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MY BROTHER, ERNY TANNEN
- PARABLE OF A MODERN JEW

WINS RELIGION COMMENTARY

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM* OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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Technology

Jay Trager, assistant director, broadcast services, world systems business development, Comsat, Washington, named director.

Rowe, VP, engineering, United Satellite Communications, joins Private Satellite Network, New York, as VP, engineering and network operations.

Tom is, VP, chief operating officer, Aurora Systems, San Francisco-based supplier of digital videographics systems and services, named president and chief executive officer.

Nathaniel Ostroff, VP and director, Comark Communications, Southwick, Mass., manufacturer of UHF television transmitters, named president.

Douglas Neil, VP, sales and marketing, Computer Systems Dynamics, joins Times-Fiber Communications, Wallingford, Conn., as Western regional sales manager, cable television division.


Andrew Kadison, from Northeast Video, joins VCA Teletronics, New York, as video editor.

Richard Cleveinger, director of corporate engineering, Cox Cable, Atlanta, named VP, engineering.

Edward Levy, credit and collections manager, VCA Teletronics, New York, named assistant to treasurer.

Marlan Roach, associate producer, CBS News, joins VideoShine Communications, Atlanta-based satellite networking company, as West Coast sales manager.

Jim Cope, group chief engineer, Snider Broadcastng, Little Rock, Ark., joins WREC(AM-WXKFM) Memphis as chief engineer.

John Clay, engineering manager, WSAZ-TV Huntington, W. Va., retires after 35 years with station.

Peter Swanson, from WGHM(AM) Boston, joins WGBZ(AM) as studio crew chief.

Beverly Knickerbocker, creative services director, MPW Advertising, Flint, Mich., joins WTMJ(AM-Wisco/FM) as promotion manager.

Ed Brown, part-time air personality, WQAM(AM)-WZQ(AM) Detroit, named promotion and public relations manager.

Promotion and PR


Cheryl Barnes, public information specialist, American Television and Communications, Denver, named manager, corporate public affairs projects.

Joseph Postar, VP, director of public relations, Potter Hazehurst, East Greenwich, R.I., has left to form own firm, Postar Public Relations, based in Cranston, R.I.

Susan Landess, public relations director, KFZ(AM) San Francisco, joins Hillsinger-Mendelson, public relations firm, as manager of San Francisco office.

Louise Alano, manager, advertising and publicity, Embassy Home Entertainment, Los Angeles, named director, advertising and publicity.

Margaret Sandwich, manager of public affairs, Lifetime, New York, named director of department.

Dorothy Finlay, publicity and special events director, KSCI, Los Angeles, resigns to become independent publicity consultant.

Susyn Conway, manager of marketing services, Computer Network Corp., Washington, joins GSTE Spaceternet, McLean, Va., as business promotion manager.

William Moss, from Booke and Company Public Relations, New York, joins Lippin & Grant there as account executive.

Joyce Draganosky, from WTV(AM) Youngstown, Ohio, joins Silverman, Warren/Kremer, New York public relations firm, as account coordinator.

Brad Foy, on-air producer and media coordinator, WBAI(AM) Baltimore, joins WJZ(AM) there as promotion manager.

Lydia Jones, on-air promotion manager, WALA-TV Washington, named acting director, advertising and promotion, succeeding Hank Price (see “Programming,” above).

Pricilla Morrissey, research assistant, WQFV(AM) Boston, joins WJZ(AM) there as sales research and promotion coordinator.

Allied Fields

Miles David, former president of Radio Broadcasting Bureau, New York, and currently consultant to RAB, named president of newly formed American Values Center, New York. Center is nonprofit organization that describes its goal as “speeding up the distribution of knowledge about how communities are coping with critical social problems such as drug addiction, drunk driving, teen-age suicide and child abuse.”

Robert Hopkins, managing director, RCA Jersey Ltd., Jersey Channel Islands, Great Britain, overseas subsidiary of RCA that manufactures television equipment, joins National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, as executive director of its U.S. Advanced Television Systems Committee.


