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Prof. David Roskies
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Dear Prof. Roskies,

A generous benefactor has given the Seminary a sum of money to study what our school can do address the population of marginal Jews in the community at large. Recognizing that there are many organizations that now share this concern, we are seeking to determine what contribution an institution such as ours can uniquely make. To this end, we are assembling a task force of professionals and concerned lay-people to help us design a program that might be effective in addressing the issues that they pose. We are writing to invite you to be a member of this task force.

Our goals are limited. We hope that by the Spring of 1985, we will have succeeded in designing a proposal to launch such a program -- not to implement the program itself. Our proposal will then be referred back to our benefactor and to the Seminary administration, who will consider the implementation of the program. It is our expectation that the task force will meet for three full day sessions during the course of the coming months. Between these meetings, a steering committee will meet to refine the emerging proposal.

We have scheduled the first meeting of the task force for Thursday, November 15 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. here at the Seminary. We will, of course, cover all of your expenses and pay you a consultant's fee of \$200 per day for your services.

We hope that you share our excitement at this challenge and that you will agree to join our deliberations. Please let us know of your intentions on the enclosed card.

We are looking forward to seeing you on November 15.

Sincerely,



Neil Gillman