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# Chautauqua

INSTITUTION

CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK 14722 716/357-5635

January 7, 1974

Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

1974 marks the Centennial year of Chautauqua Institution whose influence on American life is a well-documented record. It continues today as a center for human enrichment through broad-based programs in education, religion, the arts, and recreation. While the summer of 1974 will appropriately be a unique historic occasion, it will also mark the beginning of a second century of service. Hopefully, the season will set new norms of excellence in all the areas of Chautauqua's programs. Such considerations as these prompt this inquiry in which I seek your participation as a 1974 Lecturer in Religion.

The foundation of this Institution is the Christian faith, in terms of which all religions are regarded as relevant to and expressed through all dimensions of human experience. The Centennial will afford opportunity for us to reaffirm this heritage even as we continue the search for new ways to express our faith in this modern or post-modern world. The enclosed statement about the Institution, prepared in support of the request for a commemorative stamp, provides an historical interpretation of what Chautauqua is all about. The 1973 program book, also enclosed, illustrates the kind of programming built upon the foundation of religion, education, and the arts.

The duties of the Lecturer include five afternoon presentations at 2:00 p.m. and concluding at 3:00 p.m. in the Hall of Philosophy. Teachers, professional people, and generally interested individuals constitute the audience of several hundred. They are a mixture of Christians and Jews who like to ask the Lecturer specific points about his presentation. Overall, it is an exciting exchange with very perceptive individuals participating.


Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum  
January 7, 1974  
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In return for your contributions, we will pay automobile transportation costs to and from Chautauqua, calculated at 12¢ per mile; provide full hospitality for you, your wife, and any accompanying children; make available to you the full program resources of the Institution; and compensate you in the amount of five hundred dollars.

We will be launching rather soon an extensive national promotion of this special Centennial program, necessitating our confirming by January 21st the major program leaders. Because you are among the first to be asked, it would be helpful if you indicated your availability for July 15 through 19. The overall theme of the season's lecture program in religion will be the future of Christianity in a post-modern world. Projected topics would likely be Church unity, biblical authority, culture, the American church issue and challenges of modern thought, Eastern religions, the future of Jewish-Christian relationships, third-world issues, and like concerns.

Your participation, urged as it is by many colleagues, will surely contribute significantly to this historic season. In such confidence I extend to you this invitation with hope and anticipation.

Most sincerely yours,

  
Oscar E. Remick

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Enclosures

January 14, 1974

Dr. Oscar E. Remick  
President  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, New York 14722

Dear Dr. Remick:

Thank you for your warm and gracious letter of January 7th.

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to serve as a Lecturer in Religion at the 1974 Centennial year program of Chautauqua. I will be happy to accept your invitation and will welcome the opportunity to address myself to the questions that you outline in your letter. My only reservation is whether it is necessary for me to be present through the entire period of July 15th-19th. I would welcome clarification about that.

Also, I would like to have some idea as to who some of the other lecturers will be and what will be their subject matter. This would give me a clearer picture of the context.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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Encls. (Bio and photo)

# Chautauqua

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CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK 14722 716/357-5635

January 21, 1974

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

*July 15-19*

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

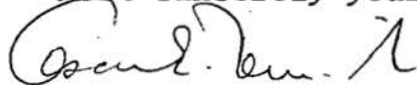
We are delighted to receive your acceptance of our invitation. I hasten to respond to your inquiry as to the time we want you here. You will be asked to deliver five lectures on Monday through Friday afternoons, July 15 through 19. I am sorry if my letter did not make this clear.

Should you wish some further information on the audience and program here, I encourage you to consult with Rabbi Gordis, whose recommendation prompted my original inquiry.

The lecturers for the season include Professor Harrell Beck who will speak on Old Testament theology; Father Thomas Berry, who will cover the contributions of the Oriental thought; and Dr. Martin E. Marty, who will describe religion in modern America. There will be a special symposium of the relation of art, religion, and culture, sponsored by the Society for Arts, Religion, and Contemporary Culture (ARC). Other speakers include Deane W. Ferm and Dr. Frederick Ferre. I think it most appropriate if you could use the five sessions to expose to our thinking the issues involved in Jewish-Christian relations.

Again, you can be certain of a very warm and enthusiastic reception.

Most sincerely yours,



Oscar E. Remick

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*P. lectures*

March 25, 1974

# Chautauqua

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CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK 14722 716/357-5635

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

With this letter I wish to confirm the arrangements in terms of which you will take part in the Religion Lecture Series at Chautauqua Institution. You will find enclosed several forms requiring your attention, including your contract, schedule form, travel information form, and Hall of Missions information form. Also enclosed are the Advance Program Schedule, the 1974 Information Book, and a map of the Grounds.

Please sign your contract and return the copy to this office together with the schedule form. We are preparing for publication our Summer Program Book and require this information by April 5. When your travel plans are firm, please send the Hall of Missions form and the travel information form to this office so that your arrival and accommodations can be arranged.

Also, we need for publicity purposes a glossy photo and curriculum vitae. We will use this in our advance promotion and in our summer newspaper, The Chautauquan Daily.

