Series E: General Alphabetical Files. 1960-1992
January 12, 1961

Rabbi Max D. Davidson
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Davidson:

I read only recently of the resignation of Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum as Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of America. I knew he had been ill for some time and that he had been advised to give greater consideration to his health than he had been. To my surprise I find that his resignation is coupled with his proposed employment or association with the American Jewish Committee.

I realize that a person has to "provide for his own house". However, I am certain that Rabbi Tanenbaum would not leave us for the sole reason that he could be more gainfully employed money-wise in any event. I can understand his leaving us to occupy a pulpit in one of the larger Congregations. But going with the American Jewish Committee makes it appear to me, as in the past, that the Committee has succeeded either in taking over one of our exceptionally fine associates or, as a secular organization, wants to take over the work which very definitely should be the work of a synagogal organization.

I recall on many occasions arguments in the Synagogue Council, sometimes rather heated, because the American Jewish Committee had sought to act as the spokesmen for the synagogue or for the Jewish religious community, not concerning itself in any way over the propriety of such intervention or appearance.

Undoubtedly Rabbi Tanenbaum will be in charge of the same work which was part of his function as Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of America and in which work he not only grew in stature but did so much to bring the Council to the position which it occupies today.

I happen to have before me the conference report of the President's Committee on Government Contracts dated October 14, 1960, which incidentally was sent to each person invited to his Religious Leaders Conference of May 1959. The report is entitled "Faiths: Joined for Action."
The vice chairmen of this Religious Advisory Council were:

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Executive Director  
Synagogue Council of America  
New York, New York

Dr. J. Oscar Lee  
Executive Director  
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations  
National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.  
New York, New York

The Reverend John F. Cronin, S. S.  
Assistant Director  
National Catholic Welfare Conference  
Washington, D. C.

I should feel very badly indeed if on any governmental religious committee or council or similar body the representative of our religious bodies was Rabbi Tanenbaum, not acting on behalf of a synagogoual body such as the Synagogue Council of America but as a representative of and acting on behalf of the secular organization, the American Jewish Committee, in the same field of religious action as when acting for the Synagogue Council.

The representatives of the other religious groups who were present on the occasion above referred to acted for and on behalf of, in the case of the Protestant bodies, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and for the Catholic Church, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and of course our Rabbi Tanenbaum for and on behalf of the Jewish Religious Entity.

Perhaps it is not too late to suggest that Rabbi Tanenbaum continue with the Synagogue Council of America but because of his physical condition that we obtain an assistant for him, or perhaps if the American Jewish Committee is so concerned with the representation by Rabbi Tanenbaum in the field in which he has done so much for our religious bodies, that it either make a grant to the Council to permit of the employment of an assistant to Rabbi Tanenbaum to do the more strenuous work or that some plan of joint association be worked out to meet the situation.

I should like to have this letter read at the next plenary session of the Council.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,
RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN TRIBUTE

TO RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

More than one hundred friends and associates joined in a testimonial dinner last night (Tuesday, March 7) to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, former executive director of the Synagogue Council of America, at the Olcott Hotel, 27 West 72 Street.

Rabbi Tanenbaum has left the Council to take the post of director of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs at the American Jewish Committee. Dr. Robert Nach, an officer of the Council, and dinner chairman, presided.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a hand-lettered, illuminated scroll by Rabbi Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy, N.J., SCA President, expressing the appreciation of the organization for Rabbi Tanenbaum's outstanding leadership and devotion during the seven years of his incumbency.

"As executive director, 1953 - 1961, he has set a high standard of achievement," the scroll read. "His stewardship of the Council has been marked by consummate statesmanship and his contribution to its growth has been without parallel in the organization's history."

"He has enhanced the name and prestige of the Synagogue Council in his work with U.S. Government agencies, the White House, the United Nations and the Protestant and Catholic communities," Rabbi Davidson declared.

Other speakers were: Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman and Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, past presidents of the Council; Dr. Abraham J. Heschel, Professor of Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi Uri Miller, SCA vice president, delivered the invocation.

In response to the many laudatory comments, Rabbi Tanenbaum expressed his regret at leaving the Synagogue Council and stated that "Only the unusual opportunity for self-growth through serious study and writing" could overcome his reluctance to leave the Council.

The speakers were lavish in their praise of the former executive director, crediting his "vision, talents and devotion" with transforming the organization into "a vital force in American and Jewish life."

Messages were received from leaders of the Roman Catholic and Protestant communities, from Government and United Nations officials and from outstanding leaders of the Jewish community.
The Synagogue Council of America is the coordinating agency of the rabbinical and congregational organizations of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism. The Council comprises the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the United Synagogue of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

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December 27, 1960

Dear Marc,

Now that news of your appointment as Director of Inter-Religious Activities of the American Jewish Committee has been made public, I want to send you my congratulations and best wishes, as well as those of my other colleagues at the Seminary, for your success in this new undertaking. I know that in your new post you will bring to bear the same talents and blessed influence for good that you have demonstrated in your work at the Synagogue Council of America. Our best wishes are with you and the hope that you will have many years ahead of you in which to perform your worthy work.

With warmest regards,

Cordially, as ever,

Louis Finkelstein

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.
Local Choir Offers 'St. Matthew Passion'

Tomorrow's services will be highlighted by several sacred music programs and the appearance of guest preachers.

The "St. Matthew Passion" by Bach will be presented tomorrow at 8 p.m. in St. George's Episcopal Church, 207 E. 16th St., Stuyvesant sq.

The St. George Choir, the Choral Society and the Children's Choir, as well as an orchestra, will take part in the performance. The program will be directed by organist Charles Henderson, with Ernest White at the organ and Adrienne Fried on the harpsichord.

Bach's music will also be featured in a special program, 8 p.m. tomorrow by the Motet Choir and soloists in The Brick Presbyterian Church, Park ave. at 31st st., under the direction of organist Dr. T. Charles Lee.

