Box 107, Folder 18, St. John's College [Collegeville, Minn.]. 26-28 April 1977.
April 5, 1977

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York City, NY 10022

Dear Marc,

I read with great delight that you are going to be speaking in Minneapolis on April 26th. I teach at the United Theological Seminary, one of the institutions that is bringing you here.

Can I be of any help in any way?

As ever,

Rabbi Max A. Shapiro

MAS:mtw
May 27, 1977

Mr. Willmar L. Thorkelson
Religion Editor
THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR
425 Portland Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408

My dear Bill,

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful letter of May 19th.

I am especially grateful to you for the really excellent article that you wrote about my talk and our interview. It is actually one of the best and most accurate pieces of reporting of a comprehensive and complicated subject and you did it in your typically first-class professional fashion.

May thanks as well for the article on the Moonies and deprogramming. I hope to read it over this weekend.

It was wonderful seeing you again and I hope we have occasion to spend a little bit more time together, more in personal friendship and exchange than in professional business.

Have a good and relaxing summer!

Cordially, as ever,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR
May 19

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I promised to send you the article about the newspaper reporter who lived the life of a "Moonie" recruit at a camp in California. It is enclosed. I wish it had been published in the Minneapolis Tribune. The clipping is from the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

I have also enclosed a copy of the article I wrote after your luncheon talk. You may have seen it in RNS. I heard a summary of it on a nationwide religious news radio program last Sunday.

Thanks again for your kind words at the luncheon.

Sincerely,

Willmar L. Thorkelson
Religion Editor
May 12, 1977

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

Dear Marc:

On behalf of the entire production staff of People, may I thank you for your willingness to be a part of our program. I think that the interview with you and Cornelius Rijk was one of the most pleasant I have had, and all of the staff felt that this show will be one of our best.

For your information, the show which we taped will be shown twice. The first airing will be on Sunday, May 29 at 10:00 on WJBK-TV 2 (our CBS outlet). The second showing will be at the same time on Sunday, August 28.

It was a personal pleasure to have you on the Show, and to have the opportunity of spending some time with you again.

Sincerely,

Jim

James R. Lyons
Host

a public service program presented by WJBK-TV2
and the Christian Communication Council
of Metropolitan Detroit Churches
600 Palms Building • Detroit, Michigan 48201 • (313) 962-0340
5 May 1977

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
65 - 50 Wetherole Street  
Rego Park, Queens, New York  
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Dear Marc:

Mae and I appreciate your warm personal regards and good wishes and kind remarks.

Forgive the delay. I was lecturing out of town and was away from my desk for much of the week. 

We shall long remember your lectures at the luncheon in Minneapolis and at Saint John's. I hear nothing but accolades for your message, content and presentation from all -- lay people, professors, monks and nuns, students and seminarians. Many who were unable to attend have expressed to me deep regrets for missing you and your talks. It really and truly was a superb event in our area. For all of that we are grateful to you and your impact upon us.

Dr. Dayton Hultgren is indeed a beautiful person. Much credit for your successful appearance is due to his generous labor and cooperation in sponsoring the lectures. I fully appreciate him for all the help and guidance offered to me.

My students especially were tremendously impressed with your lecture on "Religious Cults - Threat or Challenge". You have endeared yourself to all of us on the campus at Saint John's. You will always be welcome here.

My friend's name is John Merkle -- a splendid fellow, with a profound interest in Heschel's works.

Very likely during the summer, Mae and I will be spending time with our children in South Orange, New Jersey. Hopefully we can get together then.

Enclosed find material on your lectures and copy of letter from Jay Phillips.

Soon we celebrate

[Signature]
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

5 May 1977

Best wishes for and pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nahum Schulman

P.S. School ends May 20th. Will be home much of the spring and early summer.

Enclosure
April 19, 1977

Mrs. Rodger Jensen
4420 Philbrook Lane
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum,

Welcome to Minneapolis and St. Paul! I shall see you Tuesday, April 26, at the University Club. You shall have an audience with high interest and great influence. Thank God we can have you with us!

