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Dear [REDACTED]

We are so excited that you will be joining us for JMR33: Realizing My Jewish Journey. This is the third of three emails that you will receive as we approach the retreat.

We encourage you to carefully read each email, which contains valuable information to enhance your retreat experience. You may also want to visit Menschwork's website, which also has useful JMR33 information.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

Roger Zimmerman, Josh Millman & Harold Belkowitz
JMR33 Co-Chairs

JMR@menschwork.org

1. Pearlstone's address is [REDACTED].
2. You may arrive at Pearlstone Center on Friday, November 8, 2024, starting at **3:00 p.m.** Please plan to arrive no later than **4:15 p.m.** JMR33 will promptly begin at **4:45 p.m.**
3. Upon entering Pearlstone's property and just past the security booth, you will be greeted by members of the Planning Committee. After parking your car, please come with your luggage to the Main building to check-in.
4. If you are arriving late, planned or unplanned, please let us know so that we can make appropriate arrangements. Prior to Friday, notify us at JMR@menschwork.org. Starting Friday, contact us by phone or text at [REDACTED] (Josh's phone).

JMR33 Final Schedule:

Please download the final JMR33 schedule by [clicking this link](#). The schedule identifies the retreat's offerings and the locations for each.

Pearlstone Maps:

You may download maps of Pearlstone's main building, lodging and trails by [visiting the JMR33 webpage](#).

Mishpacha Group Reading Materials and Prompts:

To help you prepare for JMR33 and your Mishpacha Group, we are providing you with some short reading materials and prompts. We encourage you to set aside some time in advance of the retreat to reflect on the attached materials.

Bonfire and Babka:

You are welcome (and encouraged) to bring a loaf of babka to share at Saturday night's campfire. Let's see who brings the best babka to JMR33!

Please make sure that babka that is kosher and has an appropriate hechsher.

Perspective on addressing current events:

There are many controversial and poignant issues facing each of us involving political and social issues in the United States, Canada, Israel, and elsewhere. Indeed, JMR33 takes place just a few days after the United States' presidential election. While some men may wish to process their personal feelings and emotions over these and other issues, other men will want to spend the weekend focusing on other aspects of their lives.

In alignment with Menschwork's value of fostering safety and diversity in our Community, we ask all men to support and promote a safe, supportive, non-judgmental experience rooted in deep listening, emotional support and compassion at JMR33 as we each focus on Realizing My Jewish Journey.

We welcome Jewish men regardless of one's level of religious observance or personal connection to Judaism, regardless of one's political views; and regardless of one's national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, age, or disability.

This essential value is to be extended in raising up and discussing controversial issues, both in the U.S. and internationally. If you wish to privately raise a potentially controversial issue with another man, it would be appropriate to ask permission before doing so. And, it is equally appropriate to decline to participate in such a discussion.

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for adhering to this inclusive attitude and caring policy throughout the weekend.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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