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### **FORWARD**

Welcome to the penultimate preparatory issue of the Bitnetwork. Preparatory, because we are still collecting a sense of what family of inquiries falls within the purview of our species of “postmodernism,” delaying in characteristically modern fashion a **DECISION** about what we will be as an electronic journal. Penultimate, because we plan to be preparatory just one more time.

This issue features the following sections:

**DESCRIPTIONS:** as in the first issue, more abstracts of our members’ current work. The goal remains collecting a family resemblance class of descriptions of what we do, then searching for the class characters that may define our network.

**RESPONSES:** our members’ initial responses to the abstracts in the first issue. You may see some directions emerging out of our initial apprehensions about post-modern trendiness.

**ESSAYS:** sampling reprints of some longer pieces pertinent to finding our direction. Here, an excerpt from Eugene Borowitz's *Exploring Jewish Ethics*, and an existential definition from Richard Cohen.

## **MEMBERS' NEWS ITEMS**

**AFTERWORD:** with plans for next time.

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