I met with Seminary faculty people this week and learned our combined libraries (so independent) of the Consortium of Seminaries in the Twin City area do not have the updated materials in Judaic Studies your office would have. Rabbi Seder gave me a copy of his study, "Jews and Judaism in Mr. Moody's Divine Principle." Our libraries should have that, for instance. I wonder if I could ask you to choose the special studies and research from your office that you would like the Consortium to have available for theological study and either have them sent to me, or if you prefer, bring them. One or two copies of each would suffice as we have courier service from library to library. If cost were incurred, I would take care of this myself.
When we met in your office, you told me you would like to work more completely with seminars. I wish to assist you in this as much as I can, but perhaps we should speak more in specifics. I also wish to work with Dr. Openheil at the L.C.U.S.D. as a consultant in Jewish-Christian Understanding. The enclosed news article give you some idea of what I do locally. My present endeavor is a Chairmanship of our Interreligious Bio Medical Ethics Symposium in Minnesota projected for October and November, 1977.

I sincerely hope you'll have time to convey a directive or two to me. I shall never forget the impact your kind greeting brought to the I.W.F. Consultation in Oslo when I read it!

Sincerely,

Trudy

(922-3587)
January 27, 1977

Dr. Nahum Schulman
The Jay Phillips Chair of Jewish Studies
Department of Theology
Saint John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Dear Dr. Schulman,

Many thanks for your good letter of January 13th.

The program that you outline for my visit on April 26th to Minnesota sounds just fine.

Under separate cover my secretary has sent you the biographical sketch and photograph that you requested.

May I suggest the following topics for your consideration:

1 - For the luncheon meeting - "President Carter, Evangelism, and Pluralism",

2 - "Religious Cults in America - Threat or Challenge?"

If you have further thoughts, by all means let me know, I am entirely open to changing the subject in terms of issues that you might think more relevant. We can always discuss, "Jewish-Christian Relations in 1977: The Unfinished Agenda."

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT: RPR
January 13, 1977

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Shalom!

Now that the date - April 26th - Tuesday - has been confirmed, I should like to inform you of the format of the program for your visit as our guest-lecturer.

1. We should like you to address a luncheon meeting of about fifty or sixty prominent citizens of the State of Minnesota, both lay and religious leaders, at noon in Minneapolis.

2. And in the evening - at 7:45 p.m. - to deliver a public lecture at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota.

We are beginning preparations and plans for publicity for your visit and your message. We will exert every effort to make this project a success and a memorable event.

Would you please send us the essential and necessary information about yourself, a biographical sketch, and your work, as well as the topics for your luncheon address and the public lecture and a picture of yourself?

All of us at St. John's University, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, and the Jay Phillips Chair of Jewish Studies are looking forward to your coming here. We welcome you and wish you a most pleasant and meaningful experience.

Awaiting your early reply, I am,

Sincerely,

Nahum Schulman
3 December 1976

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi:

SHALOM!

Your letter of confirmation received this morning. Will keep in touch with you concerning details.

With all best wishes from Saint John's.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nahum Schulman

NS:ig
November 30, 1976

Rabbi Nahum Schulman
Jay Phillips Chair of Jewish Studies
Department of Theology
Saint John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Dear Rabbi Schulman,

April 26th is good for me. Please consider this my confirmation.

With every good wish,

Shalom!

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR
15 November 1976

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS
165 East 16th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you for your letter of 4 November, giving me the dates of April 26th to 28th as being open for your visit to Saint John's University and the meeting at Union Theological Seminary. Would Tuesday, April 26th, be a good date for you to be with us? I would much appreciate an early reply.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nahum Schulman
November 4, 1976

Dr. Nahum Schulman, Rabbi
The Jay Phillips Chair of Jewish Studies
Department of Theology
Saint John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota 56231

Dear Rabbi Schulman,

Thanks very much for your thoughtful and gracious letter of October 29th.

I am already committed during the week of April 12th to 14th. The dates of April 26th to 28th are still open and I will therefore be happy to accept your kind invitation to come to St. John's University and to the Union Theological Seminary meeting that you describe in your letter.

