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## Jews, Christians called to work together

# Rabbi calls for reaffirmation of 'sacredness of life'

By Gail Driskill

Jews and Christians have a moral responsibility to promote respect for humanity and to reaffirm the sacredness of life the two religions have always taught, a prominent rabbi said in Oklahoma City this week.

"It is absolutely essential that we begin together to promote an attitude of scorn and contempt for violence," said Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, New York, national interreligious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, an authority on Jewish-Christian relations and the only rabbi invited to the Second Vatican Council, was in Oklahoma City to deliver the third annual Sam J. Singer Memorial Lecture.

Sponsoring the lecture, held in Emanuel Synagogue, was the Oklahoma City unit of the AJC. Rabbi Tanenbaum also spoke at a breakfast for area religious leaders.

"I come to this subject with a genuine reluctance," Rabbi Tanenbaum said as he began his lecture on "Religious Values in an Age of Violence."

"Few people want to address themselves to such heavy and depressing issues. I come to this issue



Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

of violence in our time with a real sense of burden."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said he believes mankind is living increasingly "in an age that altogether could be called a day of violence and a day of terror."

### THIS WEEK IN RELIGION

There are some 40 million hand guns in the United States, and two million enter the society every year, he said. "They are as readily available as cameras, and as inexpensive."

On the international scene, the nations of the world each year spend \$240 billion on non-nuclear weapons and support of military forces, Rabbi Tanenbaum said. In 39 countries are 445 nuclear installations established in the "Atoms for Peace" program.

These can be turned into forces of destruction, Rabbi Tanenbaum said, citing the case of India, "which is desperate for food," becoming a member of the nuclear club.

Recently, some Harvard professors said that "unless a miracle takes place, a nuclear war will break out in the 1990s," he said.

"There is not a continent on the

earth today where religious or ethnic massacres are not taking place," Rabbi Tanenbaum noted. What disturbs him is "a growing callousness to human suffering."

While the 3 million Jews in the Soviet Union are being denied their religious rights, millions of Lithuanian Catholics, Ukrainian and Russian Orthodox Christians also are being oppressed, Rabbi Tanenbaum said.

Currently, religious strife is most apparent in Lebanon, where Lebanese Christians, members of one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, are being killed, he said.

"Tragically, as in other cases, it will not come before the United Nations."

Few voices were raised to protest the massacre of some 50,000 Kurds in Iran or a million black Christians and animists who were liquidated in the Sudan, Rabbi Tanenbaum said.

Idi Amin, the mercurial strongman in Uganda, is responsible for "the savage massacre of 55,000 Christians in that country," Rabbi Tanenbaum said, adding that Amin was received with a standing ovation at the United Nations.

Amin, a Moslem, in his UN address, "called for the extinction of the state of Israel, and then turned to the American people and said 'the Zionists control the wealth of the United States,'" Rabbi Tanenbaum said.

Amin told the assembly that if Americans wish to liberate themselves, they will "drive the Zionists from the country."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said he is pleased that several religious groups have spoken out against the recent United Nations vote in which Zionism was equated with racism.

After several leaders of Christian denominations protested the action, "German Protestant churches, the British Council of Churches, and the French Catholic and Protestant churches have made similar statements," he said.

"This age, which has the capacity for lethal destruction, cannot endure the lifting up of hatred of any people

and allow it to be placed in the arena of the UN."

Hatred "has become a luxury that can no longer be tolerated," Rabbi Tanenbaum said.

A Harvard professor who has made a study of violence in the United States has discovered that "in every case where lynching took place, it was always preceded by verbal violence."

"What we are confronting is a verbal violence and a verbal rejection of the Jewish people," he said.

Rabbi Tanenbaum said he is disturbed by the fact potential assassins "are becoming celebrated on the covers of Time and Newsweek, and are becoming instant heroes."

Violence represents an assault on the basic dignity of mankind, and Judaism and Christianity have always stressed this dignity and the sanctity of life, he said.

