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MISS HELGA WEISS WHLL BE MARRIED

Child Guidance Bureau Aide and Marc Tanenbaum of Synagogue Group Engaged

Dr. and Mrs. Harry S. Weiss have made known the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helga Weiss, to Marc H. Tanenbaum, son of Mrs. Abraham Tanenbaum of Baltimore, and the late Mr. Tanenbaum. The wedding will take place July 10.

Miss Weiss, a school psychologist-in-training with the Bureau of Child Guidance of the New York City Board of Education, was graduated cum laude from Hunter College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She is doing graduate work for a Ph. D. in school psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University. She received her Master's degree from Columbia.

Her fiance is executive director of the Synagogue Council of America and executive consultant for the public relations firm of Marc H. Tanenbaum & Associates. He was graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was alrordained, and from Yaniva U versity. He did graduate work in literation at the New School for Source at the New School for Source at the New School procial Research and Johns

Mr. Tanenbaum, who is an author and script writer, has serverd as public relations counselor and literary editor for Farrar, Straus & Young, Inc., Charles Scribner's Sons and Henry Schuman, Inc., publishers. He is a member of the board of directors of Religion in American Life and the United Seamen's Service.

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Miss Helga Weiss

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he Fourth R,' New Type of TV Thriller

Religious Program Has Children Glued to Screen; Backed by 3 Faiths

By ALICE MOLDENHAWER.

Television may be giving chil-las those who haven't. ago, as reported this week by will want to." the National Assn. for Better Miss Weiss, at 24, is a gradu-Radio and Television, but that ate of Hunter College, has an isn't all the kids are interest M. A. from Teachers College, ed in.

One proof of this is the re- a Ph. D., is a licensed teacher in sponse to the WNBT program, the New York City public enhances what Helga is trying mornings. gram this month, children are ance. And she'll be on The not only tuning in on religious Fourth R again in October. programs but staying with them.

Sponsored by Three Faiths.

taught second and third graders the children in a classroom." in the public schools. She also Miss Weiss is assisted on the "Dear Helga," as if she wer nines, ten and elevens at the who is a pianist and kindergar-ter that they had just discovered. brew Tabernacle in Manhattan.

some of the highlights of Jew-Kazen explains, "and some original were a Western or ish religious and cultural life," inal songs that I have written. "crime" story, one father re Miss Weiss says. "And we want We work together and coordiplied, "Just as interested. The to reach children who have been nate the music with the subject, stay glued to the television righ attending Sunday school as well using it where it fits in and through."

dren four times as many crime who have not been going we programs today as three years hope to stimulate so that they

Columbia, is starting work for

The Fourth R, at 8:30 Sunday schools, and has just been quali- to put across." Judging by com-fied as a school psychologist (90 ments of parents and the mail took the exam and Miss Weiss that has been received by the was one of 12 who pased it). Haym Salomon, Jewish Revolu New York Board of Rabbis, Next fall she will start work tionary War patriot. Last Sun which is sponsoring the pro- with the Bureau of Child Guid- day she talked about the Sat

Tutoring This Summer.

the telecast, she's tutoring. "And that their children are "ab The program is sponsored in I'm writing all the material my-sorbed" or "fascinated," and turn by the Rabbis, the New self for the program." She what's more, appear to grass York Roman Catholic Archdio never expected to be on tele-what it's all about. ceese, and the Protestant Coun-vision, but has found the excil of the City of New York. It perience "a pleasant surprise." is being conducted this month As for techniques, "I just try to filled in on programs they have by Miss Helga Weiss, who has be myself as I would be with to miss, and half of them or

has worked with sevens, eights, program by Miss Alene Kazan, some exceptionally nice big sis

"We use some of the tradi-"We want to give the children tional Hebrew melodies," Miss really as interested as if the pro



MISS HELGA WEISS

Children Absorbed.

Miss Weiss' first subject wa bath, and tomorrow it will be the High Holy Days.

Nothing here to chill the This summer, in addition to spine, and yet parents repor

> The children themselves us the word "thrilling," ask to b postcards address Miss Weiss a

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Dear Rabbi Agus,

Many thanks for your May 2nd note. He regret that i'rs. Ague will not be able to be with us, but we can understand that her obligations at home have priority.

