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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

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HONORS
SYDNEY KELLNER

on his retirement as
New Jersey Director of AJC
at the
ANNUAL MEETING
METROPOLITAN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
Guest Speaker

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM
National AJC Interreligious Affairs Director

Sunday, May 2, 1976
6:30 P.M.

at

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN
1025 South Orange Avenue
Short Hills, N.J.

Cocktails Supper Buffet Dancing

ALL NEW JERSEY MEMBERS ARE INVITED

RABBI TANENBAUM TO SPEAK IN NEW JERSEY

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Affairs Director of AJC who has been a pioneering leader and thinker in interreligious relations for nearly 25 years, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter on May 2. A modern historian writing in Commentary magazine characterized Rabbi Tanenbaum as "the leading figure among Jewish ecumenists" in the field of interreligious relations and social justice. In an interview, Newsweek described Rabbi Tanenbaum "as the American Jewish community's foremost apostle to the gentiles who has been able to solicit support from all factions of the Jewish community."

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 Judaism and Christianity.

Among his varied activities, he is a founder of the joint Vatican-International Jewish Consultative Committee and of a similar body working with the World Council of Churches. Widely consulted by Catholic and Protestant authorities, he was the only rabbi at Vatican Council II during deliberations that led to the Declaration on Non-Christian Relations which repudiated anti-Semitism. He has been in the forefront of movements to encourage fraternal dialogue between Christians and Jews. Much in demand as a lecturer before Christian as well as Jewish groups, Rabbi Tanenbaum is a frequent guest on television and radio programs.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2 MARKS 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPTER

The Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter on Sunday, May 2, will mark its 30th anniversary. Formerly known as the Essex County Chapter, it was founded by the late Julius H. Cohn and was one of the first chapters established by the American Jewish Committee. Today, there are more than a hundred chapters and units in communities around the country.

Philip E. Hoffman, who later became national president of AJC and is now honorary president, began his AJC "career" as chapter chairman.

Those Founding Members who joined at the outset and who have maintained their chapter affiliation to the present are: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Abelson, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Augenblick, Mrs. Julius H. Cohn, Dr. Joseph Echikson, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Feist, Mrs. Sidney Finger, Mr. Frank Friedlander, Mr. & Mrs. Mervin H. Goldsmith, Mr. & Mrs. George Goldstein, Mrs. Elmer A. Greenhall, Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Grotta, Mr. & Mrs. George J. Grumbach, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert J. Hannoeh, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney E. Harris, Mr. Philip E. Hoffman and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Kaltenbacher.

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We salute these Founding Members on the 30th Anniversary of the Chapter.

AJC TO HONOR SYDNEY KELLNER ON RETIREMENT

Sydney Kellner, New Jersey Director of the American Jewish Committee, will be honored at the Annual Meeting on Sunday evening, May 2. The event will mark his retirement after having served since 1952 as AJC's executive in this area.

Among those participating in the tributes will be Rev. Paul L. Stagg, General Secretary of the New Jersey Council of Churches and Dean John F. X. Irving of the Seton Hall University Law School.

Mr. Kellner, a community relations specialist and educator, has been involved in many major intergroup relations activities in New Jersey and he has coordinated broad-based coalitions dealing with a variety of social issues. He was an organizer of the New Jersey Conference on Religion and Race; served as chairman of the first statewide New Jersey Conference on Fair Housing held at Rutgers University; and was initiator of the movement for a New Jersey "Ombudsman" to facilitate communications and resolve grievances between citizens and the state government. He is also a consultant to the Human Rights Committee of the New Jersey Education Association.

Over the years Mr. Kellner has worked closely with Catholic and Protestant leaders in an effort to improve Christian-Jewish relationships. He arranged the all-day Consultation at Princeton on "Catholic-Jewish Relations: The Unfinished Agenda" sponsored by the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese of Trenton and the Greater Trenton Chapter of the American Jewish Committee in observance of the Eighth Anniversary of the Vatican Council Declaration on Jews.

In cooperation with the Newark Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and the New Jersey Council of Churches, he coordinated the New Jersey Conference on Interfaith Dialogue at Seton Hall University which was designed as a springboard for developing better understanding among Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

Recently, Mr. Kellner was invited to present "testimony" on Jewish concerns to the United States Catholic Bishops during their three-day public "hearings" in New Jersey as part of the Church's Bicentennial observance keyed to the theme of "Liberty and Justice for All."