"In Jewish teaching, there is only one symbol of God, and that is the human personality."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said the possibility of some kind of gun control in the United States should be explored, or "life will be increasingly perilous for all of us."

December 4, 1975

Mr. Erwin Alpern  
436 North 43rd Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Dear Erwin,

I was delighted to have had the opportunity to meet you and to come to know you.

In particular, I am especially grateful for all the warmth of your courtesy and hospitality.

I found our several meetings most interesting and I hope they will be useful in terms of our common interests.

Should you be visiting New York in the near future, I hope you will pay me the courtesy of visiting.

With warmest good wishes to you and your lovely wife.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

P.S. If there were any newspaper stories reporting on my lecture, I would be grateful if you would send me a copy. It helps me sharpen my presentation when I know what kind of point was picked up by the press.

MHT:RFR

*Erwin Alpern*

700-101 PARK AVENUE BUILDING, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102

December 4, 1975

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Your visit and appearance in Oklahoma City was an unqualified success, for which I and the members of the Oklahoma City Unit wish to thank you. It is reported to me that at least one minister made the breakfast meeting with you the subject of his sermon the following Sunday.

Enclosed is an article which appeared in the Saturday paper and you can see that the follow-up publicity was extremely good.

Thank you once again for having made the Unit's sponsorship of your visit a happy success.

Sincerely,

*Erwin Alpern*



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FO-SW

cc: Larry Cohen  
Will Katz  
Bill Trosten

DATE: December 3, 1975

TO: Marc Tanenbaum

FROM: Miles Zitmore

Just a personal note to say thank you for all your hard work in Oklahoma City. Your presentations at the fundraiser, the lecture and the breakfast were, to say the least, stirring and highly effective. And what better yardstick of success than some of the surprising increases in pledges that we received. I think we've finally broken through in a community that has been languishing for too many years. And I look for good things to come in the future. Thanks for being such a good catalyst.

Best personal regards,

P.S. Not to place an additional burden on you, but would you be willing to send short courtesy notes to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Alpern (Adell), 436 NW 43rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, the Unit Chairman; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasserman (Shirley), the hosts, 7305 Lancet Court, Oklahoma City 73120; and Mrs. Sam Singer, widow of the man memorialized by the lecture series, 2604 NW 62nd, Oklahoma City 73112. Just a short "nice meeting you" note would mean a good deal to them. Many thanks.

MZ:ba

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December 2, 1975

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

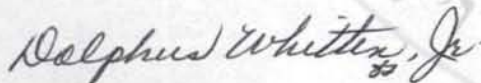
Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

It was an inspiration to hear you speak at the breakfast arranged for ecumenical leaders here in Oklahoma City. Through the National Conference for Christians and Jews I have been blessed by the opportunity of working with Catholic and Jewish leaders on many useful projects, and I am particularly grateful that I have had such a close relationship with the Jewish leadership here in the city.

I pray that God will continue to bless you in your important work.

Enclosed is a copy of the news article from the OKLAHOMAN AND TIMES.

Sincerely,



Dolphus Whitten, Jr.  
President

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Enc.