Mozart's "Seventh Mass" will be sung by the choir at the 4 p.m. Musical Service, in Central Presbyterian Church, Park ave. at 64th st., under the direction of organist Dr. Hugh Giles, with Charles Wilson as associate organist.

Dr. William R. Mueller, chairman of the Department of English at Goucher College, Baltimore, Md., will be guest preacher at the 11 a.m. service tomorrow in Central Presbyterian Church.

The second New York performance of the "Siabat Mater" by the contemporary English composer, Lennox Berkeley, will be given 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Riverside Church, Riverside dr. and 122nd st.

Rev. Santiago Soto-Fontanez, Director of Baptist

Expect 6,000 At Services

More than 6,000 Masons are expected to attend the 16th annual Masonic Dedication service and breakfast of the Masons of the Metropolitan Area tomorrow.

Simultaneous services will be held 8 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Park ave. and 50th st., at Central Synagogue, Lexington ave. at 59th st., and at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Fifth ave. at 55th st. Breakfast will follow at the Astor and Commodore Hotels.
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

Inter-Faith Head
Named by A. J. C.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, of Elmhurst, Queens, has been named director of the American Jewish Committee's Inter-religious Affairs Department, it was announced yesterday by Dr. John Slawson, A. J. C. executive vice-president.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, who has been executive director of the Synagogue Council of America for the last seven years, succeeds Rabbi Morris N. Kerzner, who has assumed the pulpit of the Larchmont Temple, Larchmont, N. Y.
Jewish Group Names Interreligious Head

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

The appointment of Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum as director of the interreligious affairs department of the American Jewish Committee was announced last night by Dr. John Lawson, executive vice president of the committee.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, who has been executive director of the Synagogue Council of America for the last seven years, succeeds Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, who became spiritual leader of the Larchmont Temple, Larchmont, N. Y.

Rabbi Tanenbaum has held various government posts. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

SCOUTS 'COMMAND' ARMY

10 Take Posts in Berlin at Military Invitation

BERLIN, Feb. 10 (Reuters)—Ten Explorer Scouts, sons of members of the American community here, worked side by side today with top military and communications commanders as part of United States Scout Week activities.

United States Army officials said Specialist 4/c James L. Smith of Ada, Okla., a Scout adviser, originated the idea of letting the Scouts "take command." Specialist Smith said the experience would provide
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From
JEWISH DAILY FORWARD
New York, N.Y.

The news of the death of Mr. M. Schneebalg and the death of the late Mr. Joseph Gunon is deeply
regretted by the editorial committee. Mr. Schneebalg was a member of the board of directors of
the Jewish Daily Forward and had been a faithful supporter of the newspaper. He was a
prominent figure in the Jewish community and will be sorely missed.

Joseph Gunon was a long-time friend of the newspaper and had contributed many articles throughout
his career. His death is a great loss to the Jewish community.

The editorial committee extends its condolences to the families of the deceased.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Managing Editor
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January 23, 1961

Dear Marc:

You were most thoughtful, as always, to let me know that you are changing your position and responsibility. You have rendered such outstanding service to the Synagogue Council of America and I shall miss you in that relationship. I look forward, however, to developing further relationships with you in your new position.

I, too, appreciate the opportunity we had to exchange greetings in terms of some of our deeper religious sentiments in recent weeks.

May God richly bless you and yours in your new undertakings.

Fraternally yours,

Kenneth L. Maxwell
Executive Director
January 24, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 W. 42nd Street
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your letter of January 18.

Please accept my congratulations on your new post. I look forward very much to our continued association and will certainly enjoy meeting your successor.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you most heartily for your co-operation over the years in your post at the Synagogue Council.

Sincerely yours,

Avraham Harman
Ambassador
February 13, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Marc:

I was pleased to learn of your appointment as Director of the newly-organized Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

I know that the Synagogue Council has benefited from your executive leadership, as will the American Jewish Committee. May I join with your many friends in wishing you well.

With warm personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Paul M. Steinberg
Executive Dean
Dr. Robert L. Nach  
Chairman, Dinner Committee  
Synagogue Council of America  
110 West 42nd Street  
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Nach:

I have your letter of January 26th, advising me of an intimate testimonial dinner in honor of Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum at the Hotel Olcott on Tuesday, March 7th.

I very much wish that I could attend the dinner and join in this well deserved tribute to Dr. Tanenbaum who has served the Synagogue Council of America so long and so well. Unfortunately, Mrs. Lehman and I are leaving for the West Coast in February and will not be back until considerably after the date of the dinner.

May I ask you to convey to Dr. Tanenbaum my kindest regards and heartiest good wishes for full measure of success and happiness in his new and important work for the American Jewish Committee.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
February 15, 1961

Dear Marc,

I wish I could be with you personally on the evening of March 7th when the Synagogue Council of America tenders a testimonial dinner in your honor. The devotion and dedication of your service to the Council has placed us all forever in your debt and, now, as this service draws to a close, I want to join with your many friends and admirers to thank you and to wish you many more years of health and happiness in which to carry on your worthy activities.

With warmest regards,

Cordially, as ever,

Louis Finkelstein

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York, New York

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January 13, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your cordial letter of January 5th in which you shared with me your plans for the future. Please know that I am deeply interested in your professional and personal interests and warmly welcome your communications.

I am delighted to hear that you are going to head-up the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. They could not have chosen a better or more able man. My sincerest congratulations and every good wish to you in this new undertaking.

Because of my own experience with Religion In American Life, and before that in Council of Churches work, I am well aware of all the endless responsibilities that were connected with your Synagogue Council work and I think I can well appreciate some of the new opportunities that you will have along different lines in your new position with the American Jewish Committee later this winter.

May I say that as far as Religion In American Life is concerned, although you will be functioning in a different capacity I still hope that you may be willing to continue your active role with RIAL and to continue presently as Chairman of the Copy Policy Committee. Of course, we would want you to remain a member of our Board and an active officer with us if you feel that you can.