For his efforts in coordinating the Interfaith Businessmen's Dialogue Group, Sydney Kellner was named by the National Conference of Catholic Employers and Managers to receive the "Coronat Award" presented by St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, a Catholic college which encourages intercreedal cooperation in community affairs. The award is presented "in recognition of high standards of ethical service to society, business, the arts and professions."

Mr. Kellner is also well known as a lecturer on Jewish art and archeology of Israel. A member of the Israel Exploration Society and of the American Schools of Oriental Research, he served as leader of the Interreligious Archeological Tour of the Land of Israel sponsored by the American Jewish Committee.

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June 3, 1976

Mr. Sydney Kellner
American Jewish Committee
10 Commerce Court
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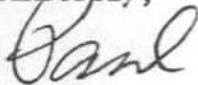
Dear Sydney:

It was a great joy to be a part of the recognition service marking an important transition in your pilgrimage. Tillie and I have the warmest regards for you and Eleanor, and we count you, also, among our dearest friends.

It is hard to think of you not being in your position as Director of the American Jewish Committee. It has meant much to share with you in many important occasions and causes.

As we face the future, how delightful to know that you will be close by and that we can continue our friendship. Certainly you and Eleanor have our fondest regards and good wishes as you begin what we hope will be a very fulfilling part of your life. For you and Eleanor, and to the other members of your charming family, whom we were glad to see at B'nai Jeshurun, we offer the prayer, "May the Lord bless you and keep you--- give you his peace."

Sincerely,



Paul L. Stagg
General Secretary

PLS:tam

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date May 6, 1976 ✓ FO-NJ
to Marc Tanenbaum ✓
from Sydney Kellner
subject

I cannot thank you enough for the warm sentiments you expressed and for the wonderful presentations that you made at the Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter on May 2.

I am sure your message made a deep impact on Dean John Irving, Rev. Paul L. Stagg and the many other Christians who were present. In fact, on the very next day at the dedication of the Seton Hall Law Center at which Justice Thurgood Marshall was the guest of honor, Dean Irving in presiding and opening the proceedings started with the statement, "Last night I heard a great rabbi describe this as an Age of Violence". He went on to point out that the law center, which was at that moment being dedicated in the presence of the entire Supreme Court of New Jersey, distinguished jurists, hundreds of members of the Bar, representatives of various other law schools, universities, Archbishop Gerety and other clergy as well as a large number of students, was designed to be an institution which would generate moral, social and legal means of dealing with the violence and corruption which you pointed out pervades the nation and the world. Your presence here and your message made an impact which went far beyond those in attendance at our chapter meeting.

There is a certain sadness in retiring from the American Jewish Committee. The experience has been rewarding and the association with colleagues like yourself most enriching. I appreciate deeply the lessons you taught me, directly or indirectly, because your wisdom and guidance have remained a constant factor in any constructive efforts I may have made in the field of inter-religious relations.

If I had to do it over again, I would still choose the American Jewish Committee. I have been happy with the agency and it has been a privilege for me to be part of it.

In my next "career" I expect to do a good deal of lecturing on the archeology of Israel and to share with others some of the magnificent discoveries unearthed in Eretz Israel which casts new and dramatic light on the history of our people.

Eleanor joins me in extending to you and your family our very best wishes with the hope that our paths will cross again many times.

Sydney

Star-Ledger

AJC plans tribute to state chief

4/30/76

The Metropolitan New Jersey chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) will honor Sydney Kellner of Montclair, state AJC director for 24 years, during the chapter's annual meeting at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, on Sunday.

The event, held to mark Kellner's retirement after having served as the AJC executive since 1952, will include testimonials from religious and business leaders.

Among those participating in the tributes will be Rev. Paul L. Stagg, general secretary of the New Jersey Council of Churches; Dean John F. X. Irving of the Seton Hall Law School, and Philip E. Hoffman, honorary national president of the AJC and the former U.S. delegate to the United Nations commission on human rights.

Guest speaker at the meeting will be Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director for the AJC, a human rights agency founded in 1906.

Kellner, a community relations specialist and educator, is a consultant to the human rights committee of the New Jersey Education Association.

He has been involved in numerous social and religious groups, organizing the New Jersey Conference on Religion and Race, serving as chairman of the first statewide New Jersey Conference on Fair Housing and arranging the conference on Catholic-Jewish relations sponsored by the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese of Trenton and the AJC Trenton chapter.





