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To whom it may concern:

The Black-Jew Dialogues was a fantastic event at Boston College. Let me first start by saying that working with both Ron Jones and Larry Jay Tish, was a seamless and collaborative effort.

I first met both Ron and Larry at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) during the summer of 2010 in San Francisco. After sitting in on their "presentation", I knew I had to bring them to Boston College.

I coordinate a program called *Open the DOR: Dialogues On Race*, and every semester, we bring a presentation or an event on campus that would help to further our mission of getting different people to talk about issues of race, culture, ethnicity, etc. We chose to bring the Black-Jew Dialogues this past fall.

Great decision! The show was informative, educational, practical, and of course, hilarious! We held the show in our Robsham Theater, and after the show, we invited anyone who was interested to stay and talk to the cast. Though the show ended after 9pm, no one left when the lights came on, to the point where we had to ask people to leave after almost 30 minutes after the show. Participants wanted to ask questions, meet the cast, identify additional resources, and much more.

Both Larry and Ron were able to engage with the students, faculty and staff in a way that very few performances could. In fact, we were so impressed with their performance that we plan to invite them back for a staff and faculty training that we conduct in the summer. I would highly recommend this show on any college campus at any time during the year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, it was a fantastic event!

Sincerely,

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