We will be looking with real interest to your successor at the Synagogue Council and it is our sincere desire that whoever that person is, he will plan to continue the excellent cooperative relationship which you have established and carried on through the years.

With highest personal regards and Godspeed to you in your new undertaking come March 1st, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Earle B. Pleasant
National Director
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Hotel Olcott
27 West 72nd Street
New York City

March 6th 1961

Dear Marc,

I received the invitation to the testimonial dinner in your honor. Believe me, only distance keeps me from attending. I want to take the time to congratulate you on a job well done.

The Officers of the Synagogue Council are to be commended for honoring you. They must feel that you have greatly contributed to that organization. I am sure the Jewish Community will be hearing about you in your new position. I hope you will keep in touch with me and let me know what your plans are.

Lots of luck in your new job. Esther joins me in sending our best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Paul Dubin

PD/1e
January 10, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Executive Director  
Synagogue Council of America  
110 West 42nd Street  
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

May I congratulate you on your new appointment with its greater opportunity for service. I shall indeed be glad to keep in touch with you and to meet your successor when he is appointed.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every blessing during the New Year.

Cordially,

Rev. John F. Cronin, S.S.  
Assistant Director

JFC/jj
Dear Marc:

I am very sorry that I shall be unable to attend the Testimonial Dinner in your honor on Tuesday, March 7th.

I do wish to express to you the pleasure I had in working with you, and to wish you a full measure of good health and happiness in your new undertaking.

It is our fondest hope that your efforts will be crowned with success, personally and for the community.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Moses I. Feuerstein

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.
February 13, 1961
27 Shevat 5721

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
83-06 Victor Avenue
Elmhurst, L.I.

Dear Marc:

Distinguished achievements by our alumni and public recognition of their talents, are always sources of pride to all Yeshiva men and women.

It is, therefore, with much pleasure and satisfaction that I salute you, on behalf of all our alumni, on the occasion of the testimonial dinner, which is being tendered to you by the Synagogue Council of America. I regret exceedingly that I will be unable to be there personally to join in this tribute to you.

I also wish to extend to you the congratulations and best wishes of all our alumni in your new position which, we trust, is an important step forward in your career.

May the Almighty grant that you go from strength to strength, and that you always be blessed with nachas, contentment and a sense of self-fulfillment in your professional career, as well as your personal life.

Fraternally yours,

Hilton Furst,
Director
February 27, 1961

Mr. Louis Katzman
Barry & Katzman
135 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Hilly:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me about my appointment to the American Jewish Committee.

Kelga joins me in reciprocating to you and Betty our warmest good wishes.

I have just received a note from Janet about the outstanding insurance premium and I propose to do something about it. Also, I would welcome a chance to meet with you this week, if possible, to discuss the matter of my will.

Again, many thanks and the best from home to home.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director

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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
83-06 Vietor Avenue  
Elmhurst, L.I.

Dear Marc:

Your picture in the Sunday Times does not do you any justice. In any event, I wish to congratulate you for the worthwhile work and I hope you continue in your endeavors for a long time to come. Give my regards to Helga and the baby. Also, regards from Betty and David.

Sincerely,

LHK: FZ
February 14, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Marc:

Congratulations on your appointment as director of the interreligious affairs department of the American Jewish Committee.

I wondered where this leaves us in our relationship to the Synagogue Council of America. I refer particularly to our attempts, through liaison with David Panitz, to effect a representative point of contact with Judaism in relation to broadcasting.

When do you take up the new position?

Sincerely,

S. Franklin Mack  
Executive Director
February 27, 1961

Katherine B. Cattinger, Chief
Children's Bureau
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Social Security Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Kay:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
February 20, 1962

Mrs. H. Herbert Rosaman, National President  
Mrs. Naomi Flat, Executive Director  
National Women’s League of the United Synagogue of America  
3080 Broadway  
New York, New York

Dear Headmeses:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you and your organization.

Again, many thanks,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Executive Director

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THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA

3080 Broadway, New York 27, N.Y.

THE SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS IS:
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  

165 East 56 Street, New York City  

Name: National Women’s League of the United Synagogue of America  
Date: February 16, 1961  

National Women’s League of the United Synagogue of America extends congratulations to you on your appointment as Director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee.

We welcome the news that you have accepted yet another meaningful responsibility in the Jewish community, and we know that you will discharge the duties of this important office with the same distinction as the others which you have undertaken.

Naomi Flax  
Executive Director  

Mrs. H. Herbert Rossman  
National President  

"The blessing of the Lord be upon you."  
Psalm 129:8
February 20, 1961

Mrs. Miriam R. Ephraim
National Jewish Welfare Board
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miriam:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
February 15, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Marc:

I was delighted to read the official announcement of your appointment to the staff of the American Jewish Committee. Most cordial felicitations on this new opportunity for service.

I hope you will find much happiness and significant achievement, with good health, in your new responsibilities.

Cordially yours,

MIRIAM R. EPHRAIM
February 20, 1961

Mrs. Stanley S. Liben
Advisor on Jewish Relations
Public Relations Department
Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
630 Third Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Liben:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
February 16, 1961

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, Director
Interreligious Affairs
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Marc:

Congratulations on your appointment as Director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committee.

We have been very grateful to you for your cooperation and guidance during your years with Synagogue Council of America. I am pleased that we will have the opportunity to continue working together in the future.

My best wishes go to you for success and satisfaction in your work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stanley S. Liben
Advisor on Jewish Relations
Public Relations Department

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February 14, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, N.Y.

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When do you take up the new position?

Sincerely,

S. Franklin Hack
Executive Director
February 20, 1962

Rabbi Abraham J. Karp
Congregation Beth El
139 Winton Road, South
Rochester 10, New York

Dear Abe:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum
Executive Director

MHT:ttt
February 17, 1961
1 Adar, 5721

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

Accept my congratulations on your appointment as director of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. May all success be yours in your new endeavor.