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Will Katz - 37th - 5th Ave. 4 p.m.
N.W.

April 28, 1976

TO: Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
FROM: Arthur Rifkin
SUBJECT: Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 2, 1976

We are looking forward to having you as our guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter on Sunday evening, May 2, at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, 1025 South Orange Avenue, Short Hills, N.J.

Enclosed is the meeting agenda and a list of Distinguished Guests who will be present. At this moment we have over 300 reservations.

Prior to the main event, there will be a fund raising Appeal for Human Relations in another room at which time you are also to be the keynote speaker. Hal Bernard has probably filled you in on the details of your role in this assignment. This will take place in The Youth Lounge of the Temple.

Please arrange to be at Temple B'nai Jeshurun at 5 P.M. so that last minute details can be finalized and the Appeal can start on time.

For your information Joseph Kaltenbacher and Mrs. Julian Reichman are co-chairpersons of the Appeal. Waldron Kraemer is chapter chairman.

You will probably recognize many of our officers and board members listed on the front and back of this letterhead.

In view of the fact that this annual meeting is in honor of Sydney Kellner on his retirement, many AJC leaders from all parts of the state are attending.

Looking forward to being with you again.

cc Will Katz
Lillian Alexander
Hal Bernard
AR:dc

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Short Hills, N.J.

5:30 - 6:30	Appeal for Human Relations	Joseph C. Kaltenbacher Mrs. Julian Reichman Co-Chairpersons
6:30 - 7:45	Cocktails - Buffet Supper	
7:45	Program	Waldron Kraemer, presiding
	Invocation	Rabbi Barry Greene
	Welcome	
	Distinguished Guests	Waldron Kraemer
	Election of Officers, Governors and Trustees	Benedict M. Kohl, Chairman Nominating Committee
	Election of Nominating Committee for 1976-77	Waldron Kraemer
	Remarks re: Sydney Kellner	Philip E. Hoffman
	Remarks	Rev. Paul L. Stagg, General Secretary N.J. Council of Churches
	Remarks	Dean John Irving Seton Hall Law School
	Presentation	
	Response	Sydney Kellner
	Address	Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

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Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter

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Sunday Evening, May 2, 1976
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Distinguished Guests

Rev. Paul L. Stagg, General Secretary, New Jersey Council of Churches
Dean John F. X. Irving, Seton Hall Law School
Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, Director, Judeo-Christian Institute,
Seton Hall University
Daniel Blue, Director, Newark Human Rights Commission
Edward A. Ring of Titusville, New Jersey President,
American Jewish Committee
Robert B. Goldmann of the Ford Foundation and Chairman,
AJC, Bergen County Unit
Paul L. Levy and Gloria Hay of Trenton, Co-Chairpersons,
Central New Jersey Chapter
Hon. Albert Burstein of the New Jersey Assembly from Teaneck
Carmi Schwartz, Executive Director, Jewish Community Federation,
Metropolitan New Jersey
Dr. Robert Spellman, Vice-President for Academic Affairs,
Essex County College
Simeon Moss, Administrative Vice-President, Essex County College
Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Houghton, Archdiocese of Newark
Gustave Heningburg, President, Greater Newark Urban Coalition
Rabbi Jeshua Schnitzer, Congregation Shomrei Emunah, Montclair
Donald McNeely of the New Jersey Education Association
Meyer Fine, Director, Community Relations Committee,
Jewish Community Federation of Metropolitan New Jersey
Alvin E. Gershen, President, New Jersey Council of the Arts
Jack Marrero, New Jersey Director, National Conference of Christians
and Jews
Joel Corcos Levy, President, Artists for the Environment Foundation

Harry Weingast, Editor, The Jewish News

Mrs. Octavia Catlett, President and Mrs. Garvice Reid, Vice-President,
Montclair Branch NAACP

Mrs. Ann Matthews, Principal, North End School, Cedar Grove

Rev. Joseph Thomasberger, Church-At-The-Crossroads, East Orange

Robert Russo representing Stanley Van Ness, Director of the
New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate



ROBERT B. GOLDMANN
524 ILLINGWORTH AVENUE
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07631

Dear Friend:

Because Sydney Kellner has been so valuable for our work here in Bergen County on behalf of the American Jewish Committee and because he is a very special person to me, I want to send you this reminder for the dinner in his honor. This event will take place, as you will have seen from a formal invitation that has been sent to you, on May 2nd at 6:30 p. m. at Temple B'nai Jeshurun at South Orange Avenue in Short Hills.

