazing structures I saw in my life...this is definitely a very important milestone in the development of the Negev and Beersheva."

"Yesterday I went through a great

excitement. I attended the opening of the new Beer Sheba performing arts center. I know it took many years for the dream to come true and would like to thank you for making the vision a reality."

"I would like to tell you that my friends from Beersheva were left speechless. They have waited for years for such a center and it is beyond even their own expectations."

Prime Minister Ehud Olmerht called Terry the after the opening to thank her for making the Center possible.



The new Beersheva Performing Arts Center

HILLEL CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

On December 17th, Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Learning and the renaming of the center to the Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Experience.

The celebration took place during Hillel's Professional Staff Conference in Baltimore. A video presentation highlighted the Center's work over the years. Terry, Lee Hendler, Sally Katz and Laura Cutler represented the family at this special event.

PROJECT INTERCHANGE UPDATE

Project Interchange, a long standing grantee of the Funds, is an educational organization dedicated to introducing current and future US and world leaders to Israel and its regional, historical and contemporary challenges on a first hand basis.

Project Interchange offers seminars which present differing viewpoints on the complexities and nuances of controversial issues in Israel and the Middle East. In 2008 we helped to fund two such seminars. The first, *European Environmental Experts, Policy Makers*

and NGO representatives, was designed to introduce European leaders from government, business, the non-profit sector and media to the environmental and energy conservation issues facing Israel. The second a seminar on *French Muslim Leaders*, provided an opportunity to enhance relations and open discussions with leading French Muslims.

"The environmental focus enriched my knowledge about environmental technologies produced in Israel...I will use the contacts with environ-

mental experts for my work in Austria and eventually invite experts to related meetings in Austria." said European Environmental Experts seminar participant, Elfriede A. More.

Fadila Mehal, participant in the French Muslim Leaders seminar, says of her experience: *"I understood the complexity of the regional stakes, and the role of neighboring countries. I was very surprised by the openness of our discussions and how open-minded is the Israeli society that speaks with no taboo."*