I must confess that these sentiments of congratulations are mingled with feelings of sorrow. Sorry that you are leaving the Synagogue Council of America. The Council needs all the strength it can muster and I am indeed sorry that your talents, ability and devotion will no longer be in its service.

May occasions for congratulations be many for you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abraham J. Karp
Rabbi
February 2, 1961

Dear Max:

Upon my return from a flying visit to the East, I found several letters from the Synagogue Council of America. I have noted your request for material dealing with the history of the Synagogue Council. When I return to the East, I shall attempt to discover any such records or correspondence in my files. I do not believe that there is much there which is significant, but I shall have no objection to turning it over to the archives of the Synagogue Council.

From another letter, I learned that Rabbi Tanenbaum had resigned from the Synagogue Council of America. Being far away, I had not heard of this change in personnel, and out of my deep friendship for Marc I would be very much interested in learning what he is doing.

It will, of course, be impossible for me to attend the dinner scheduled in his honor for March 7th. I wish it were feasible for me to be on hand and to express to him personally the sense of appreciation which religious Jewry in America owes him for having played so significant a role in revitalizing the activities of the Synagogue Council and endowing this potentially central agency in American Jewish life with some of the dignity and importance which is its due.

Please extend to him my best wishes on his new field of activity, and the hope that he will continue to make fruitful contributions to the development of a meaningful Jewish life in America.

With warm personal greetings to your own good self, I am

Cordially yours,

Robert Gordis

Rabbi Max D. Davidson, President
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York
February 17, 1961

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
3080 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Finkelstein:

Few expressions of good wishes have meant more to me than your recent letters.

Whatever services I may have performed in behalf of Judaism and our people during my seven years with the Synagogue Council would never have been possible were it not for the training, sense of commitment, and inspiration on which I was nurtured during my student years at the Seminary.

So decisive were those years in the transformation of my life that I have often confided to myself that, knowing what I do now about the challenges to Judaism and to myself personally in our public life, that I wish I had an opportunity to start over again in the Seminary. While I absorbed much, I would, at this stage of self-awareness, have approached my student years with even greater application to Torah.

Perhaps the example of Rabbi Akiba may not yet be altogether removed as a challenge to me in the coming years. In any event, please be assured of my deepest appreciation for your good wishes.

Warmest regards,

Cordially, as ever,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director

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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you so much for your letter with its interesting information. I am delighted to know of your new appointment, and am sure that you have a great work before you in that role. The whole question of the reunion of the Churches is so much with us at the moment that I am sure your Department of Inter-Religious Affairs will be kept busy keeping an eye on this sort of activity as well as the many other things which will come to you in that connection.

Thank you again for letting me know of this.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.
January 9, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 W. 42nd St.
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Marc:

How very gracious of you to inform me of your professional plans. Your leaving the Synagogue Council will be a great loss to the Council, but the American Jewish Committee certainly is to be congratulated, and I believe I can understand your feeling that your particular responsibilities there will be very much to your liking. As you know, the National Council of Churches has had very close relations with the AJC, just as it has with the SCA, and I am sure that our contacts will continue undiminished. In fact, you may find yourself in even closer relationship with some of the departments of the National Council of Churches in which you are especially interested.

It is good of you to suggest that you will introduce me to your successor. I shall look forward to meeting him and to maintaining the same cordial relationship through him that we have enjoyed so much through you.

All best regards and special wishes for the new year,

Cordially yours,

R. H. Edwin Espy
Associate General Secretary

RHEE:hms
January 10, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in telling me of your anticipated change of responsibility on March 1. I shall look forward to working with you in your new responsibility as we have opportunity.

I am sure that these are going to be awfully busy days for you between now and March 1 as you wind up your responsibilities with the Synagogue Council. Would your schedule permit you to come to have lunch with me here at the Interchurch Center on Thursday, January 26? Our conversations have been too infrequent, and I would be interested to talk a bit about things in general. If that doesn't seem like a good time, I'm sure that we can find some time after March 1. In any event, my very best to you as you contemplate this new responsibility.

Very cordially yours,

Alwyn Lloyd Roberts
General Director

AIL: rjc
January 10, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your letter of January 5th in which you indicate that you will be leaving the Synagogue Council of America to assume the position of Director of the newly-re-organized Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

Let me wish you every success in your new work. I look forward to continuing our cordial relationship in your new position.

It would be a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet your successor at the Synagogue Council.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Oscar Lee
Executive Director
Dear Marc:

Thank you for your note of January 5th. Congratulations upon your new responsibility and good luck in it.

I shall look forward to meeting with you and your successor at the Synagogue Council position.

Yours sincerely,

Dean M. Kelley

January 6, 1961
January 9, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum,
Synagogue Council of America,
110 West 42nd St.,
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your thoughtful courtesy and friendliness in telling me about your prospective change in jobs. Having been associated with the work of Rabbi Kertzer during the years when I was with the National Council of Churches, I know something of the significance of that work.

I am glad that there will be continued occasions for meetings you occasionally but I must bear in mind that associations at the national level are between the American Jewish Committee and the National Council of Churches.

Best wishes to you in your new post!

Cordially yours,

Roswell P. Barnes
Executive Secretary

RPB n1
February 8, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Synagogue Council of America  
110 West 42nd Street  
New York 36, New York

My dear Marc;

Thank you so much for your good wishes. May I reciprocate whole heartedly. I know that you will find your new assignment challenging and that you will bring to it the enthusiasm and ability that you have demonstrated so well in your work in the Synagogue Council.

Best wishes.

Cordially

PMK:mTb

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 6th which I have read with great interest.