Kim Picone, from D'Arcy MacManus Masius, New York, joins Council for Cable Information there as manager, marketing. Piper Parry, public relations assistant, CCI, named manager, communications.

Carl Smith, president, Smith Electronics, Cleveland, will receive National Association of Broadcasters Engineering Achievement award at NAB's annual convention April 14-17.

Paul Poole, director, Washington bureau, NBC Stations Division, joins Audience Research & Development, Dallas, as senior consultant.


Douglas Gibbons, director of library services, Museum of Broadcasting, New York, named director of administration.

Bernard Mann, president, Mann Media, High-Point, N.C., named adjunct professor, department of speech, communications and theater arts, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Deaths

Hans Schmidt, 57, manager, technical quality control department, broadcast operations and engineering, ABC, New York, died Jan. 21 of heart attack while returning home from work. He had been with network for 23 years, beginning in 1962 as manager of engineering laboratories. He is survived by his wife, Maia.

Enny Tannen, 63, died of heart attack Jan. 15 in Philadelphia. He was partner with John Kluge (later founder of Metromedia) in purchase of WEEZ(AM) Pittsburgh. He was also general sales manager at Metromedia's WTAN(AM) Washington. He left WEEZ operation and purchased, with two partners, WYES(AM) Annapolis, Md., in 1963. He was later sole owner of WDM(AM) Pomomoke City, Md., and of WYES(AM) Chester, Pa., all later sold. Most recently, Tannen had provided farm reports to radio stations for Farm Journal in Philadelphia. He is survived by his son and daughter.

George Faulder, 64, retired president, radio division, Tracey-Loke Advertising, Dallas, died of cancer Jan. 14 at Memorial hospital. Faulder was former program director and station manager, WPM(AM) Memphis; general sales manager, KKOL(AM) Fort Worth, and general manager of WYEE(AM) Wheeling, W. Va. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three sons and daughter.

Mike Meads, 62, director of current drama, ABC broadcast standards and practices, West Coast, Los Angeles, died Jan. 5 of complications following stroke at his home in Los Angeles. Meads began his career at ABC in 1957 as television standards editor. He was named director of current drama in 1982.
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25 December 1983

Dear George,

What a wonderful day yesterday was for us. Julie really grocks on these trips. Everybody is so kind and good to her and she is so eager to see you.

I am very much into synchronicity these days. Yesterday we spoke about angst and I mentioned the painting by Edvard Munch that I saw in Oslo at the Munch Museum. Lo and behold, in today's Philadelphia Inquirer, there's a touched up reproduction of "Angst". It is enclosed.

It really makes me feel good to see you and Marc so happy together. I will settle for nothing less for myself.

All my love,

[Signature]

Erny
Alternate course

Text aims to show the way to inner peace

By Michael D. Schaffer
Inquirer Staff Writer

The men and women seated in Ernest Tannen's living room in South Philadelphia took turns reading aloud from the thick volumes that they held on their laps or shared with neighbors.

They read carefully, hesitating occasionally over the sometimes long, complicated sentences as they searched the pages for a new way to spiritual peace—a way they had not found in their churches and synagogues.

"It is essential that error not be confused with sin, and it is this distinction that makes salvation possible," read Peggy Dean. "For error can be corrected, and the wrong made right. But sin, were it possible, would be irreversible."

From time to time, they paused to talk about the meaning of a passage: "That was powerful," Tannen murmured after one line.

The text they were reading was part of the Course in Miracles, a three-volume work originally written in shorthand by a Columbia University psychologist who said she was taking dictation from an inner voice that she believed to be the voice of Jesus.

The Course was first published in 1976 and has attracted at least 150,000 followers.

"The purpose of the Course is really to heal our minds, to change our behavior," said Kenneth A. Wapnick, 41, a clinical psychologist from Westchester County, N.Y. The Course offers "an escape from the hell of our own guilt," he said.

Among the Course's tenets: There are no sins, only mistakes; peace of mind is the only goal; forgiveness is the key to happiness; the individual can direct his mind to replace fear with love; love should be given without condition; the individual can choose love.

