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To the Board of the Center for Jewish History:

As Jewish Studies scholars and members of the Academic Advisory Board of the Leo Baeck Institute, one of the affiliate research organizations in the Center for Jewish History, we were -- and are -- delighted that the Center's Board chose Professor David Myers, a distinguished and internationally recognized historian of Jewish history as well as someone with an equally outstanding record of administrative leadership and fundraising in Jewish Studies and a longstanding deep involvement with the Jewish community, to serve as the Center's CEO.

He has already brought a dynamism and sense of intellectual excitement to the Center and partner institutes that will build on, and further strengthen, the Center's scholarly mission, both in preserving Jewish history and in making it accessible to an international academic community and a broad interested public.

In fact, Dr. Myers' ability to bridge scholarly and popular settings is one of the reasons that he is so well suited to lead the CJH. An institution grounded in scholarship, the Center for Jewish History houses the records and archives of five American Jewish institutions devoted to preserving the history of Jewish life in the modern diaspora. We strongly support the Board's decision to hire David Myers.

Sincerely yours,

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