I am very sorry indeed that you are leaving the Synagogue Council of America which you have served so long and so faithfully. It will seem strange to me to deal with anybody but you in connection with the affairs of the Council. I am very glad to know, however, that you will become Director of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. This will give me an opportunity to still work with you, even though in a different field.

I send you my congratulations and heartiest good wishes for a full measure of success in your new and important work.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
February 3rd, 1961

Mr. Irving Workoff
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Irving:

I have the letter regarding the Dinner for Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum. I will be leaving within a couple of days at that time for Israel and therefore will not be able to be present at the Dinner on March 7th.

Please convey to Marc my best wishes and tell him how sorry I am that I will not be able to be present except in spirit.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Michael M. Nisselson
Assistant to the President
February 3, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I thank you for writing as you did on January 31. I became very well acquainted with Dr. Kertzer and I look forward to cooperating with you on many occasions.

I would still like to publish a guide to organized Judaism in our Information Service, and perhaps you can continue to advise me.

Sincerely yours,

Benson Y. Landis
February 3, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Executive Director,
Synagogue Council of America,
110 West 42d Street,

My dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you for your note of January 27th. I am delighted that you are going to have an opportunity to move from administration to more "creative intellectual activity". I shall look forward to meeting your successor in the Synagogue Council and hope our paths will cross more often in the future than in the past.

Cordially yours,

Eugene C. Blake
February 1, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of January 25, and I hasten to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on your new position with the American Jewish Committee. You have really put the Synagogue Council of America on the map more than any of your predecessors.

The American Jewish Committee is most fortunate in obtaining your great talents for their services. Good luck and best wishes as you take up your new duties.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Harry Locker
National Director
Jewish Relationships
January 30, 1961

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Hearty congratulations on your new position as Director of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. I hope that this position will give you the time and opportunity you desire to devote to study and writing.

With sincere best wishes,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Assistant General Secretary

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Executive Director  
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA  
110 West 42nd Street  
New York 36, N.Y.  

Dear Marc:

Thank you very much indeed for your note of January 18 and for informing me about your leaving the Synagogue Council.

The Council's loss will, of course, be the America Jewish Committee's gain and, needless to say, both I and my colleagues are looking forward to a great deal of close cooperation with you in your new position also.

I will be delighted to meet with your successor whenever that can be arranged, and I look forward to hearing from you.

All the very best to you,

Sincerely yours,

Michael Arnon  
Counselor,  
Head of Information Services
January 27, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Executive Director  
Synagogue Council of America  
110 West 42nd Street  

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you very much for sharing with me, in your letter of January 19th, the news of your forthcoming new responsibilities with the American Jewish Committee.

I look forward with confidence to a continuation of the friendship which has marked our associations in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Binyamin Eliav  
Consul General
January 30, 1961

Dear Mr. Valentine:

You were thoughtful to write as you did and of course Rabbi Davidson will share both our understanding of your inability to attend the February 7th luncheon and our regret.

We will make the necessary change in our mailing lists regarding Doctor Miller.

Sincerely yours,

Jessica Feingold
Executive Director

Foy Valentine, Esq.
The Christian Life Commission
The Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue North
Nashville 3, Tennessee
February 10, 1961

Rabbi Morris Lieberman
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation
7401 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore 8, Maryland

Dear Morris:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks;

Cordially,

Rabbi Harry E. Tenenbaum
Executive Director
February
7,
1961

Rabbi Mark H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Marc:

I must confess that I was a little astonished to learn of your move from the Synagogue Council to the American Jewish Committee. I am sure, however, that there is good reason and I congratulate the Committee on the acquisition of your abilities. I am sure that we shall be in touch with each other often. I am extremely interested in the Baltimore Chapter of the Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Morris Lieberman

ML:vl
February 10, 1961

Mr. Samuel S. Fishbach, Director
Division of Youth Services
The American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Sam:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
February 9, 1961

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

I take the earliest opportunity to send you my warmest congratulations on your appointment to the distinguished post of Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

It is grand to think that we shall follow up our first association on active committees of the White House Conference on Children and Youth with the more intimate associations now as colleagues in the same organization. My office, as a matter of fact, is only four doors away from yours.

Again, with all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Fishsohn, Director
Division of Youth Services

SSF:rd

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February 20, 1961

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your thoughtful memo and copy of the letter by Rabbi Davidson to President Kennedy. Both of these things were most thoughtful on the part of all of you.

I look forward to seeing you after you get settled in your new responsibilities at the American Jewish Committee.

Please let me know when the time has arrived in your schedule for us to see one another.

All best blessings on you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth L. Maxwell
Executive Director
February 20, 1961

Rev. Dan L. Potter, Executive Director
The Protestant Council of the City of New York
475 Riverside Drive - Suite 456
New York 27, New York

Dear Dan:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
February 17, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your letter of February second and congratulations on your new position as Director of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

May God bless you in this new assignment.

Sincerely,

Dan M. Potter
February 20, 1961

Mr. George Christian Anderson, Director
Academy of Religion and Mental Health
16 East 34th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Anderson:

It was very thoughtful of you to take time from your busy schedule to write me on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee. I am very grateful for your generous good wishes.

In my new responsibilities, I hope that I will have an opportunity to come into even closer association with you.

Again, many thanks,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director

MHT:ttc
Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

I read with interest your appointment as Director of the Inter-Religious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee.

I am sure that the Academy should become much more involved in some of your interests and I would be grateful for suggestions how perhaps we might work more closely together. Perhaps, sometime soon, it will be convenient for you to visit here. Do let me know in advance so that I will be here to greet you.

With deep appreciation for your interest in the Academy.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Anderson

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 W. 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

February 17, 1961
February 17, 1961

Dear Marc:

For the sake of the Synagogue Council of America I was sorry to learn that you will be resigning as its Executive Director as of March 1st.

Under your energetic leadership the Council seemed to be on its way to becoming what it originally was intended to be, an effective representative of the religious forces of the Jewish people. I imagine that you have given it the kind of a push forward which will keep it going in the right direction.

