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Dear Gershon,

I am pleased to write you as the distinguished head of the Jewish Theological Seminary, about the forthcoming INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE. Needless to say, it is also a personal pleasure to renew contact. Was it really so-so many years ago?

Gershon, to the best of my knowledge this is the first major Conference to link the subject of the Holocaust of our people to the genocides of all peoples, past and future, also the first major attempt to develop a serious interdisciplinary convergence on the subject of genocide. The enclosed materials, including the list of the developing Organizing Committee, and the identification of the leadership of Elie Wiesel, speak for themselves. We are, of course, very much concerned to have a serious representation and participation by the major movements in Jewish life, and it is in this respect that I am writing to you now.

First of all, would you feel it appropriate yourself to join us on our Organizing Committee? From the point of view of your role in Conservative Jewish life, there is no question that you would be a valuable contributor. However, I do not know myself whether you personally are involved with regard to the Holocaust, and the generalization to genocide of all peoples, and I leave it to you to consider whether you would like to nominate another distinguished leader in the Conservative Jewish movement.

More than that, we would like to raise the possibility of creating an identified-presence of the Conservative Jewish movement at the Conference, either by an official delegation, and/or by invitations to the Conference to a broad network of your Rabbinical leaders and lay leadership so that a

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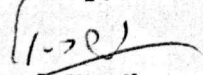
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significant number of Conservative Jewish leaders will in fact participate, either as presenters at the Conference, or in the broad audience as participants - we are looking for a registration of about a thousand people. Would it, for example, be possible to circulate brochures inviting participation in the Conference through a mailing list of your Rabbinical organization or congregational organizations?

Needless to say, we will welcome any creative contributions to the program of the Conference, on any and all levels of intellectual communication, the arts, the presence of distinguished persons in Jewish world history.

I look forward very much to your thoughts about these invitations and requests, and again I am glad to send to you warm regards.

Sincerely,

  
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Located in Israel, the Conference takes the Holocaust as a central point of departure, as the overwhelming event of genocide of the Jewish people, but also as an acknowledged archetypal symbol of genocide for all civilized peoples.

The goal of the Conference throughout is to project genocide as a universal problem in the history and futures of all peoples; to honor the national and historic concerns of each people who have been fated to suffer a tragedy of mass destruction; and at the same time to correlate these concerns with one another so that every event of genocide also reflects and articulates a concern for destruction of all peoples.

The Conference will be organized around the following themes which will be structured as tracks for continuous participation along with other open and integrating sessions which will develop interdisciplinary convergences:

1. IMPLICATIONS OF THE HOLOCAUST FOR MANKIND
2. REPORTS OF ONGOING GENOCIDE IN THE WORLD TODAY
3. RESPONSES IN WORLD LAW, STATESMANSHIP AND THE MEDIA TO GENOCIDE
4. INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND THREATS OF FUTURE GENOCIDE
5. TEACHING ABOUT THE GENOCIDE TO ONE'S OWN PEOPLE AND TO OTHER PEOPLES
6. TREATING SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES
7. THE HISTORY AND PSYCHOHISTORY OF GENOCIDE
8. THE SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENOCIDE
9. ATOMIC OMNICIDE AND ECOCIDE: THE NEW FACES OF GENOCIDE
10. THE THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL RESPONSE AFTER AUSCHWITZ AND HIROSHIMA

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