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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this reference letter for Ellen Mazer with whom I worked in my former capacity as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta from 1990 until my leaving the federation in 1999.

Ellen first started with the Federation as Director of Program Development later to become Planning Director in 1993 and was promoted to Assistant Executive Director in 1995.

Ellen is a consummate professional with great intellectual and interpersonal skills. Her job required her to interact with a network of local and overseas agencies, lay leadership, professional staff and a myriad of organizations in the general community. She performed these tasks with the highest degree of professionalism.

During her tenure at the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta she was the key professional involved with a number of new initiatives aimed at providing a higher quality of service to the Jewish community. These included: the formation of the Team Task Force; special program services for the elderly including the planning for the Meyer-Balser Center for Healthy Living; joint partnership programs with synagogues and the federation and its agencies. She was utilized frequently by the local beneficiary agencies to consult with them in the areas of strategic planning and program development. Included were the William Bremen Jewish Heritage Museum, Atlanta Yad, The Jewish Young Adult Agency, Jewish Family and Career Services, and Jewish Educational Services.

Out of recognition of her outstanding service, Ellen was awarded the first Marilyn Shubin Professional Development Staff Award for outstanding contributions as a professional within the Atlanta Jewish community. This award is given annually by a committee made up of both lay and professional leadership of the Atlanta Jewish community.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

David I. Sarnat  
Executive Vice President