I want to take this opportunity of wishing you a very long, happy and fruitful association with the American Jewish Committee and its activities. What exactly will be the nature of your work?

With best wishes for your good health and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Simon Greenberg

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York
Dear Marc:

I was delighted to read the news of your new assignment as Director of the American Jewish Committee's Inter-religious Affairs Department.

It has been my privilege to know you and to have an increasing respect for your broad vision and your exceptional understanding of many of the problems facing us today.

I hope that our paths may cross more frequently in the years ahead.

Cordial good wishes!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N.Y.
Aeledly yours -
Margaret Katzenberg.


Mrs. Howard Foster Katzenberg

830-3 1cc
Dear Dr. Tanenbaum,

All good moves in your new work of which I read today. I hope this change does not mean that I will see less of you — I value your helpful advice.
February 1, 1961

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
Synagogue Council of America  
110 West 42nd Street  
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

Yasher koach! The public announcement of your move comes as a particularly welcome piece of information to me, since the news of my move is now public, and this means that for the foreseeable future you and I are going to be partners in crime.

As I told you confidentially over the phone a month ago, I am leaving the congregation sometime this summer to take on the chairmanship of the newly created Commission of Interfaith Activities of the UAHC and to become co-Director of the Social Action Commission of the Union, and to accept a Merrill Foundation grant for interracial work in the south.

I can't tell you how pleased I am to know that finally, after so many years of working together only sporadically, we are now going to have an opportunity to work together in the same community and towards the same ends. I am quite thrilled to know that a guy with your savvy and your experience will be around and that we will be able to share together.

The best of all good things, and Mazel Tov!

Cordially,

Balfour Brickner, Rabbi

BB/md
February 7th, 1961

Rabbi Myron M. Feinster
Jewish Center of Jackson Heights
34-25 82nd Street
Jackson Heights 72, N.Y.

Dear Mike:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter. It was very kind of you to take time from your heavy schedule to write.

I'm especially grateful for your gracious offer to assist you with services for the coming High Holy Days. As I indicated to you some time ago, I have been assisting Rabbi Nadich for some four years. Because we are expecting our favorite child number two around August, and vaguely in the background because I still need to husband my strength, I have just declined Rabbi's invitation for this coming Yomim Noraim.

While I know that I would greatly enjoy being with you, under the circumstances, I must decline your thoughtful invitation.

Warmest regards from home to home,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
January 9, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I was very pleased to learn recently of your new post with the American Jewish Committee and I desire to express my warm congratulations to you. It is fitting that your distinguished service as the Executive of the Synagogue Council should have received recognition through your designation to this new and important responsibility with the American Jewish Committee. I know that you will bring to your new post a wealth of experience and understanding which assures the fact that in this capacity you will make a significant and lasting contribution to American Jewish life.

Please accept my deepest good wishes for happiness and success in your new work.

Cordially yours,

Sanford Solender

Sanford Solender
December 28, 1960

Rabbi Louis Finkelstein
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Northeast Corner, Broadway and 122nd St.
New York 27, New York

Dear Rabbi Finkelstein:

How thoughtful of you to take the time from your heavy schedule to write your gracious note of congratulations on my appointment to the American Jewish Committee.

I deeply appreciate your generous compliments and your good wishes.

At an early date, I hope it will be possible for me to meet with you on an informal basis with a view toward securing your thinking about some program and policy matters that may be of mutual interest.

Again, with appreciation and warmest best wishes,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director

MHT:ttc
January 4, 1961

Mr. David C. Kogen
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America
3080 Broadway
New York 27, New York

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your warm good wishes.

I hope that in my new responsibility with the American Jewish Committee I will be in a position to be in touch with you and perhaps work together on matters of mutual interest.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
January 3, 1961

Dear Marc:

I was delighted to hear the news about your new appointment, and I want to extend to you heartiest congratulations.

Cordially yours,

David C. Kogen

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York
January 31, 1961

Rabbi Mark Tanenbaum
Interreligious Affairs
American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mark:

I hasten to express to you my heartiest congratulations upon your assuming a new position of leadership with the American Jewish Committee. I know that you will bring to your new position the same dedication and devotion to the cause of Judaism and Jewish life that you gave to the Synagogue Council of America.

Although our paths did not cross too often, never-the-less I followed your work with the Synagogue Council with a great deal of admiration.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Joseph Miller

RJM:bs
February 3, 1961

Rabbi Mark Tannenbaum
83-06 Victor Avenue
Elmhurst, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Mark:

I note from your letter that you have decided to assume a new post with the American Jewish Committee. I can only hope that your new job will bring you the opportunity for satisfying work and the reduction of pressure which obviously has been characteristic of your association with The Synagogue Council. Lots of luck and congratulations.

Sincerely,

Jack

Rabbi Jack J. Cohen
January 31, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42 Street
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Marc:

I have been wanting for some time to address these few lines to you -- first, to congratulate you on your new post, and secondly, to express the hope that you will find self-realization and contentment in your new work.

It is my regret, and I know my loss, that our personal relationship did not permit us to see one another frequently; but I want you to know that your fine work has been known to me and has brought me a sense of vicarious pride.

May the Almighty bless you with fruitful service as you become the Director of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Rabbi A. Alan Steinbach, D.D.
1 February 1961

Dear Marc:

My congratulations to you and the Committee!

My condolences to the SCA.

With very fond regards to Helga,

As ever,

Very fondly,

Rabbi Albert S. Goldstein

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York
February 8, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Marc:

I hope to be present at the testimonial dinner for you on March 7.

I got a very good report of your presentation to the LCBC from Bob Hiller. He is the Executive Director in Pittsburgh and very close to the top federation pros. Things are looking up for this aspect of your work.