Re the Menorah Journal list: we have no available lists; all the names of the Orthodox and Reform rabbis are on filing cards in our office, or on stendils and plates at our mailing house. The best way to obtain these individual listings is to write to the executive directors of the Fabbinical Council and the CCAR (RCA: Rabbi Israel Klaven, CCAR: Rabbi Sidney Regner). The RCA has a booklet of the names, the CCAR includes them in their arnual yearbook.

Otherwise, I would suggest that you send us a copy of your letter on the letterhead you wish to use, and so will have our mailing house offset it, and mail it to the entire list. This will protably prove cheaper than having a girl type out each came individually.

If you will let me know your decision re this, I will be glad to follow through.

Re our wodding deremony: since you will not be coming to MYC before funday norming, say 22, and will not have occasion to discuss with Dr. Reschel and offer Relman the role you would wish them to assume in the service, may I suggest that you let me know by return mail of the order of the ceremony you have in mind, whom you think should do what, etc., and then I will be able to discuse this with Dr. Heighel and Wolfe. I have taken the liberty of telling Cantor Henry Ebrenberg that we would want him to start the procession by singing Mah Town, and possibly Mi Adir, if you so wish it. Otherwise, I rade clear the final decision is with you.

Helga and I want you to know again how completely happy we are that you will marry us, off.

Cordially and with best wishes to are. Agus and the family,

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April 25, 1955

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or all months on the control of control of control of the control recent note. I asked them to let me enswer in their facilionals behalf, firstly, because Lowanted to take advantage of this opportunity to say belle to you and your family, cook one and secondly, because Dr. and Mrs. Relssare so involved - 1108 with last minute preparations for our wedding that I ad and over thought I could ease their burden a mite.

thoughtful note, in the main because throughout all our To aspreparations Helga and I realized it became utterly o same asis impossible to invite all the members of our respective families and their children. of a section redder of as anoth

We have been consistently following the practice of inviting to the wedding-and-dinner our close relatives and most regrettably, without their cheldren.

Minderweigh tolkers of carlettening have We have given your letter considerable thought and we just don't see how we can extend, eager as we wish to,
this invitation to your sons, without creating an embarrassing situation for other members of our respective families who will assuredly feel slighted in our notes making equal exception for them.

I cannot begin to tell you how profoundly I regret having to reply in these awkward terms. I do hope this will not alter your decision to be with us, for both Helga and I as well as our respective families do look forward with real anticipation to your and Mrs. Goodman's presence weelinged beb. yttechi autigiies at this simcha.

Our very best wishes to your family. The topocon the The the news for the profession greater to the services. Cordially, . extinivation bus

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April 20, 1955

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Weiss 900 Riverside Drive New York 32, N. Y.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Weiss.

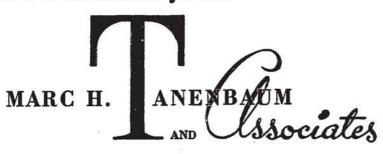
My wife and I were delighted to receive the invitation to attend the marriage of your daughter, Nelga, to my cousin, Marc Tarenbaum, to be held on May 22nd at the Total Riverside Plaza, New York City.

Before letting you know whether we shall be able to attend, I wish to ask you wether it will be greeable to you for us to bring along with us our twenty year old son and our seven year cld you. Unless we can bring them with us to the evemony and to the dinner, I am afraid that we shall be unable to make this trip.

you will send me the kindness of a reply at your early convenience.

With warment regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



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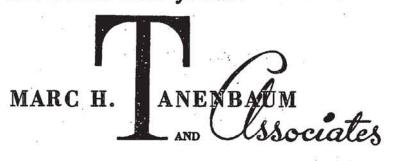
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A pioneer effort aimed at stimulating interest on the part of Jewish children in Judaism and in motivating increased attendance in Jewish religious schools through the use of television will be launched this Sunday morning, \$8:30 a.m., July 4, when the lovely and youthful New York City school teacher, 24-year-old Helga Weiss, appears before the cameras of WIBT (Channel 4) to introduce "The Fourth R".

