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Ms. Grace Hoag  
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Dear Ms. Hoag:

I was delighted to receive your letter asking about The American Council for Judaism.

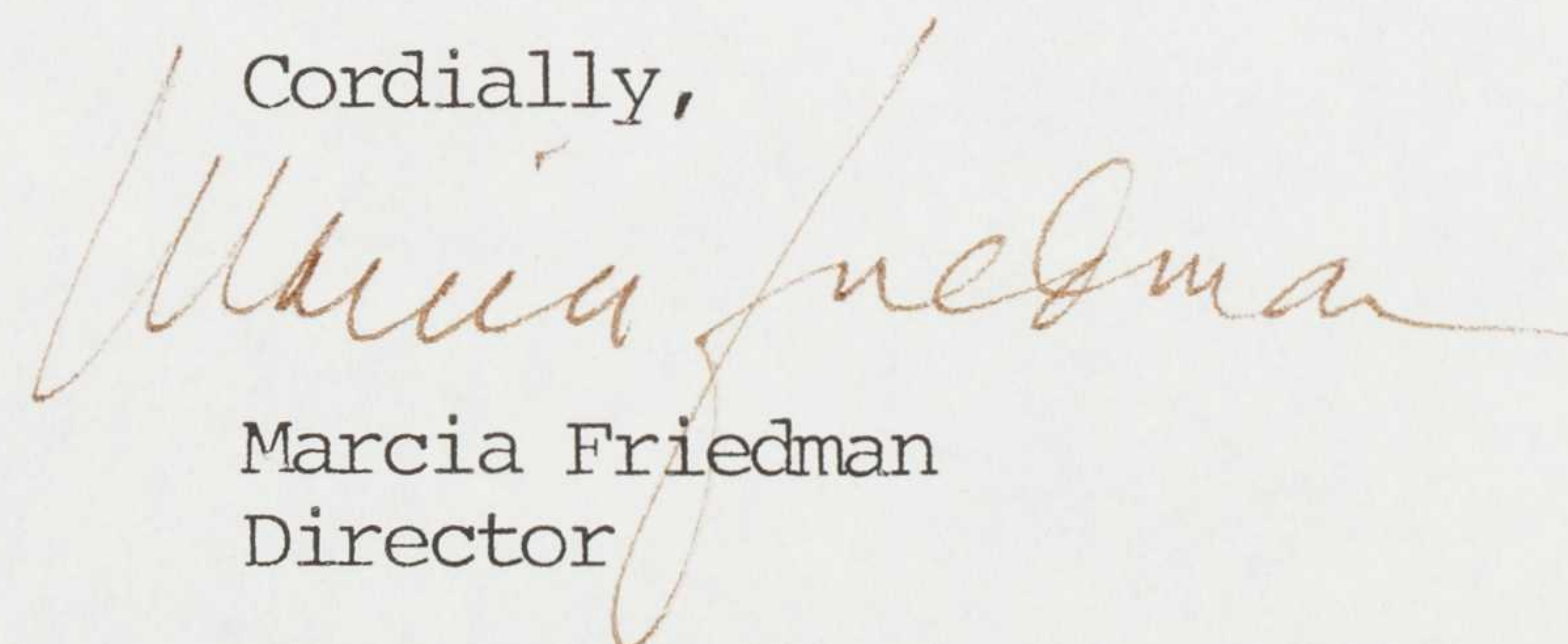
Our organization was founded in 1943 to resist efforts to politicize Jewry's religious and moral beliefs and link them with the State of Israel. By so doing, The Council felt that it was protecting and even furthering the freely-integrated status of Jewry in the United States -- a status which has for generations enabled Jewry to work to the greatest effect in all areas of social progress and philanthropy. From that date, The Council has been the sole group engaged in this campaign, making our points in response to (a) attacks upon Jewry's beliefs, (b) misstatements about American Jews, or (c) misstatements which affirm or imply that all Jews form a single special-interest political group represented by a single spokesman and/or tied to a foreign country.

We provide vehicles for our opinions by publishing Special Interest Report, a monthly newsletter, and by taking up events in greater depth in Issues. Both these publications are mailed to members of the religious community, academics, the government, libraries and media.

We also respond to provocative articles and statements by writing to editors. We participate in panel discussions and interviews, furnish position papers, and supply research and information to meet individual needs of members and non-members.

I am enclosing past copies of our publications, which will provide insight into our views on many past and current problems. If you would like to continue to receive our material, I hope you will become a contributing friend of The Council. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,



Marcia Friedman  
Director

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A national organization dedicated to the preservation of Judaism as a religion of universal values, consonant with the ideals of the democratic society of America; we therefore oppose any effort to impose a "Jewish nationality" upon all Jewry.

We affirm that no individual or group of Jews can speak for all Jews.

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