Those connected with the Course insist that it is not a religion, although it deals with the spirit. Nor would it be considered a cult, as defined by religious scholars, since it does not feature a charismatic (See COURSE on 8-B)
An alternate course to inner peace

Sunday, Jan. 29, 1984 Philadelphia Inquirer

The Course in Miracles is one of many alternative forms of spirituality—from yoga to meditation to cults—crowding the American religious landscape.

Even the Christian charismatic and "born-again" experiences could be considered part of the search for a new spirituality because they emphasize personal experience rather than doctrine, according to Robert S. Elwood, professor of religion at the University of Southern California.

The search for an alternative spirituality is nothing new in American religious history, but it has been renewed since the 1960s, according to Elwood.

The Course and other alternative forms of spirituality do not constitute a religious revolution, according to Elwood. They supplement, rather than replace, traditional religion.

A sincere group

The students of the Course are a "sincere group," according to Jacob Needleman, professor of philosophy at San Francisco State University and the author of The Heart of Philosophy, a recently published book about the role of philosophy in the contemporary spiritual ferment.

The Course "attracts very often people in positions of influence" and "is of help to a lot of people," he said. "The problem is to determine how good it is.

Within a year, interest in the Course had grown to the extent that it became necessary to publish it, Mrs. Skutch said.

The Course is organized into three volumes: a 422-page Text, a 478-page Workbook for Students and an 8-page Manual for Teachers.

Bookstores in Philadelphia that sell the Course report a small but steady demand for it. "I keep it always in stock," said Candy Smith, manager of the Garland of Letters Bookstore at 527 South St. She said she sells about 10 copies of the Course each year.

Meridian Bookstore, at 635 South St., has carried the Course for about a year and a half, "because people were asking for it," said Deborah Schlokmov, assistant manager of the store. "Meridian sells one or two copies each month, she said.

Ernest Tannen's search for new forms of spirituality began in 1960, when he became disillusioned with his Conservative synagogue in Washington.

His pilgrimage took him through Hindu and Buddhist philosophy and psychoanalysis, a system developed by the late Italian psychoanalyst Robert Assagioli.

Tannen, 52, who operates a broadcast public relations service, heard about the Course in Miracles at a party in Washington in 1977. "I said, 'You've got to be kidding. That's the biggest lie I've ever heard.'" he recalled.

But Tannen obtained a copy of the Course and began to study it.

"It wasn't easy going at first," he said. But he persisted. Now, he said, because Christianity is the dominant religion of the Western world, it was in need of renewal and reinterpretation.

Students of the Course emphasize that it is not the only way to peace.

"The course makes clear that it is not the only way," said Paul Penke, who operates the University City section of the course, which acts as a "facilitator" for several groups of Course students in the area, helping newcomers to understand the material. "There is no set of beliefs that is either pressed or made mandatory.

But those who do choose the Course have to learn to accept it, according to its students.

"You have to do a personal study," said Penke, who said he was his 50th. "You have to do that basic book individually.

Mrs. Skutch said she had no idea what the Course's future will be.

"If it's useful, and people find it useful, it will survive," she said. If not, it won't ... and that should be the test."
Feb. 18, 1935

Dear Marc,

I'm sure Rita told you that I rang to express my sympathy on the death of your brother. You were keen for Dorot at the time. The eulogy you wrote for your brother was beautiful—a loving tribute.

This note comes to assure you of my prayers for him and for the family.

I'm sure I'd have your brother a loving welcome and to you and the family the peace to accept this; it's with great love.

Perhaps you will be in New York when I come at the weekend. It would be very nice to see you again for a very few minutes. Let's discuss.

Sincerely,

E. Anna Mann
In Memoriam

ERNEST TANNEN

Died: JANUARY 15, 1985
Beloved Brother

Cemetery: BETH YEHUDA ANSHE KURLAND - BOWLEYS LANE

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CANDLES ARE LIT THE EVENING BEFORE THE DAY OF YAHREZET

"May the soul of our dear departed one be bound in the bond of life."