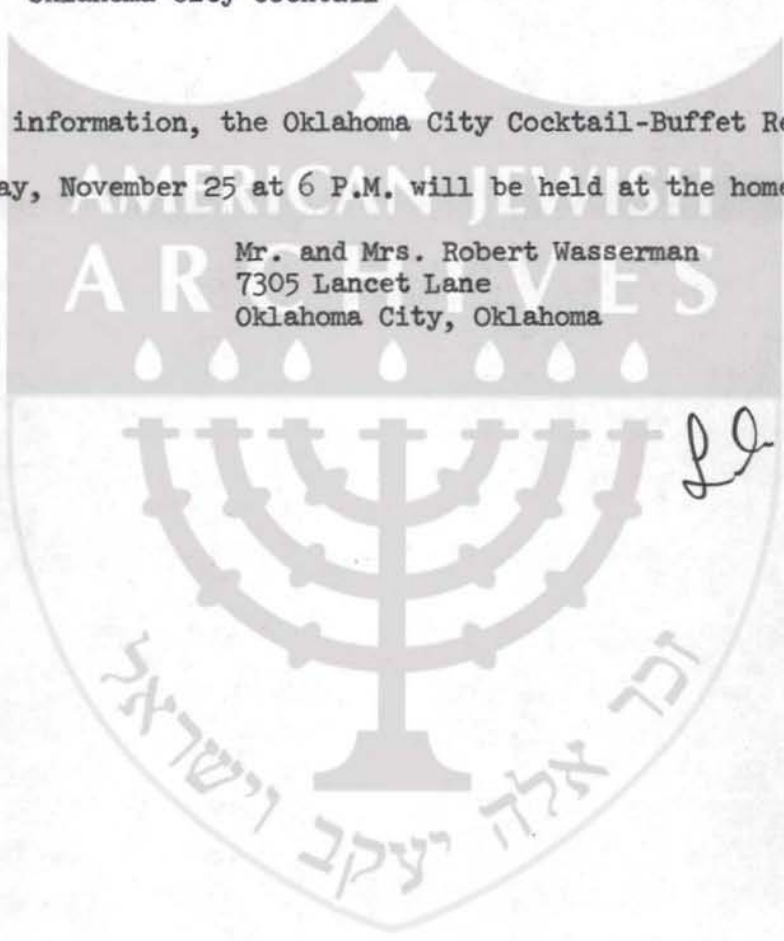
**THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE**

**date** November 13, 1975  
**to** Marc Tanenbaum  
**from** Lawrence Cohen  
**subject** Oklahoma City Cocktail

For your information, the Oklahoma City Cocktail-Buffer Reception on Tuesday, November 25 at 6 P.M. will be held at the home of:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasserman  
7305 Lancet Lane  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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cc Will Katz  
Lillian Alexander  
Larry Cohen

11/13/75

TO: Marc Tanenbaum

FROM: Miles Zitmore

SUBJECT: Your Oklahoma City Agenda  
November 25 - 26

Just wanted to take this opportunity to brief you on what to expect in Oklahoma City.

### I. Travel Plans

As the fundraising cocktail party begins at 6:00 PM Tuesday, you should plan to arrive mid-afternoon at the latest. (I urge you to make reservations as soon as possible. Flights in and out of Oklahoma City tend to book up.) One of our members will pick you up at the airport, so please let me know what your flight plans are. A reservation has been made for you at the Hilton Inn Northwest. Your departure should be anytime after 9:30 or 10:00 AM on Wednesday.

### II. Fundraising

A cocktail buffet supper (kosher) will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasserman (7305 Lancet Lane) beginning at 6:00 PM. The agenda will be drinks and buffet followed by introductory remarks from the Chairman, Erwin Alpern. You will then be asked to speak on AJC; the problems, the needs -- as only you can do so well. Figure on about 10-15 minutes. At your conclusion, Erwin Alpern will then make the appeal for funds -- announcing some gifts received and trying to prompt new gifts. We hope to adjourn no later than 8:00, in time to get to the synagogue for the lecture at 8:30.

You should know that Oklahoma City is relatively new fundraising territory for AJC. In 1973 we raised about \$10,500 (\$8,000 of that in 3 gifts). It's a small, wealthy but static and unphilanthropic Jewish community -- a good portion of its money is in oil. About 95 couples have been invited



to the Wassermans' -- mostly members and other selected prospects. We think a maximum of 50-60 people is a realistic turnout. Our hopes are to raise in the \$10,000-\$15,000 range.

