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Dear Rabbi Ekstein:

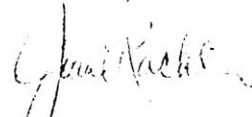
Belated thanks for your contribution to our May conference! The participants' evaluations have been read and tallied, and all agreed that the meeting - our first attempt to address the complex issues surrounding the "new genetics" - was a valuable learning experience. By all accounts, the faculty deserves credit for that success, and I thank you for being a **very** vital part of this exciting endeavor. In fact, your talk - and Gary Hodgen's companion presentation at the second lunch - were among the "ticket toppers," and I've attached just a few of the positive comments that came your way.

It's clear that your involvement was integral to the conference's success, and I am only sorry that we were unable to speak at greater length, and that I was unable to thank you more personally for your effort on PRIM&R's behalf. Your courage and commitment are inspiring, and throughout your talk, I thought of the many who would bury their energy, determination, and hope along with their lost children. Your productivity and effectiveness are a living memorial to your love for both your children and your community, and I thank you for sharing both with our group.

Please know that Barbara Handelin and I value your participation and hope that you will consider joining us again as we continue to explore this area. In fact, it would be very helpful if you would keep me posted on your work and on what issues you would like to see/hear addressed at a future PRIM&R genetics meeting.

Until then, I hope that you have a wonderful end of spring and early summer!

B'Shalom,



Joan Rachlin

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P.S. We will send the tape of your presentation to you as soon as possible - our transcriber is a little behind, and we are still waiting to get it back from her.