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Dear Georgette & Max

I hope that you will be feeling better soon. I am glad to hear that you have been resting and taking care of yourself. I know that you have been feeling unwell for a while now and I hope that you will be feeling better soon.

I think it is important to take care of ourselves and not to push ourselves too hard. I hope that you will be able to take some time off and rest. I know that you have been working hard and I think that it is important to take care of yourself as well.

I have been thinking about you and wanted to let you know that I am thinking of you. I hope that you will be able to spend some time with your family and friends and that you will be able to get some rest.

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31st of March, 1935
Thursday

Dearest Cousin Marc,

It is only now that I hear of the loss of your brother...

I did not know him, nor of the quality of your relationship with him; but since I have always respected and adored you, I feel sorrow at what ever pain this has caused you.
I always fear a lot about you — small sources; and your activities in World Jewry and world moral arena excites and delights me.

Am coming up to N.Y.C. more for professional reasons — shall call you before my next visit. Hope to touch you in person and possibly be able to meet your wife.

Happy holidays with great love.

Patsey
Jan. 25, 1985

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum
165 East 56th Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi,

Last night I received a copy of your religion commentary on WINS concerning the death of your brother.

I was touched by the gentle and loving tribute that you paid to him.

Please accept my sympathy and my prayer for him—Eternal rest grant to him. O Lord and let perpetual light shine up him.

Be assured of my prayers for you at this difficult and sad time.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Leo J. Gorman, C.P.
Dear Marc:

I was shocked and saddened to learn of your brother's sudden and untimely death. You spoke of him to me several times during our periodic schleps around the South. I know it must have been quite a blow to you as well as to his loved ones.

Out of my profound respect and affection for you I am marking your loss with a contribution to JNF. As we approach Tu Bishvat I thought it appropriate to create life with the planting of trees from this unfortunate death.

As always,
From the desk of—
Marcia Goldstone
Executive Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Dear Marc,

I was so sorry to learn about the death of your brother. There is no easy way to lose someone you love, but the unexpected loss of a too-young brother has been especially difficult.

Rita Recnik told me about a wonderful guy he was and how you were close to him. I knew this has to be devastating for you and there aren't very many words of comfort to say. I can still remember my own family losing a daughter, and I was so young then. I knew and I cared.

I just wanted you to know how I knew and I cared.

Wishing,
Marc
Date: 1-22
To: Marc

From: Eugene Du Bow, Director
Leadership & Community Services Department

For Your Information

I was very sorry to hear about the death of your brother. My condolences to you and your family.

[Signature]
Dear [Name],

I was so surprised and pleased to see you the other day. It wasn't until a bit later that I realized that you were talking about your son. In fact, I went looking for you, but you were here.

I am truly sorry to hear of your loss!

I hope you have many happy memories to console you, and that you also are helped by the promise that, in the end, all the broken pieces of life will be healed and all the ruptures mended. I offer to them—

for the world—and for us too!—

Expressions of Sympathy

[Signature]
Wednesday

Dear [Name],

I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing - I know how much he meant to you and how much it must be. The news of his passing is so loss I so dear me is a consequence that one cannot properly express. I offer it in my comfort as you know that your friend and for you I your at this sad time.

[Signature]

[Name]
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
c/o American Jewish Committee
156 East 56 Street
New York, NY 10022
TO COMFORT YOU

Time will ease a grieving heart
But a loving memory will never part.

Jean H. Andrews
Dear name,

Words can only start to tell you of the deep sympathy that goes to you at this time.

We just read in the Jewish Standard of your recent loss. Our thoughts are with you at this time in sincere sympathy. May you know no more sorrow.

Elisabeth, Kurt, Jordan & Dani
LEST WE FORGET
To the authors and publishers whose poems we have used, we express our grateful appreciation, knowing that these beautiful messages will help to bring peace and consolation to many hearts bowed down when loved ones pass on to the great beyond.
THANKS FOR ALL

One shall give thanks for rains
   That fall upon the field;
   That ripe the vineyards yield.