### III. Sam Singer Lecture

At 8:00 PM we should leave the Wassermans' and go to Emanuel Synagogue for the lecture. (A Xerox of the invitation is enclosed.) Your topic is Religious Values in an Age of Violence. The entire Jewish community and a cross-section of clergy and civic leadership has been invited to attend. We think there should be a good attendance by Oklahoma City standards. I believe the press is being invited. This is the third Sam Singer Lecture and previous speakers have been Norman Podhoretz and Jerome Shestack. A reception will follow your address.

### IV. Wednesday Breakfast Meeting with Oklahoma City Clergymen

Albert Janco is organizing a 7:30 AM Continental breakfast meeting at the Hilton Northwest to which a cross-section is being invited (I hope you're an early riser!). This will essentially be a time for you to talk on any topics you wish and to engage in a give-and-take discussion. Approximately 60 clergymen are being invited, so figure an attendance of 20 or so. The press may also be invited. If there are any people, clergy, etc. in Oklahoma City whom you've had contact with over the years, let us know and we'll invite them to the lecture and the breakfast.

I hope this answers all your questions but please don't hesitate to call me or Larry Cohen. The folks in Oklahoma City have been working very hard on this and are excited about your visit. I look forward to seeing you on the 25th. Needless to say, thanks again for your willingness to help out.

Best personal regards,



MZ/dw

Enclosure

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19 Oct. 1975

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM  
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE  
165 East 56 St.  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc,

I am pleased that you will be with us in Oklahoma City on 25 November to deliver the SAM J. SINGER MEMORIAL LECTURE. I am also pleased that you will have time the following morning for us to have a breakfast meeting with members of the clergy in this area.

If you have had some special contacts with members of the clergy in the Oklahoma City area, I would like to know about them so that we may invite them to meet you. I would also like to know what you feel should be the thrust of the meeting with the clergy. It will help me to know where to concentrate our efforts, since there is such a large variety to chose from here in Oklahoma City. We have a large number of small Colleges that are owned or run by religious denominations. The churches also cover the waterfront.

It would be very helpful if we spend a few minutes talking about this when we are in Chicago next week.

With Best Wishes  
and  
SHALOM

Albert N. Janco



October 10, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Alpern  
436 North 43rd Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Alpern,

Thank you for your letter of October first. I look forward to delivering the Sam Singer Memorial Lecture following the reception on behalf of AJC's Appeal for Human Relations.

My topic for the lecture will be "Religious Values in an Age of Violence."

I will plan to stay over for a breakfast meeting the next morning with members of the clergy and whomever else you wish to invite. My travel plans are presently being prepared, and I will arrive in Oklahoma City in ample time for the buffet reception at the Robert Wasserman's home which I understand from my colleague, Miles Zitmore, is to begin around 6:00 p.m..

I do look forward with pleasure to my visit to Oklahoma City on November 25th. I understand the difficult scheduling problems that arranging this lecture caused you and I am pleased that matters have been worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

With warm good wishes, I am,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR

cc: Mr. A. Janco  
Mr. I. Lappin  
Mr. H. Rand  
Mr. M. Zitmore



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October 6, 1975  
cc Isaiah Terman  
Lillian Alexander  
Larry Cohen

TO: Marc Tanenbaum  
FROM: Miles Zitmore  
SUBJECT: Oklahoma City

AMERICAN JEWISH  
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Pursuant to my memo of October 3, I need to burden you a little further. Unfortunately there is a little demon running amuck in Oklahoma City named Albert Janco who understands only the conspiracy theory of life and has convinced the Alperns that they need everything from us in writing. Albert, as you know too well, cannot be reformed and isn't worth it, but the Alperns are new to AJC and thus believe what Albert tells them. Therefore, I've taken the liberty of drafting a suggested response to their letter of October 1 to you.

