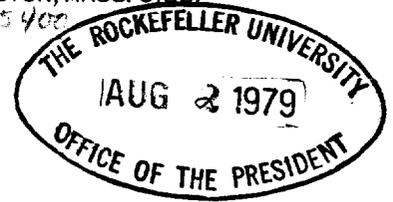


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August 1, 1979

Professor Joshua Lederberg
President
Rockefeller University
1230 York Avenue at 66th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Professor Lederberg:

On Wednesday, October 17, 1979, we will honor the former President of the State of Israel, Professor Ephraim Katzir at a dinner at the Plaza Hotel marking his appointment as the first incumbent of the Herman F. Mark Chair of Polymer Science at the Polytechnic Institute of New York.

This event is of great significance, both to the Polytechnic and to the wider scientific community, since the Mark Chair is the first chair in polymer science to be established in this country and the first named professorship to be endowed at the Institute. It was established to honor the "Dean of Polymer Science", Professor Herman F. Mark. The addition to the Polytechnic faculty of Professor Katzir, a biochemist and one of the world's foremost polymer scientists as well as a distinguished former head of state, is a signal event and tangible evidence of the resolve of the Polytechnic to continue as a leading technological institution.

In order to help organize the dinner and provide proper representation and support, we are approaching distinguished leaders of the business, science and technology communities to invite them to serve as sponsors of the Dinner Committee. We are addressing you in this light to invite you to join the sponsoring committee and to attend the committee-forming meeting at the following time and place:

8/6/79 mgj

accept:

regret:

J. M. ... *committee*

August 1, 1979

Date: August 14, 1979
Time: 4:45 P.M.
Place: University Club
54th Street and
5th Avenue
New York City

A brief cocktail mixer will be followed by a round table planning session scheduled to last approximately one hour. This meeting will afford an opportunity for an exchange of ideas and the development of a plan of action to be assigned to the professional development staff of the Polytechnic for follow-up. At this time it is envisaged that merely telephone contact, when indicated, will be sufficient to provide counsel and participation by the committee members between August 14 and the date of the dinner.

I sincerely hope you will join us on the Committee and for the committee-forming session. An acknowledgment card is included with this letter.

Very truly yours,



HCW:pdr
Enclosure

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