With every good wish to you, I remain

Cordially yours,

Seymour J. Cohen
February 7, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

Let this letter be the bearer of my good wishes to you in your new post. Your leadership of the Synagogue Council of America has been outstanding. You have strengthened the organization, given it new status in the Jewish community and in the Christian as well; you have contributed immeasurably to its strengthening.

May you find your new work rewarding in every way. I am certain that under your exceptional guidance, it will grow in vital and effective service to the causes to which it is devoted.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the Testimonial Dinner which is being planned in your honor for Tuesday, March 7. I will be away from New York and this absence from the city will prevent my being with you.

My very warmest good wishes are yours.

In all friendship,

[Signature]

Jacob Philip Rudin
February 13th, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum,
110 West 42nd Street,
New York City, New York.

Dear Marc:

Estelle and I were delighted to read of your new assignment with the American Jewish Committee.

It must be very gratifying for you to have received an appointment of this nature, which will afford you a challenge and an opportunity for pursuing your interest in interreligious affairs, which I have always felt is close to your heart.

Estelle joins me in extending our heartiest congratulations and sincere wishes for success in your new undertaking.

Least you have forgotten, I am renewing the open invitation to visit with us in Westport.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Kesselman.

JIK;hg
Rabbi Marc H. Tenenbaum  
Synagogue Council of America  
110 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York  

Dear Marc:  

I am delighted to learn that on Tuesday 7 March, the Synagogue Council of America is tendering you a well-deserved Testimonial Dinner.  

Unfortunately, it will be impossible for me to be in New York on this occasion. I am anxious, however, to send you my congratulations on the excellent job already accomplished for the Synagogue Council and my very best wishes for equal success and even greater personal fulfillment in your new affiliation with the American Jewish Committee.  

I shall be thinking of you on the evening of the 7th despite my inability to express these sentiments in person.  

Most cordially,  

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn
February 14th, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I want to take this opportunity to wish you lots of success in your new activities in the American Jewish Committee.

I am sure the Synagogue Council of America will miss you and find it very hard to replace you.

I regret that the last year or two my activities have not been as close as they were previously to your work and the work of the Synagogue Council of America.

I look forward to seeing you at the Cocktail Party in your honor, very shortly.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Schlang
February 13, 1961

My dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I appreciate very much your kind letter advising colleagues that you are leaving the Synagogue Council and assuming the position as Director of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

I happen to be a member of the national board of the American Jewish Committee, and have taken a close interest in the work of the Department of Inter-Religious Affairs under Rabbi Kertzer.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations along with my continued interest in this work. If I can ever be of any help or service to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall be more than happy to do anything I can to help you in your new labors.

With warmest greetings and best regards and all good wishes,

I remain,

Most cordially,

Richard C. Hertz
Rabbi
Dear Dr. Nach:

Due to a prior synagogue commitment, I cannot be present March 7th at the testimonial dinner to my friend and colleague, Marc Tananbaum. Please convey to him my high regards for his accomplishments as Executive of the Synagogue Council. He has truly fostered a more united religious Jewry in America by dint of his efforts. I look forward with great expectation to the transformation he may well effect at the offices of the American Jewish Committee.

Cordially,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert L. Nach
Room 628
110 W. 42nd St.
New York 36, N.Y.
February 14, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

My warm congratulations on your recent appointment as Director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee. This is an extremely important and responsible position, and I believe you can and will make a distinctive contribution in it. To follow Morris Kertzer on assignment is in itself a sizable task, but I am confident you can handle it.

It seems a long time since our paths have crossed. Before too long I hope we can get together for a visit. Meanwhile, my personal regards and all best wishes for the new work.

Sincerely yours,

A. William Loos
Executive Director
February 10, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York City

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I was delighted to learn of your designation as Director of the Inter Religious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee.

I know of the tremendous responsibility which this post entails and the challenges which it holds.

May you have every health, happiness and success in this endeavor.

If I can be of any service to you whatsoever, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM/bp

“Service to American Jewry and Israel through Zionism”
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, Director
Interreligious Affairs Department
American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56 Street
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Marc:

The release on your appointment has just come to my desk. My congratulations to you—on your impressively long list of achievements and on the yet unwritten credits of tomorrow.

May success be your handmaiden in the years to come as it has in the past and may your new post bring you much happiness and great accomplishment.

With all good wishes and best personal regards,

Sincerely

Dr. Morris Epstein
Editor

MB/al

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Dear [Name],

Congratulations on your new association. May this mark the commencement of a long and fruitful career with the Committee. May you bring the spirit of Judaism in the services of the Committee and may the Committee be worthy of you.

Sincerely,

Hy Fliegel.
February 15th, 1961

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

Dear Marc:

Congratulations on your new appointment.
You should find it an interesting post, and I am sure you will do a fine job.

Cordially,

[Signature]

Raphael Levy
Director of Publicity
February 15, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I would have written sooner, but I have just returned after a month's absence from the city.

I was surprised to learn that you will be leaving the Synagogue Council of America. You have served this organization most capably and conscientiously.

May I extend my heartiest congratulations in your new work with the American Jewish Committee.

Kindest wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Morris Silverman

MS:ros
February 14, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mark:

My congratulations on your ascension to your new position in the AJC. The AJC is one of my favorite organizations. In fact, it is my only favorite organization, except perhaps for the Democratic Party. As John Slawson and Ed Lucas can tell you, I am deeply involved with the AJC -- not only through my boss, but even by myself.

Moreover, your predecessor is a very dear friend of mine.

I wish you very well in your new position. In my judgment the AJC could not have made a happier choice.

Cordially,

[Signature]

Julius C.C. Edelstein
Welcome to the rolls of AJC. I look forward to meeting with you now that you have assumed your new post. You will recall that we had worked together previously when I was Assistant to Senator Javits and you were Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of America.

Attached is a copy of the Newsletter Si Rubin and I put out here in Washington; you will be put on the mailing list to receive this regularly.
February 1, 1961

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Marc:

May I offer you my best good wishes on your new job -- though I do so with considerable regret.