Your cooperation in forwarding to us this requested information is of great assistance and deeply appreciated. Your participation in the Centennial Season is anticipated with great enthusiasm. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

*Linda Bumbalo*

Linda K. Bumbalo  
Program Coordinator

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Enclosures

March 28, 1974

Ms. Linda K. Bumbalo  
Program Coordinator  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, New York 14722

Dear Ms. Bumbalo:

Thank you for your March 25th letter to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum which arrived while he is out of town on an extended lecture tour. When he returns to the office in about two weeks your letter will be brought to his attention and I am sure you will be hearing from him.

In the meantime I am sending you a glossy photo and curriculum vitae of Rabbi Tanenbaum as you requested.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Miriam S. Binder  
Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum

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Encls.

April 3, 1974

Ms. Linda K. Bumbalo  
Program Coordinator  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, New York 14722

Dear Ms. Bumbalo:

When I wrote to you on March 28th I forgot to enclose the signed contract. I am enclosing it now.

When Rabbi Tanenbaum returns to the office he will send you the Schedule Form.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Miriam S. Binder  
Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum

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Encl.





# CHAUTAUQUA

*On Chautauqua Lake*

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CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK 14722

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April 9, 1974  
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022

Rabbi Tanenbaum,

We'd appreciate your taking time from your busy schedule to complete the enclosed requisition for material, i.e. books, magazines, tools, supplies, etc. you feel would be useful to you in your presentations, and/or valuable to your students.

Your cooperation in promptly completing and returning the requisition will be of great help to us in serving you, your students, and the Continuing Education Concept.

Cordially,

Eugene T. Danielson, Manager  
The Chautauqua Bookstore

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Enclosure

*For Special  
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# Chautauqua

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CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK 14722 716/357-4411

April 16, 1974

*7/15-7/19*

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interrreligious Affairs,  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th St.  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you for returning the contract and copies to our office.  
However, please keep the enclosed copy for your own records.  
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Yvonne McIsaac*

Yvonne McIsaac  
Secretary to the President

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May 20, 1974

Ms. Linda K. Bumbalo  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, New York, 14722

Dear Ms. Bumbalo:

Thank you for your letter of May 14th. Owing to travel away from the city I regret that I have not been able to respond to you before now.

Enclosed please find the list of lectures that you requested.

When you have completed your Program Book, I would be grateful if you would send me four or five copies.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

National Director, Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee

July 15 - 19

"Jesus, The Gospels, and Rabbinic Judaism"

"Judaism, Ecumenism, Pluralism"

"Judaism and Christianity: The Unfinished Agenda"

"Judaism and the World of Tomorrow"

"Religious Education in the Future Tense"

These lectures are held at 2:00p.m. in the Hall of Philosophy. Pls. be there by 1:55 p.m. Following announcements, you will be introduced. You should conclude your presentations by 2:45 p.m. in order to allow time for questions from the audience. The sessions conclude promptly at 3:00 p.m. Your lecture will be taped, printed, and available for purchase by those who desire to have them.

If you require special equipment for your presentation, pls. so indicate on this form.



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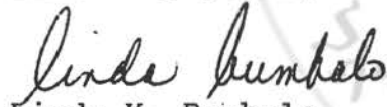
May 14, 1974

Ms. Miriam S. Binder  
Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56 Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Ms. Binder:

Thank you for your letters of March 28 and April 3 and the materials which you have forwarded. However, we have not yet received Rabbi Tanenbaum's schedule form as promised. The deadline for our Program Book is this week. This publication includes the entire program for the summer season and it will necessary for us to have this information. If you have further questions, please call me.

Sincerely yours,



Linda K. Bumbalo  
Program Coordinator

*From Valerie Holder*



May 20, 1974

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National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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July 24, 1974

Dr. Robert Gordis  
33 Wythe Street  
Chautauqua, New York 14722

Dear Bob:

I was delighted to have had an opportunity to spend some time with you and Mrs. Gordis last week.

I am particularly grateful for your gracious willingness to deliver the lecture on Friday. The enclosed check is a token of appreciation for your lecture.

At an early date I would welcome a chance to talk with you "About the Meaning of Chautauqua" for the Jewish community, as well as other relevant matters.

Have a good and restful summer!

Cordially as ever,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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Enc.

*Chau Tangua*

August 5, 1974

Mrs. Lynne H. Keating  
411 Sunnyside Drive  
Nashville, Tenn. 37205

Dear Mrs. Keating:

Rabbi Tanenbaum has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of July 18th.

Rabbi Tanenbaum is presently away from the office on vacation and will not reply until after Labor Day.

Cordially,

Adeline Singerman  
Secretary

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# Chautauqua

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July 22, 1974

Dear Marc,

It was such a joy to have you at Chautauqua. I've appreciated your writing; now it's been great to be with you and to sense anew the strength of your thinking and influence. I'm grateful.

Dr. Gordis did an excellent job on Friday although his trend is much more in a nationalist spirit.

It's my understanding that you will send a check to him since he cared for that obligation.

