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Box 85, Folder 10, Ministerial Institute [Columbus, Ohio], 15 January 1976.
Marc Tanenbaum has confirmed that he will be available January 13th, for the seminar in Columbus for the Ministerial group, as well as the dinner meeting with the Columbus Jewish leadership later during the day. I have spoken with Hersh Adlerstein and we feel that, considering the demands on Marc, we will not ask him to speak to the larger Catholic meeting that evening. However, I must indicate to you that I will have a conflict that day and will probably be there for at least part of the day. I hope it will be possible for you to schedule yourself to be present for the remainder of the day.

My conflict is that we have a major fund-raising plate dinner in Canton that evening, so I will go to Columbus for the Ministerial Association meeting and hope that you can be there around noon and I'll leave sometime in the late afternoon, prior to the meeting with the Columbus Jewish leadership. I think if you can program yourself effectively, you ought to stay through the dinner meeting that night with the Columbus leadership.

I hope this is helpful and look forward to hearing from you on this.

Best wishes.

SB: hnw
cc: Lillian Alexander
  Marc Tanenbaum
Noted Rabbi Will Speak At Open Public Meeting

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, one of the outstanding speakers and religious thinkers in the American Jewish community, will address an open public meeting this evening — Thursday, Jan. 15 — at 8 p.m. at Agudas Achim Synagogue. Rabbi Tanenbaum's topic will be "Vatican II — Ten Years Later," and will be an analysis of Christian-Jewish relations in the world today.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Committee on Christian-Jewish Concerns of the Community Relations Committee, with the cooperation of the Columbus Board of Rabbis, the American Jewish Committee and Agudas Achim Synagogue. Robert Shamansky, Chairman of the Committee on Christian-Jewish Concerns, will chair the meeting.

"After the Community Relations Committee of the Columbus Jewish Federation and the Columbus Board of Rabbis announced Rabbi Tanenbaum would be in Columbus on Jan. 15 to keynote a Clergy Institute on Israel and the Middle East, requests from members of the Jewish community to hear him were so frequent and so insistent," according to Rabbi Samuel W. Rubenstein, President of the Columbus Board of Rabbis, "that we prevailed upon Rabbi Tanenbaum to remain in Columbus to speak at a public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15, at Agudas Achim Synagogue."
Renowned Rabbi Addresses Community

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee, addressed two major meetings in Columbus on Thursday, Jan. 15. A Clergy Institute sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Columbus Jewish Federation and the Columbus Board of Rabbis in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee, brought together 70 clergymen who heard Rabbi Tanenbaum discuss the morality of terrorism and the isolation of Israel. About 200 members of the Jewish community and Christian guests attended a meeting at Agudas Achim Synagogue to hear Rabbi Tanenbaum speak on “Vatican II — Ten Years Later.” Shown above are Rabbi Tanenbaum and Rabbi Samuel W. Rubenstein, President of the Columbus Board of Rabbis.
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Mr. Hersh Adlerstein
Community Relations Committee
The Columbus Jewish Federation
1175 College Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43209

Dear Hersh:

I am pleased to inform you that Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum has graciously agreed to work with you, the CRC, and the Columbus Board of Rabbis in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee, in putting on its Annual Ministerial Institute on issues relating to Jews and Judaism and particularly, Israel.

Marc has asked for the following:

a) Your suggestion of possibly three dates in January that might be available for you;

b) A thematic approach that you would like to have him speak to;

c) An outline of the day that you would expect;

d) (Probably the most important) - Marc really needs to know that top Christian leadership will be present. By that I believe he means that something along the lines that we did in Cleveland when he spoke to the City Club of Cleveland. That would make it worthwhile for him to give up the time that you have requested.

I would hope that this is possible for you and I ask that you then respond directly to Marc with copies to me so that we can coordinate date schedules, etc.

As you know, the American Jewish Committee is always delighted to work with the Columbus Jewish community in bettering intergroup relations and, in particular, the understanding of Israel and Jewish aspirations to which this seminar will lead.

Please let me know if you have any questions, but I think we can move ahead with the program now.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Best wishes,

Cordially,

Seymour Brief
Area Director

bcc: Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
      Lillian Alexander
      Isaiah Terman
      Robert Jacobvitz
Clergy Institute Will Focus On Inter-Religious Relations