Tied in with the nationwide observance of Independence Day, this telecast, which is the first in a series sponsored by the New York Board of Rabbis, will dramatize through story and music the life of the American Jewish patriot, "Hayim Solomon".

The series, which will be devoted to religious themes geared for Jewish children in 8-11 years age level, will appear during July and October 1954, and Jan., April, and July 1955. Programs in the alternate months will be sponsored by Catholic and Protestant groups.

Miss Weiss, a school psychologist with the Bureau of Child Guidance of the N. Y. City Board of Eduation, will devote the other three July telecasts to dramatizing the Sabbath, the High Holidays, and the Ten Commandments. Original music for The Fourth Rⁿ is composed and will be played by Miss Alene Kazan of New York City. Rabbi Philip Hiat is program director.



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FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

CAPTION FOR PHOTO OF HELGA WEISS

The Fourth of July celebration of Independence Day will be interpreted in a dramatization of the life story of the American Jewish Revolutionary War patriot, Haym Salomon, this Sunday morning, July 4, 8:30 a.m., over WNBT's (Channel 4) new series of religious programs for school children, "The Fourth R" (Religion).

Conducted by Miss Helga Weiss, 24-year-old New York City school teacher and school psychologist-in-training, "Haym Salomon" will dramatize through story and music the role the Jewish immigrant played in helping finance George Washington's armies in their battle for American independence.

This telecast is the first in a series, sponsored by the New York Board of Rabbis, which will interpret the highlights of 3,000 years of Jewish religious experience for children in the 8-11 year age level. The New York Board of Rabbis, which represents the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinate of New York and vicinity, is sponsor of "The Fourth R" during July and October 1954, and January, April and July 1955. During the alternate months, the series is under the sponsorship of the Protestant Council of the City of New York and the New York Archdiocese.

Helga Weiss, who makes her television debut with this Sunday's telecast, will devote the other three July programs to dramatizations of the Sabbath, the High Holy Days (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur), and the Ten Commandments. Miss Weiss, a school psychologist-in-training with the Child Guidance Bureau of the New York City Board of Education, authors the scripts for the series.

Original music for "The Fourth R" is composed and will be played by Miss Alene Kazan, specialist in kindergarten music education.

Rabbis Philip Hiat and Henry Barneis are program coordinators for the New York Board of Rabbis.

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ur. Leonard Fuchs John Muir and Co. 39 Broadway New York City

Dear Lenny,

Enclosed please find the check of Miss Babette Hertz and myself covering our purchase of one hundred shares of National Petroleum Oil stock.

As I indicated in our phone conversation, this sum of 637. 50 represents our 50-50 investment.

I should very much appreciate your sending me and Babette each a note recording the fact of our dual purchase, in order to avoid confusion on our income tax returns. It will be probably be a good idea to have the note written on your company stationery.

Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

Cordially,

Marc H. Tanenbaum

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HELGA WEISS

Feb. 6, 1930; Cologne, Germany

Left Germany in 1938; 1939 in Holland; came to U. S. Nov. 10, 1939

-Attended George Wash. H. S. (N.Y.C.) for three and a half years

-Graduated Hunter College, Cum Laude, June 1951

Honors: Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Univ.

Phi Beta Kappa (lower senior year)

Alpha -KI Appha (Social Sciences honor assoc)

Masonic Award for Service & Leadership (Junior)

Departmental honors in sociology

Kelly Gold Medal for teaching

-M.A. Columbia Univ. June 1953

Member two education honor societies (Pi Lambda Theta 😭
Kappa Delta Pi

-now working towards professional diploma in school psychology project in Teachers College Columbia Univ

-school psychologist with the Bareau of Child Guidance of the New York City Board of Education

-worked with shildren fin various capacities: Sunday school, camp counse lor, privatetutor, classroom teacher, school psychologist.

JIR courses (diploma)

Beginning Seft. 1953 - granted as servince chip as clinical pseychologist Devens Coll. Ed. Chince!



Dr. and Mrs. Ilarry S. Weiss

are happy to announce

the engagement of their daughter

Helga

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Marc Herman Ianenbaum . son of Mrs. Abraham Ianenbaum

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