Thank you for attending to this for us. Please have your secretary send cc's to Albert Janco, 801 NW 49th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118 and I.J. Lappin, 1716 Huntington, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

Regards,

MZ/dw

Attachment

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cc: Larry Cohen  
Isaiah Terman

DATE: October 3, 1975

TO: Marc Tanenbaum

FROM: Miles Zitmore

RE: Sam Singer Lecture, Oklahoma City

Can you give us an "eye-catching" title to use for your lecture in Oklahoma City on November 25th? I hate to inject a note of urgency into this request, but the Alperns are leaving town shortly until the end of the month and need to get to the printers with the invitations.

By way of suggestions, Oklahoma City is Jewish survival-minded and something along the lines of "Global Justice and the Future of Israel" or some such thing might be in order.

Let me say thanks for your willingness to help us out in Oklahoma City. I know scheduling has been rough and that makes us all the more appreciative for your efforts. Look forward to hearing from you on the title. As the date draws nearer, we'll be in touch on the details.

Many thanks,

P.S. As per Erwin Alpern's letter to you of October 1, can I tell them that you will meet for breakfast on November 26th with some clergymen?

MZ:ba

11/25

*Erwin Alpern*

700-101 PARK AVENUE BUILDING, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102

October 1, 1975

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 25, confirming your appearance in Oklahoma City on November 25 at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasserman.

We trust you understand that the reception at their home will be for solicitation of funds and will precede an 8:15 public meeting at which you are scheduled to be the speaker for the annual Sam Singer Memorial Lecture. This event, in memory of the late Sam Singer, generally focuses on some aspect of human relations. We will appreciate your giving us or designating a topic in this area which we can use in the publicity and invitations.

If your schedule permits, we would also appreciate being able to arrange a breakfast meeting with significantly important religious leaders of Oklahoma City so that the value of your visit can be maximized.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Erwin Alpern*  
Erwin Alpern

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## Rabbi Sets City Talk

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs, American Jewish Committee (AJC), will speak on "Religious Values in an Age of Violence" at the third annual Sam J. Singer Memorial Lecture.

His address will be delivered at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Emanuel Synagogue, 900 NW 47, Oklahoma City, and is open to the public at no charge.

On Wednesday at 7:30 a.m., Rabbi Tanenbaum will meet at the Hilton Inn Northwest with a group of religious leaders of the Oklahoma City area to discuss Jewish-Christian relations.

Internationally known for his efforts to promote interreligious cooperation in the cause of social justice, Rabbi Tanenbaum is a founder of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry and serves on the religious leaders committee of the National Bicentennial Commission.

He also helped organize and served as co-chairman of the first International Colloquium involving Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus and Moslems from the five continents which was held in Nov., 1970, at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

A noted writer, lecturer and social commentator, Rabbi Tanenbaum is co-editor and a contributor to the just-published, "Speaking of God Today in the Age of Auschwitz and Technology."

# Rabbi will deliver lecture

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, a pioneering leader and thinker in interreligious relations for almost 25 years, will be in Oklahoma City Tuesday to deliver the third annual Sam J. Singer Memorial Lecture.

Sponsored by the Oklahoma City unit of the American Jewish Committee, the lecture will be at 8:30 p.m. in Emanuel Synagogue, 900 NW 47.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, will speak on "Religious Values in an Age of Violence."

A religious historian and authority on Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations, Rabbi Tanenbaum has written and lectured extensively on the history, theology and sociology of

the two religions.

He is a founder and co-secretary of joint Vatican-International Jewish Consultative Committee and of a similar liaison body with the World Council of Churches.

Rabbi Tanenbaum was the only rabbi at the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. He was widely consulted by Roman Catholic and Protestant authorities during deliberations which led to the Vatican declaration on non-Christian relations that repudiated anti-Semitism and called for fraternal dialogue between Christians and Jews.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, who has made several appearances on the "Today" show, has received numerous honors for his contributions to religious understanding.



Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

September 25, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Alpern  
436 Northwest 43rd Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Alpern,

I look forward with much pleasure to joining you at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasserman on Tuesday, November 25th, at the reception in behalf of the American Jewish Committee.

