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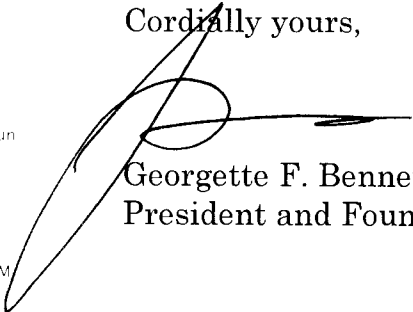
I'm pleased and honored to write this letter in support of Steve Brand and his well-researched, poignant documentary about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "Praying With My Legs."

I write as the widow of the late Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, who was both a disciple of, and mentor to, Heschel. As such, I've experienced, up close, the enormous impact that Heschel had on succeeding generations. A number of books have been, or are in the process of being, written about Heschel's life as a scholar and an activist. However, no matter how many books one reads, one can't begin to capture the magnetism of this giant of Judaism.

Steve Brand has done an extraordinary job of obtaining interviews that give new insight into Heschel's mission. Even more powerful, he has obtained wonderful footage of the man himself holding forth in his unique and inimitable way. Brand has done a careful job in researching his subject and, to my knowledge, has tapped all the most important sources. Therefore, you can feel quite comfortable that the finished product will be a responsible piece of biographic journalism.

I hope you will give yourself the pleasure of previewing the film - and give the world the pleasure of enabling its production and distribution.

Cordially yours,

  
Georgette F. Bennett, Ph.D.  
President and Founder

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