The Synagogue Council of America has great possibilities, though it would take some time, yet ultimately it should be the great centralizing agency in American Jewish life. I have always felt that if anyone could bring this about, you could. You have the drive for it and the patience that it requires. Apparently I was mistaken about the patience and hence I am sorry to see you leave this post. It is not given to many of us to be real heroes.

I can, of course, understand the personal pressures and I completely sympathize, so let me revise the first sentence and say with all my heart -- good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Elias Charry
January 31, 1961

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Marc:

My warmest congratulations upon your new assignment. If I can be of any help to you on the local level, I offer my services.

Cordially as ever,

Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas
February 16, 1961

Dear Marc:

Thanks very much for your kindness and hospitality. It was nice seeing you again, and I want to wish you the best of success in your new responsibilities.

See you at the Rm. A. Convention.

Sincerely,
February 27, 1961

Dr. Robert L. Nach, Chairman
Dinner Committee - Suite 628
110 West 42 Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Nach:

It is with sincere regret that I shall be unable to be present at the Dinner in honor of Marc H. Tanenbaum. Although I have tried very hard, a previous engagement of great importance in the life of my congregation has made it impossible for me to attend your dinner.

May I extend a word of good wishes to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum upon assuming his new post. I have had the pleasure of working with the guest of honor in connection with the Synagogue Council's Assembly last year. I have found him to be most vital, energetic, and dedicated in his efforts. His wisdom and understanding and devotion to the Synagogue Council has lifted our Organization to greater heights. I trust that he will find great happiness in his new position and that the Synagogue Council will continue to benefit from his counsel.

With kindest regards and with best wishes, I am

Yours very cordially,

A. M. Heller
Rabbi A. M. Heller

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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

New York ... Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of Elmhurst, N. Y., spiritual and civic leader, has been named director of the American Jewish Committee’s Interreligious Affairs Department, Dr. John Slawson, Executive Vice President, announced here today.

The fifty-five year old Committee is the pioneer human relations agency in this country, combating bigotry, protecting civil and religious rights of Jews, and advancing the cause of human rights everywhere.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, who has been Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of America for the past seven years, succeeds Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, who has assumed the pulpit of the Larchmont Temple in Larchmont, N.Y. The Synagogue Council is the national coordinating agency of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinic and congregational bodies of Judaism in the United States.

Active in diverse areas of American public life, Rabbi Tanenbaum holds many positions as officer, director and consultant in government and voluntary agencies. The broad range of his interests is reflected in the fact that he was appointed by President Eisenhower both as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth and as a member of the National Advisory Council, 1961 White House Conference on Aging, of which he was Co-Chairman of the Section on "Religion and Aging."
Rabbi Tanenbaum's governmental advisory positions include: Consultant to the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Vice-Chairman of the Religious Leaders Advisory Council of the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

In international affairs, Rabbi Tanenbaum is a member of the United States National Commission for UNESCO, and serves on the Religious Advisory Committee of the U.S. Committee for the United Nations. He is also a Chairman of the Projects Committee of the People-to-People Religious Groups Committee, and a member of the Committee for International Economic Growth. On educational projects involving Latin America, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Foundation for Cultural Popular Action.

As publicist, writer and editor, he has served as a correspondent and columnist for a number of news magazines and agencies, a TV writer and panelist, and as a writer, narrator and director of religious films for various organizations.

Rabbi Tanenbaum was on the editorial staff, headed by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, for a UNESCO volume, "Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for International Cooperation." He is co-author of "Our Nation's Children: Religion in America" studies of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. He is also co-author of "Religion and Aging," a background document of the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

Rabbi Tanenbaum's posts in general community and civic organizations include: National Vice-Chairman, American Red Cross; Vice-President of Religion in American Life; member, National Religious Policy Committee, Girl Scouts of America and Camp Fire Girls of America; member, Board of Directors, Clergymen's Economic Institute; member, Council of Trustees of United Seamen's Service.
The AJC's Interreligious Department is responsible for a broad program of education aimed at the advancement of interreligious cooperation and harmony.

Among the major projects carried out under the auspices of the Interreligious Department has been a long-range series of self-studies of religious texts to determine the existence of negative and biased material. These studies have been developed in cooperation with the AJC by several leading universities, including Yale, St. Louis, Southern Methodist, Dropsie College and Union Theological Seminary.

The Interreligious Department maintains close working relationships with leading church groups, particularly those dealing with social action. The Department helps develop and cooperates in such projects as interreligious TV workshops, interfaith dialogues, and coordinated action and educational programs on such issues as fair immigration laws, civil rights, civil liberties and interreligious cooperation.

A native of Baltimore, Rabbi Tanenbaum, who is 35 years old, holds a B.S. in biological sciences from Yeshiva University and was ordained and received a Master's of Hebrew Literature degree at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He has been a graduate student in English literature and literary criticism at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and the New School of Social Research in New York.

He is married to the former Helga Weiss, a clinical psychologist. They have one child, Adena Vicky, aged two.
To John Slawson

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LOUIS FINKELSTEIN.
I join with you wholeheartedly in the well deserved tribute to our friend and colleague, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, under whose dynamic and imaginative direction close and harmonious relationships were established with our Catholic and Protestant counterparts so that the united voice of religion was heard in Washington and elsewhere. He was brought credit and honor to American Jewry and I am sure will continue to do so in his new role.

May he be blessed with continued vigor and vision.

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DEEPLY REGRET MY INABILITY TO JOINING YOU TONIGHT AS I HAD PLANNED. THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WHICH YOU HAVE RENDERED JEWRY IN GENEAL AND THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL IN PARTICULAR AS PLACED ALL OF US IN YOUR DEBT. WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEW AREA OF ACTIVITY AND PRAY GODS BLESSING UPON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

SHALOM UVRACHA

JULIUS MARK.