As we get closer to the event, perhaps we should talk about appropriate subject matter for those two differing groups.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially, as ever,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT: RPR
29 October 1976

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation, I met with Fr. Michael Blecker, President of St. John's University and Dr. Dayton Hultgren, President of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. We plan to co-sponsor an evening public address at St. John's, Collegeville, Minnesota, and a luncheon meeting in Minneapolis for about fifty community leaders from the Twin Cities, religious and lay.

The dates available are either the week of April 12 - 14, or the week of April 26 - 28 (preferably the earlier April date).

We are looking forward toward the making of your visit an outstanding event in Minnesota's academic and religious life.

Please advise us at your earliest convenience on the date suitable for you.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nahum Schulman
May 28, 1976  (Dictated)

Dr. Walter R. Wietzke, Director
The American Lutheran Church
Division for Theological Education and Ministry
422 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Dear Dr. Wietzke,

I appreciate very much your warm and thoughtful letter of March 29th. Please forgive my delay in responding to your letter. I have been on a very hectic lecture and travel schedule during recent weeks and have fallen badly behind in answering correspondence such as yours.

I am very grateful for the thoughtful article that you wrote, "In Praise of Jewish Brothers." Contributions such as these help shape an atmosphere where mutual respect and appreciation become a new culture in which Jewish and Christian understanding can flourish.

I do appreciate your invitation to visit with you in Minneapolis. I will certainly make every effort to do so the next time I will be there. There is a possibility that I will be lecturing at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota on or around November fourth. If that does take place, perhaps we can arrange to meet at that time.

In the meantime, my prayers for God's blessings over you and my hope that you will have a pleasant and restful summer.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR

CC: Mrs. Rodger Jensen
    Dr. Paul Opsahl
    Rabbi James Rudin
May 28, 1976  (Dictated)

Rabbi Nahum Schulman
2843 Raleigh Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota  55416

Dear Nahum,

Thank you very much for your recent letter. I must apologize for the delay in responding. My schedule has been unbearably heavy with lectures and travel out of town and I have fallen badly behind in answering important correspondence such as yours.

As of this moment I would prefer the date of Thursday, November 4th, for the lecture that you'd like me to give. Actually the first week of November, as of now, is quite open but November 4th would be my preference.

Please let me know so that I might tie down that date before it disappears.

I hope you have a pleasant and restful summer.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR
10 March 1976

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Upon my return from a lecture tour I found your kind epistle of 26 February 1976.

Our major problem is the date. The fee and the theme are OK. May 17th is an impossible date for us here at Saint John's. It is the last days for us here at Saint John's. It is the last days of finals and the last days of the Spring semester.

We - Father Blecker and I - would like to suggest other tentative dates for your perusal and confirmation, namely during the Fall semester, either the last week (one day, Monday-Thursday) of October, or the first week of November (one day, Monday-Thursday)

Please advise us if any of these suggested dates fit into your schedule.

With best wishes. SHALOM! Happy Purim!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nahum Schulman
February 26, 1976

Dr. Nahum Schulman
Department of Theology
Saint John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

My dear Rabbi Schulman,

I appreciate very much your warm and thoughtful letter. Your words of generous evaluation of my work in the area of promoting interreligious understanding over the past quarter century mean a great deal to me and I want you to know of my deep gratitude.

No small part of whatever achievement that has taken place is due to the contribution of distinguished persons of your caliber in many parts of this country and in other parts of the world.

I should like to respond to the thoughtful invitation of yourself and of Fr. Michael Blecker, President of St. John's University, to address your faculty and students on a Bicentennial theme. The real problem is that of schedule. I have a commitment on each of the dates that you suggest. There is a slim possibility that I might be able to make the Monday, May 10th date. But I would much prefer to explore a date after May 17th. I am free pretty much most of that week, as of now, and would feel less pressure about making such an extended trip to Minnesota during a time in which I have fewer commitments.

You ask about my honorarium. My general practice with the JWB Lecture Bureau is that my minimum out-of-town lecture fee is $500.00 plus expenses. This would of course be arranged outside of the JWB office.

The theme that I would be interested in exploring is something like the following: "The Bicentennial: Moral Challenges to Christians and Jews in the Third Century of America".