My remarks will concern themselves with a review of the present situation of the Jewish people in light of recent developments in the Middle East, the Soviet Union, and the UN. I will also describe the role of the Committee, and, more specifically, the work of my department at AJC, Interreligious Affairs.

With all best wishes for the New Year,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR

BCC: Herb Rand



**THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE**

**date** September 22, 1975  
**to** Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
**from** Herbert Rand  
**subject**

Our people in the Southwest are delighted that you will be available for the November 25th event in Oklahoma City.

At this time, I am just noting some preliminaries, to wit, that the fundraising reception and cocktail party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasserman and, then, you will be delivering the Sam Singer Lecture, about which I will find out more and let you know.

It has been suggested (and I am, therefore, enclosing a draft) that you send a note to the chairman, indicating your pleasure at being present on this occasion, etc., etc.

They will, of course, publicize your presence in the city, in the local press and through other channels.

Will keep you posted.

HR:as

P. S. Marc, please send me a copy of your final letter so that I can mail copies appropriately.

Draft - Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Alpern  
436 Northwest 43rd Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Mr and Mrs. Alpern,  
Dear Friends:

*I look forward with much*  
~~It will be a great pleasure for me~~ to join you at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasserman on Tuesday, November 25th, <sup>at The</sup>  
behalf of the American Jewish Committee. ~~I look forward to~~  
*reception* ~~being with you.~~

My remarks will concern themselves with the well-being and <sup>a review of the present</sup>  
~~security of Jews, here and throughout the world,~~ the role and <sup>situation of the Jewish people in light of recent developments in the Middle</sup>  
program of the Committee and, more specifically, the work of <sup>East, The Soviet Union, and the U.N.</sup>  
my department at AJC, Interreligious Affairs.

With all best wishes for the New Year,

Cordially,

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*Handwritten initials and notes*



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bc Will Katz  
Marc Tanenbaum ✓  
Larry Cohen

September 24, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Alpern  
436 Northwest 43rd  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Dear Erwin and Adell,


I can't tell you how delighted we are with the plans for the Sam Singer Lecture, especially in the face of the difficult scheduling problems we all have had to endure. But it looks like Tuesday, November 25th, is going to work out best for all involved. You should be receiving a confirmation of this date directly from Rabbi Tanenbaum. Please convey our thanks to the Wassermans for their gracious hospitality in hosting the cocktail and buffet reception with Rabbi Tanenbaum on behalf of AJC's Appeal for Human Relations.

Here is a bio and picture for the Lecture invitations. We should soon have an idea as to what topic he will be addressing. But do let us know if there are some specific issues you would like him to cover in his speech. Rabbi Tanenbaum is a person who has devoted his life to building Christian-Jewish understanding. He is a superb speaker and a compelling personality.

I'm enclosing copies of the previous invitations, including the dinner and invitation to the Goldman's home, which were used two years ago. Also enclosed is the list of those invited to attend the fundraising reception which I'm sure you'll want to review in inviting those to attend this year's reception. Our office will, of course, assist by doing the printing and mailing for the fundraising function. As the date draws closer, we'll want to discuss the many details.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions on any of the above. Many thanks for all of your help.

Best wishes,

  
Miles Zitmore

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From the desk of . . . .

 MILES ZITMORE

To: MANE TANENBAM

for your information

PLEASE NOTE  
INFORMATION NEEDED.

THANK YOU.