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, one of the outstanding American Jewish religious thinkers in the field of Christian-Jewish relations, will be the featured speaker at the annual Clergy Institute on Israel and the Middle East, on Thursday, January 15, at Agudas Achim Synagogue. The Institute, under the co-sponsorship of the Community Relations Committee of the Columbus Jewish Federation and the Columbus Board of Rabbis with the cooperation of the American Jewish Committee, is designed to share with Christian clergy the concerns of the American Jewish community. Rabbi David Zisewine, Vice-President of the Columbus Board of Rabbis, and Dr. Marshall Yoivits, Chairman of the Israel Task Force of the Community Relations Committee, are co-chairmen of the Institute.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee, has been a pioneering leader and thinker in interreligious relations for nearly 25 years. A religious historian and authority on Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations, he has written and lectured extensively on the history, theology, and sociology of Judaism and Christianity. Rabbi Tanenbaum is a founder and co-secretary of joint Vatican-International Jewish Consultative Committee and of a similar liaison body with the World Council of Churches. He was the only Rabbi at Vatican Council II, where he was widely consulted by Catholic and Protestant authorities during the deliberations that led to the Vatican Declaration on Non-Christian Relations which repudiated anti-Semitism and called for fraternal dialogue between Christians and Jews.

Rabbi Tanenbaum is a founder and co-chairman of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry. A leading figure in social justice movements, he was a founder and program chairman of the historic National Conference on Race and Religion (1963); an organizer of the American Jewish Emergency Relief Effort for Victims of the Nigeria-Biafran Conflict; a participant in the current United Nations Food and Population programs and those of the Overseas Development Council which are seeking to mobilize world-wide support to meet the needs of millions of people in Africa and Asia suffering from starvation and famine. He also serves on the Religious Leaders Committee of the National Bicentennial Commission.

Rabbi Samuel W. Rubenstein, President of the Columbus Board of Rabbis, and J. Maynard Kaplan, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee of the Columbus Board of Rabbis, have extended invitations to Christian Clergy to participate in this effort at creating understanding, and to bridge some of the gaps between Christians and Jews in Columbus.
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Through the courtesy of the Community Relations Committee of the Columbus Jewish Federation, the Anti-Defamation League of B'ni B'rith and the Israel Information Center, a selection of pertinent publications on Israel and the Middle East are available free of charge.

Please feel free to take whatever you wish, and to contact the CRC office for films, speakers and/or additional publications on Israel, the Middle East, Christian-Jewish relations, intergroup relations, and related subjects.

Agudas Achim Synagogue
2767 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio
The Columbus Board of Rabbis, [representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis of Columbus] and the Community Relations Committee of the Columbus Jewish Federation, [representing the organized Jewish community of Central Ohio] are sponsoring this dialogue to share with the Christian clergy of Columbus our concern for the integrity and viability of Israel, and our desire to foster fellowship and understanding with our Christian colleagues.

Our guest speaker, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, will outline the theological and ethical background of the feelings of the Jewish community for Israel following which we hope to have an honest interchange of opinions. Our purpose will be accomplished if this leads to increased understanding and communication among all clergy in the Columbus area.

Rabbi Samuel W. Rubenstein
President
Columbus Board of Rabbis

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date November 24, 1975
to Marc Tanenbaum cc: Sy Brief
from Lillian Alexander
subject Ministerial Institute - Columbus, Ohio

Thanks very much for making space in your schedule for the Annual Ministerial Institute in Columbus on Tuesday, January 13. The Institute is a major event, sponsored by the Board of Rabbis and the Community Relations Committee of the Federation in cooperation with AJC.

The schedule in Columbus shapes up as follows:

11:30 A.M. to about 3:30 P.M. -- The Institute will open with lunch at which you will be the principal speaker on a subject related to Israel. The meeting will then break up into several workshops. Sy Brief tells me the executive of the Ohio Council of Churches will be present and they are making every effort to get the newly appointed Bishop to attend.

5:30 P.M. to about 8:00 P.M. -- Dinner meeting with Federation Leadership for discussion on program and institutional concerns.

The tentative idea they had about running a large evening meeting on Vatican II has been given up.

I have checked plane schedules and there is a flight to Columbus at 8:15 A.M. from La Guardia, arriving at 9:51 A.M. (American #33). Unfortunately, there is not a late plane that night, the last flight being at 5:15 P.M. So it would mean your staying over and taking one of two flights the morning of January 14: either 7:25 A.M., arriving La Guardia at 8:44 A.M. (TWA #112) or 9:35 A.M., arriving La Guardia at 10:48 A.M. (American #256).

LA: fdg
Memorandum

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

Date: December 4, 1975
To: Hersh Adlerstein
From: Seymour Brief
Subject: Ministerial Meeting - January 13th

I am delighted that we were able to confirm January 13th for a major meeting of the Ministerial Association of Columbus with Rabbi Tanenbaum.

As we discussed, Marc will be available for that and for the dinner meeting with the leadership of the Columbus Jewish community.

I look forward to seeing you then and to spending a superb day together.

Best wishes.

SB: hmw
cc: Robert Jacobvitz
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Lillian Alexander