With warmest personal good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT: RPR
17 February 1976

Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum
Director, Interreligious Affairs
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi:

As an admirer of your prodigious labors and astute analysis and understanding of the interreligious field and your efforts to promote genuine dialogue, I hasten to congratulate you on your achievement of twenty-five years of service in the arena of Jewish-Christian relations.

More power to you -- Yasher Koach!

Fr. Michael Blecker, President of St. John's University here at Collegeville, Minnesota, and I have discussed today the possibility of having you come to Collegeville on a date suitable to your schedule, and to share with us -- faculty, Abbey and students of St. John's and St. Benedict's College, the nearby girls' college -- and the St. Cloud State University, for a lecture and seminar on a topic such as "Bicentennial - Focus on Interreligious Action".

The following tentative dates would be ideal for us after the Easter and Pesah holidays: 1. Tuesday, 27 April 2. Wednesday, 28 April 3. Monday, 10 May

Also notify me of the expenses involved.

It will please you to know that there is a wholesome climate here of academic freedom and ecumenism. I am certain that your visit will be appreciated.

Let me know at your earliest convenience the feasibility of your coming to St. John's, the date, and the expenses.

Again, my blessings to you for many many years of continued meaningful service in human relations.

And with good wishes for SHALOM,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nahum Schulman

NS:1g
28 March 1977

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Director, Interreligious Affairs
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi:

Just a note to let you know that we are on the way toward a successful 1) Luncheon Program in Minneapolis, and 2) the Evening Public Lecture at Saint John's University in Collegeville, which will be preceded with a Kosher dinner here for about twenty people. (All of this on Tuesday, 26 April)

We are giving and getting excellent publicity for your visit and lectures in our region.

At the moment we would like to know your itinerary: place and time of arrival, so that we may meet you; your time and place of departure -- do you plan to stay overnight? -- if so, shall we reserve a guest room here at the abbey or at a hotel in Minneapolis? Let us know so that we may make proper arrangements for your visit.

We are most anxious to welcome you and to make your stay pleasant and meaningful.

With the approach of \( \text{\textit{Shavuot}} \), accept my good wishes and blessings for

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nahum Schulman

P.S. PROGRAM: Tuesday, 26 April 1977

1. Luncheon and Discourse 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2. Kosher Dinner at Saint John's 6:00 p.m.
3. Public Lecture 8:00 p.m.
April 25, 1977

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
65-50 Wetherole Street
Rego Park, Queens, New York 11374

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you for your gracious letter, and of course for your stellar participation in the University's Religious Awareness Week program. Your talk was a memorable one for all of us, and there has been a great deal of very positive and appreciative feedback. If you would be kind enough to send me a copy of the material from which the lecture derived, as you indicated you might be able to, I would be most grateful.

Thank you for sending me the bill for your hotel expenses. I am informed by the Development Office of the University of New Mexico, the office which is handling the expenses of Religious Awareness Week, that it will be necessary for you to complete the enclosed form and return it together with a copy of your airline ticket. Just as soon as I receive this from you, I will do my best to expedite payment. I hope you will forgive the slight delay incurred by the bureaucratic rituals involved.

With respect to the referral to a good skin specialist in New York which you requested, I am afraid that I cannot help you directly. However, if you would call my good friend Dr. Donald Armstrong, Chief of Infectious Diseases at Memorial Center for Cancer in Manhattan, I am confident that he will be able to either take care of this problem for you himself or make a suitable referral to an appropriate dermatologist. Please let me know if this does not work out and I will see whether I can come up with an alternative. Dr. Armstrong is an old friend and an excellent infectious disease specialist.

It was a pleasure to have you with us. If your travel schedule calls for a trip sometime next year which would bring you sufficiently near Albuquerque to make a stopover feasible, please do let me know as long in advance as possible.
April 25, 1977

I would then like to discuss with the Board of our Experiment in Jewish Learning lecture series the scheduling of a return visit if at all possible.

Many thanks for your kind comments about our community.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander L. Kisch, M.D.

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Enc.
April 25, 1977

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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Interreligious Affairs Director, American Jewish Committee

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