DID YOU OR HENBRAND WRITE  
TO THE ALPERNS YET? YES

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**THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE**

**date** August 27, 1975  
**to** Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
**from** Herbert Rand  
**subject** Oklahoma City

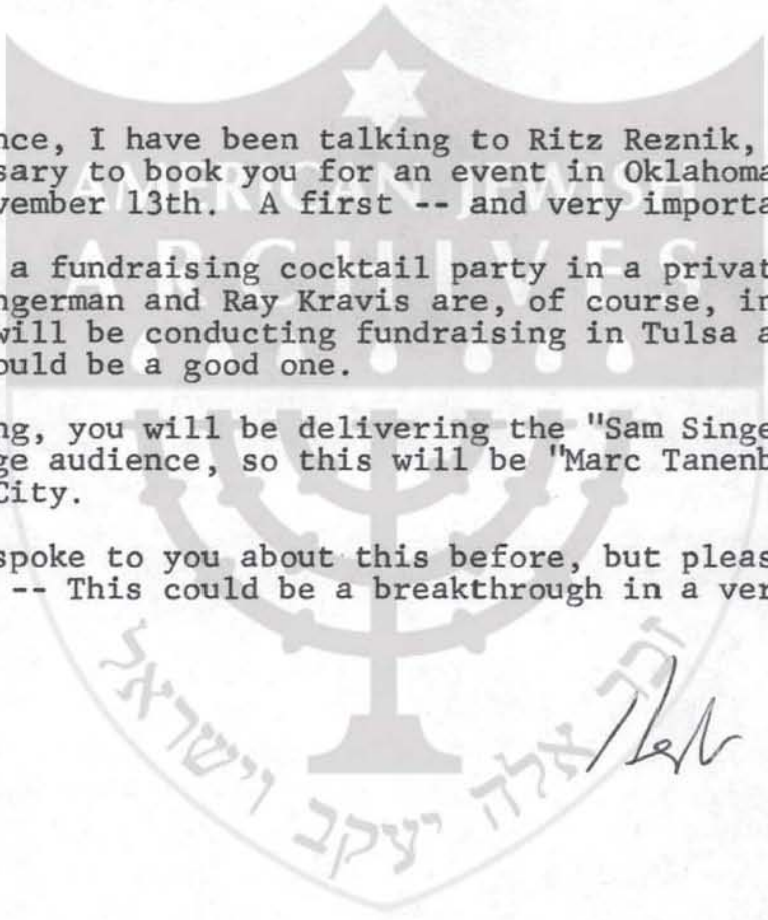
In your absence, I have been talking to Ritz Reznik, because it was necessary to book you for an event in Oklahoma City on Thursday, November 13th. A first -- and very important to us!

This will be a fundraising cocktail party in a private home. Dr. Arnold Ungerman and Ray Kravis are, of course, involved in this and we will be conducting fundraising in Tulsa around this date. It should be a good one.

In the evening, you will be delivering the "Sam Singer lecture" before a large audience, so this will be "Marc Tanenbaum Day" in Oklahoma City.

I believe I spoke to you about this before, but please don't let me down. -- This could be a breakthrough in a very important area.

HR:as



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*Pls call  
Bill*

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May 29, 1975

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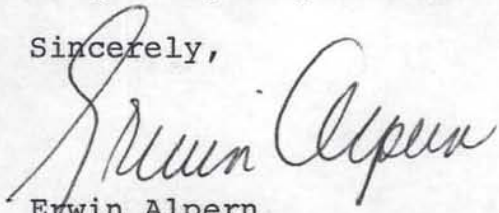
Dear Mr. Trosten:

Mr. Albert Janco informs me that you have arranged for Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum to be available as the speaker for the Oklahoma City Unit Sam Singer Memorial Lecture on either July 27th or July 29th. We have decided that Sunday, July 27th would be the best date for us to schedule that lecture, and accordingly request that you finalize these arrangements with Rabbi Tannenbaum.

We plan on an afternoon meeting at 2:30 or 3:00 p.m., and if it would be possible for you to arrange for him to stay over that evening or possibly Monday morning, we would initiate conferences between him and various religious leaders in the community in order to maximize his appearance here in the City. Will you kindly air mail to us biographical information and a glossy cut for publicity purposes.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and please confirm the above date and the duration of his visit as quickly as possible

Sincerely,



Erwin Alpern  
Chairman, Oklahoma City Unit

EA/h

cc: Mr. Albert Janco  
Mr. Miles Zitmore