One shall give thanks for winds
   That lift the drooping sail;
   And one, for windless calm
   Cot-sheltered in the vale.

One shall give thanks for life
   From danger plucked afresh;
   And one; that death draws near,
   To cut life’s tangled mesh.

But who gives thanks for calm,
   If sea—forth he is bound?
For rain—on harvest sheaf?
   For sun—on parched ground.

But, since through loss, through gain,
   There holds some purpose vast,
Let me give thanks for all
   For life—for death at last.
In everybody's garden
A little rain must fall
Or life's sweetest
fairest flowers,
Wouldn't grow and
bloom at all—
And though the
clouds hang heavy
So heavy. Oh!
My Friend.
I'm sure that God who
sends the shower
Will send the
rainbow's end.
Our desire and responsibility in the service we have rendered has been to do all we could to help lighten the burden which has been yours and we sincerely hope we have accomplished our desire.

It is our wish to dedicate this token of the one who has passed on, with the hope that it may help, comfort and sustain you.

Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc.
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To the Loving Memory of

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Date **January 15, 1985**

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Floral Offerings
FOR WHOM YOU CARED

The one for whom you cared
With such abiding love,
Has found the wondrous shining path
Up to the home above.
The home where joy forever dwells
Where loved ones but await,
For us to share their happiness
Beyond the heavenly gate.
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Flower Cards
Press Notices
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Other Personal Papers
**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-VITAL RECORDS**

**No. 4866105**

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**PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS:**

- Accident, Suicide or Homicide: How did injury occur?

**Name and Title of Person**

**Mark Garber, M.D.**

**Address**

**111 S. 11th St., Philadelphia, PA.**

**This is to certify that the information here given is correctly copied from an original certificate of death duly filed with me as Local Registrar. The original certificate will be forwarded to the State Vital Records Office for permanent filing.**

**Jan. 22, 1985**

**2201 Pleasant Ave., Glenside, PA 19038**

**Jan. 17, 1985**

**Local Registrar of Vital Records**

**G. R. M.**

**Date Received by Local Registrar**

**City, Borough or Township:**

**Philadelphia**

**State:**

**Pennsylvania**
February 7, 1985

DearGeorgette & Marc,

Thank you for the note & the copy of Governor Cuomo's letter.

It's already 3 weeks since Em has left. It's hard to believe that he's gone. We will miss him so very much but life must go on.

After a bout with an intestinal crisis, Abbe returned to California last Saturday. The rest of us are keeping busy around here.

Enclosed is the book Marc asked for—I made copies of the listed names. Also, I'm sending a copy of Em's death certificate.

Keep well. Love, Lina
January 17, 1985

Rabbi Mark Tannenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mark:

I know what a shock it must have been to you and your family at the sudden death of your brother. Lois and I offer our warmest sympathies.

Cordially,

[Signature]

TE: sf
What the world needs now: A re-run of 1787
by Ernest Tannen

On July 14th, the U.S. Senate voted to create a 16-member Commission on the bicentennial of the United States Constitution. Many World Federalists — of which I am one — believe that July 14th, 1776, is more important in American history than July 4th, 1776. World Federalists see what happened at Philadelphia nearly 250 years ago as a model for what needs to happen in the world today.

May 14th, 1787 was the day the Federal Convention began. It is important for the present generation of Americans to understand why it was necessary to hold a Federal Convention 12 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed. Two excellent books, The Great Rehearsal by Carl Van Doren, and Miracle at Philadelphia by Catherine Drinker Bowen, give a vivid account of this fascinating and critical period of American history. As the “Great Rehearsal” implies, what happened then was a great rehearsal for what needs to happen now in the world.

What happened in 1776 was that 13 English colonies in America declared independence from their mother country, and formed 13 separate, virtually sovereign nations. After signing the Declaration, they agreed to hang together by signing a treaty called “The Articles of Confederation.” The Articles of Confederation were to the 13 new nation-states what the United Nations Charter is to the world community of nations today: a non-binding treaty that no nation pays too much attention to. If they did, our planet would not have lost 20 million lives in wars since World War II.