I'll want to be in touch with you when I next come to New York. I'm eager to see you, to keep in touch with your thinking and understanding in these important developments.

Thanks again for a great job. I hope you'll keep Chautauqua on your list of return possibilities. We want and need you.

JOY !



In Buffalo:

1080 Main Street  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14209



*Chas. Singerman*

August 5, 1974

Mr. Ralph Lowe  
1080 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14209

Dear Mr. Lowe:

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Cordially,

Adeline Singerman  
Secretary

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August 5, 1974

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Mrs. O. E. Fleming  
401 Russell Avenue, Apt. 212  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760

Dear Mrs. Fleming:

Rabbi Tanenbaum has asked me to acknowledge your kind letter of July 21st.

Rabbi Tanenbaum is presently away from the office on vacation and will not return until after Labor Day.

In the meantime, I take the liberty of sending you some material which I hope will be of interest to you.

Cordially,

Adeline Singerman

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JOY !

Ray Lane

In Buffalo:

1080 Main Street  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14209

... on letter

August 5, 1974

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1080 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14209

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Adeline Singerman  
Secretary

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August 15, 1974

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150 West End Avenue  
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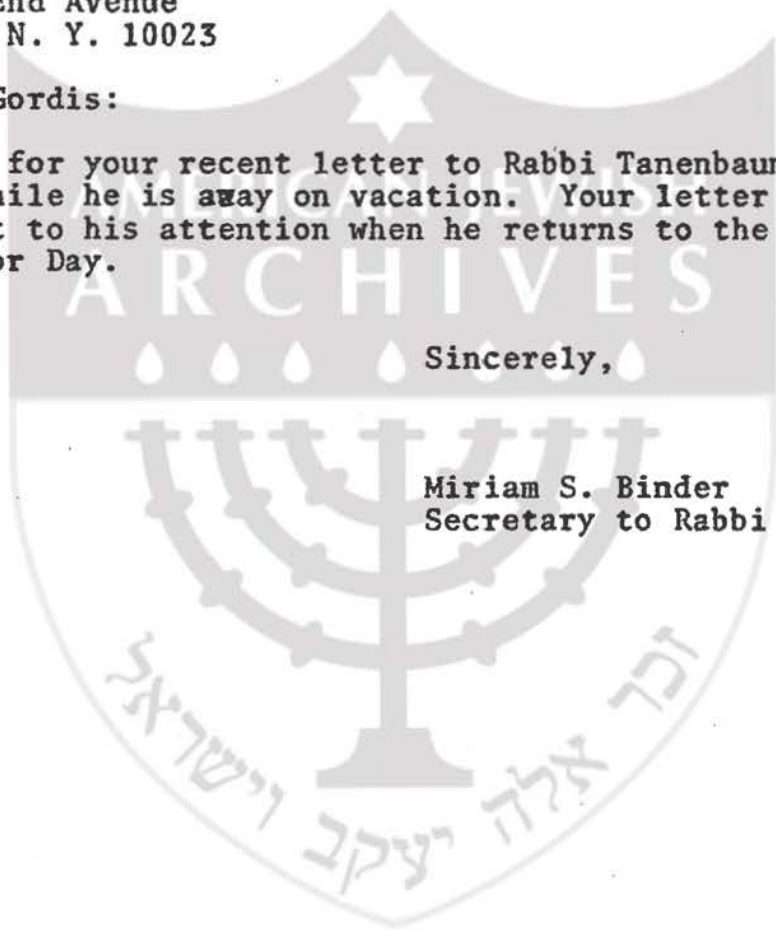
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Sincerely,

Miriam S. Binder  
Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum

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October 11, 1974

Ms. Madeline Edmondson  
NEWSWEEK  
444 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Ms. Edmondson:

In response to your note of October 1st, I have just sent the enclosed letter to my good friend, Sylvan Lebow.

If you receive any further inquiries of this kind, please feel free to share a copy of this letter.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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Encls.

October 11, 1974

*F*  
*Chautauqua*

Mr. Sylvan Lebow  
The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods  
Sponsors of The Jewish Chautauqua Society  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Sylvan:

Thank you for your recent note regarding my comment on a "Jewish version of Chautauqua."

Of course, I am very much aware of the Jewish Chautauqua Society and its program of lectures and related activities throughout the country. In fact, I have been invited by your group on a number of occasions to be one of your lecturers at various universities and seminars.

I think that you and others who reacted critically to my comment missed the point that I was making. The entire story was devoted to a description of the 100 years of the existence of "The Chautauqua city-state." To my knowledge the Chautauqua village, which combines such a diverse blend of recreation, culture, and religion, is unique and does not have its counterpart in the Jewish community. I do know of the existence of Jewish summer camps, including those sponsored by UAHC. To my knowledge, however, these are not constructed on the same order of magnitude of programming, nor do they involve so many thousands of people as does the Chautauqua in upstate New York.

If I am wrong about this point, I would certainly welcome your enlightening me.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am

Cordially as ever,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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CC: Ms. Madeline Edmondson  
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