Dean John Irving of Seton Hall Law School, a leading figure in our state on behalf of goals we all believe in and who has worked with AJC on many common problems, and Rev. Paul Stagg, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Council of Churches, who has been a leader in inter-religious and inter-group understanding, will be joining with us to honor Sydney.

We owe it to ourselves to be present, and I trust I shall see you there.

Sincerely,



Robert Goldman

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HORACE H. HUNT, Minister

April 23, 1976

Dear Sydney,

Elva and I deeply regret that we cannot attend the AJC annual meeting on May 2. I have to attend the annual meeting of one of my congregations that very evening.

We would like to be there to hear Marc Tanenbaum, but we would especially wish to be present to help pay tribute to you.

Even though our paths have not crossed as frequently recently, you are a dear friend and a revered colleague. Much of my real education in recent years has come about because of the experiences and insights provided by people such as yourself. Under your leadership the AJC has not only encouraged a genuine ecumenical and interfaith cooperation but you have taken the initiative in leading others into crucial new areas of intergroup understanding and social concerns. In a very particular sense, I have learned much and taken a great deal from the Jewish community in recent years and given it little in return. People like you have enriched my life, I hope not only to the benefit of myself but to the benefit of my Christian colleagues and parishioners.

You and Eleanor are favorite people of ours and we hope that the years ahead will be fruitful and enriching for you both. A man like you, Sydney, can never retire. Your interests and enthusiasm, whether in archeology, art, human relations, Israel, or whatever will continue to make you one of the finest people I know and a joy to be with.

May God continue to bless you both

Affectionately,

Horace
Horace H. Hunt



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION
LILLIAN ALEXANDER

February 4, 1976

Dear Member,

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be holding a very special Annual Meeting for all AJC members in New Jersey. The gala event (a cocktail party-supper buffet) will be in honor of Sydney Kellner, who is retiring after having served as AJC's New Jersey director for almost 25 years.

The date is set for the evening of Sunday, May 2; and the place will be Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills.

MT | Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of AJC's Interreligious Affairs Department, will be the guest speaker. Those of you who have heard Marc in the past know what an exciting and stimulating person he is.

All members in New Jersey are cordially invited to attend. It will be a fun evening, catered by the Chanticleer. There will even be dancing after the program.

May we call on you to express your support for the event and serve as a Sponsor?

Please indicate your willingness to be a Sponsor. Your prompt response will insure the inclusion of your name on the Sponsorship List appearing on the invitation to be mailed shortly.

We look forward to seeing you on May 2.

Cordially,

Edward A. Ring
Edward A. Ring
New Jersey President

Waldron Kraemer
Waldron Kraemer, Chairman
Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter

P.S. Sponsorship fee \$75, includes cocktails and supper buffet for two.

Please return the enclosed card with your check made payable to the American Jewish Committee.

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January 30, 1976

TO: Jean and Wally Kraemer

FROM: Sydney Kellner

Enclosed is a biographical sketch of Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, who will be our guest speaker at the Chapter's Annual Meeting on May 2.

I recall at our planning meeting recently, the suggestion that some reference be made to the bicentennial. You might be interested in a communication sent by Rabbi Tanenbaum recently to Christian clergy across the country in which he said:

"The Bicentennial Year offers an occasion for the serious examination of the relationship of our religious and democratic values to our human condition."

You can be certain that there will be considerable emphasis on this theme by Rabbi Tanenbaum as it pertains to the significance and present status of interreligious relationships.

As Rabbi Tanenbaum has suggested, this annual meeting would be an excellent opportunity to make a presentation to Archbishop Gerety who, in the relatively short time he has been in this area, has made a tremendous contribution toward improving intergroup relations. His statement deploring the anti-Zionist resolution in the United Nations indicates clearly his position.

Last week, the Baltimore Chapter of AJC, honored Lawrence Cardinal Sheahan, former Archbishop of Baltimore at a meeting in which Rabbi Tanenbaum was involved. I understand this meeting was a great success with a very large turnout.

SK:dc
Encl.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date January 28, 1976

to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

from Lillian Alexander

subject Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter
Annual Meeting - May 2, 1976

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Our Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter leadership will be delighted to know that you have accepted their invitation to be the principal speaker at the chapter's Annual Meeting and fund-raising reception on Sunday, May 2, 1976 at B'nai Jeshurun.

