

To Whom it May Concern,

I have known Mr. David Ramirez for several years because we share research interests, namely, Judaism in a secular age, Ashkenazi and Sefardi approaches to culture, morality, modernity, and religion.

I found his writing to be crisp, disciplined, objective, and unusually well argued, even though he has not had the benefit of Academic Humanities training, having earned degrees in Business. He has read widely, and carefully.

Mr. Ramirez has a very impressive record of accomplishment in the business world with well-honed computer skills. He also is able to access several European languages, necessary for academic research.

Mr. Ramirez is a curious, searching, energetic detective. He is an autodidact in Jewish history. And he even has a few academic publications, where his first fruits have come to my attention. His mental acuity, his mastery of languages, his computer skills, and driving curiosity make him a singularly appropriate candidate for graduate study in Jewish History and thought.

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