McCullers revival

Following the establishment of the 13 nation-states in 1776, they began to behave very much as any 13 contiguous independent nations behave today. In the nation of Pennsylvania, we elected Benjamin Franklin to serve as our first President. Our legislature voted to have a German fought along with English as the official languages of the Commonwealth. The new states fought wars: Vermont and New Hampshire battled over their border. And Maryland and Virginia engaged in a naval battle over the use of the Chesapeake Bay. In New Jersey, state patriotism was so high that a legislator announced, “I am a New Jersey first, an American second.”

But none of this was enough to compel the “demis gods,” as Jefferson called the state leaders, to come together for the Federal Convention. The fear was that they would soon lose all they had fought for in the Revolution. All, realizing how weak and disorganized the new states were, began to mobilize an army in Canada. Its mission was to pick off the new nation-states one by one. Spain, the imperial power occupying Florida at the time, had the same idea. A Spanish army was moving up to the coast.

It was this realization — this fear— coupled with the realization that the Articles of Confederation could not provide for their security, that compelled the Founding Fathers to come once again to Philadelphia. The Federal convention was called for May 14th, 1787, to be held in Independence Hall.

On that day, Franklin and Washington met and agreed that they would not try to impose any idea on the group that would gather in the City of Brotherly Love. All who came to the convention clearly understood the gravity of the problems they faced. The only thing they agreed upon in the beginning was that they would stay in session until they produced a solution. In a nine-month period they created one of the landmark documents in human history: The Constitution of the United States of America. World Federalists see great parallels with today’s world situation. We are faced with incredible problems, not the least of which is the fear of total human annihilation. The fact is that the Constitution of the United States, which was the bulwark of our security for nearly 200 years, can no longer provide for our safety in this shrunken world. We are spending far more on arms—$790 billion worldwide last year—than the total investment in food, clothing and shelter because of the failure of the flawed United Nations Charter, wars continue in all parts of the world, and the need to deal with poverty and starvation gets a low priority.

World Federalists approach the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution with a fervent hope that world leaders will look upon the 1787 experience as a model for dealing with today’s world. The issue today is not nuclear deterrence; it is war itself. In this global village, humanity can no longer afford the anarchy that maintains a divided world, with its attendant wars and human suffering. We call for a World Federal Convention that will result in replacing today’s version of the Articles of Confederation—the United Nations Charter—with a constitution of the world. A constitution that would abolish war.

Rabbi Marc Zemelbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 53rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10022
January 27, 1955

Dear Rabbi Zennstaum:

You don't know me — but I feel compelled to write to express my deep sympathy on the loss of your brother, Ernie.

I only just learned of his death — and am still finding it hard to believe.

I met Ernie in late summer — having been introduced by a mutual friend. Ernie was my "first date" after 2½ years of widowhood — and was a very positive force in my life. We saw each other for several months — and thus parted friends because we were in "different places in time". I am so grateful for having known him — for he was a "beautiful" person. He spoke to me at length about his family and of his great love for you and his sister. He was so very proud of you.
In fact, on New Year's Day, I had friends in — and Dave was here and I heard him talking about you with my brother.

I shall miss his friendship very, very much — as will many people. The world was a better place because he was in it. I wish I could find the rationale to explain why people like Dave, and my husband, who have so much to give — are cut down in their prime.

Perhaps, as a learned Rabbi, you can understand it better than I.

Hope that someday I can meet you personally.

Please extend my condolences to your sister —

Sincerely,

Fran Goldman
March 20, 1985

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I did not hear about Ernie's passing until several weeks after it happened. Like most of us, I wanted to do something but all I could do was feel a private loss.

Ernie was my friend. We did not see each other often, but when we did, it was an important time not on a high powered business level in this overly intense communications industry but important because of the sharing that always happened.

I will miss Ernie as will so many in this broadcast business. I can only say to you something you already know, "you were blessed that this special person, Ernie Tannen, was your brother."

Sincerely,

Robert Mounty

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