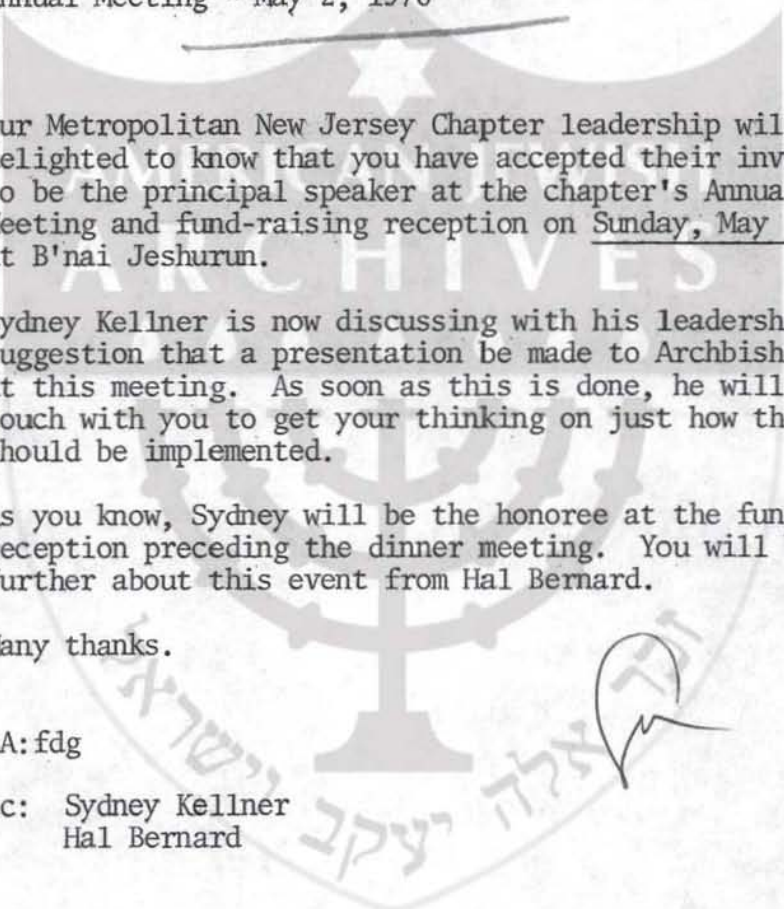
Sydney Kellner is now discussing with his leadership your suggestion that a presentation be made to Archbishop Gerety at this meeting. As soon as this is done, he will be in touch with you to get your thinking on just how the idea should be implemented.

As you know, Sydney will be the honoree at the fund-raising reception preceding the dinner meeting. You will be hearing further about this event from Hal Bernard.

Many thanks.

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cc: Sydney Kellner
Hal Bernard



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AJ Committee Tribute

Will Hear Tanenbaum



RABBI M.H. TANENBAUM

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of inter-religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, will be guest speaker at the 30th annual meeting of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter, Sunday evening, May 2, at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills.

The annual meeting will honor Sydney Kellner on his retirement as New Jersey director of the Committee.

Waldron Kraemer of Maplewood is chapter chairman.

Rabbi Tanenbaum has been a pioneering leader and thinker in inter-religious relations for the past 25 years. A modern historian, writing in Commentary magazine, characterized Rabbi Tanenbaum as "the leading figure among Jewish ecumenists" in the fields of inter-religious relations and social justice.

Newsweek magazine described him "as the American Jewish community's foremost apostle to the gentiles."

A religious historian and

authority on Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations, he has written and lectured extensively on the history, theology and sociology of Judaism and Christianity.

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

He was the only rabbi at Vatican Council II, where he was consulted by Catholic and Protestant authorities during the deliberations that led to the Vatican Declaration on Non-Christian Relations which repudiated anti-Semitism and called for fraternal dialogue between Christians and Jews.

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 that was held at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, in November 1970.

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

Tanenbaum also helped organize a meeting of African leaders on "The Bible and Black Africa," which was also held in Jerusalem, and he served as co-chairman of the first national consultation on Black-Jewish relations, which was held at Fisk University.

The annual meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m., will honor Sydney Kellner on his retirement as New Jersey director of the American Jewish Committee.