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Mr. Steve Brand  
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Dear Steve,

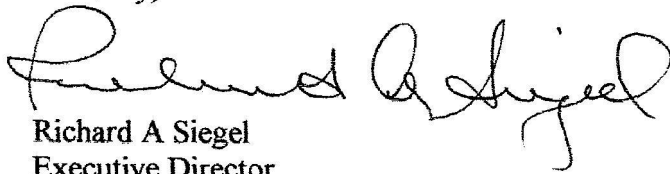
I am delighted to write in support of your new documentary film project, *Praying With My Legs*, on the life, thought and impact of Abraham Joshua Heschel. As you have so beautifully captured in your treatment, Heschel was an inspiration, not only for Jews, but for a whole generation of Americans desperately searching for moral voices.

His influence is profound and still resonates, both through his words and through the people he has affected. Your film promises to extend this impact to new generations as much in need of his message as ever.

As you know the Fund for Jewish Documentary Filmmaking, sponsored by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, is restricted to the completion stages, so it is too early in your production for us to consider it. However, both your subject matter and your approach address the central criteria and objectives of the Fund. We are particularly interested in supporting films that illuminate dimensions of the American Jewish experience with relevance both for Jewish and general audiences. *Praying With My Legs* certainly promises to do this. Combined with your experience and track record as a filmmaker, I am certain that your proposal will be highly competitive for support by the Fund for Jewish Documentary Filmmaking when you are ready to submit it.

Thank you for sharing your proposal with me. It was inspiring just to read it, and it has left me in anxious anticipation of seeing it realized. All the best on this important venture.

Sincerely,



Richard A Siegel  
 Executive Director