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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

This is to confirm your speaking date on Wednesday, May 18, 1977,
at 10:00 a.m., place to be announced.

The program has been developed by the newly formed Ad-Hoc Committee
on Christian-Jewish understanding for Northwestern New Jersey. The
chairman is Rev. John M. Miller, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church
in Morristown.

The program is planned as follows:

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. -- Coffee and Registration

10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. -- Chairman's Welcome

10:10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. -- Invocation

10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. -- "Why Israel is Important to
Jews: -- (theologically)
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. -- "What Place Does the Holy Land
Hold in Christian Consciousness"
(theologically)
Msgr. John Oesterricher

11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.-- Question and Answer Session

12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. -- Lunch

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WORKSHOPS

1:10 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. -- 4 concurrent workshops to be repeated
from 2:20 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. -- so that
each may attend 2 workshops of his choice:

- A. Rev. Frank Robinson (15 to 20 minutes of setting forth ideas to stimulate 40 to 45 minutes of discussion)
Subject -- "Eschatological View of the Holy Land"
- B. "Geo-Political Realities of the Middle East"
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
- C. "Apostle Paul and the New Israel"
Neil Hamilton
- D. Prof. Michael Ryan
"The Holocaust and the Resurgence of Zionism"

3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

- 1.) Workshop recorders' reports on highlights of discussions to total group which reforms at this point....
- 2.) Rev. John M. Miller, Chairman, "Where Do We Go from Here?"
- 3.) Adjournment

There are some 250 churches and 13 synagogues, the religious leaders of which will be receiving invitations and personal telephone calls. We plan press conferences before hand. Every church and temple bulletin will be contacted as well as information through the Morris-Sussex Jewish News.

I hope this gives you a clear picture of the day and of your role in it. Please call me for any detail or further clarification.

I am delighted to see the most enthusiastic reception on the part of clergy to your coming. I think this will be excellent exposure for the American Jewish Committee in this area.

Best wishes....


Elliot Cohan

cc: Rev. John M. Miller, Chairman
Rabbi Z. David Levy
Vicar Robert T. Mason
Rev. Frank Robinson

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April 20, 1977

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

Dear Marc,

I have enclosed a revised copy of our program at which you will be keynote speaker and workshop leader on May 18, 1977 in Morristown.

I would appreciate very much having two 8 x 10 glossy photographs of yourself and a bio for publicity purposes and also because I will be introducing you on that day.

There is considerable enthusiasm generating so my hopes for attendance are in the high conservative vein.

Again, we look forward with great pleasure to having you, as I do to meeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,

Elliot
Elliot Cohan

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165 East 56th Street
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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

As you know, you are scheduled to be one of the speakers at our seminar on Christian-Jewish Understanding. Enclosed is information about the seminar. I thought you would like to see the format for the day.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Christian-Jewish Understanding is very pleased that you are willing to come to speak at the seminar. We are hopeful it will be an important beginning toward better relations between Jews and Christians in our area. Later a member of the committee will be in touch with you about transportation to St. Elizabeth's.

I look forward to seeing you on May 18. You, of course, will be our guest for lunch. The least we can do, in light of your contribution to our program, is to deny the old adage that there is no such thing as a free lunch!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John M. Miller'.

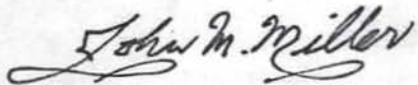
John M. Miller
Pastor
Chairman, Ad-Hoc Committee on
Christian-Jewish Understanding

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Frequently we speak of "the Judaeo-Christian tradition" of America. It is a phrase which rolls rather easily off our tongues, but whose content is not all that clear to us. This seminar and any events which may result from it are an attempt to deepen in our own minds the theological insights we can share as fellow members of the people of God. We hope to see you on May 18th, and we ask you to encourage your colleagues to attend as well.

Sincerely,



John M. Miller, Chairman
The Ad Hoc Committee on
Christian-Jewish Understanding



A SEMINAR ON CHRISTIAN-JEWISH UNDERSTANDING

St. Elizabeth's College, Convent, N. J.

Wednesday, May 18, 1977

The purpose of the seminar is to explore some of the similarities and differences which exist between Jews and Christians, and to investigate some of the twentieth century realities facing the two major religious groups of America. Leading the discussions will be four regionally and nationally known speakers. The seminar is open to all clergy of the area.

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 -- Coffee and Registration
- 10:00 -- Invocation and Welcome
- 10:15 -- Address - "The State of Israel in the Theology of Judaism"
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
- 11:00 -- Address - "Israel in the Theology of Christianity"
Msgr. John Oesterreicher
- 11:45 -- Questions and Answers
- 12:15 -- Buffet Luncheon - (cost - \$4.00)
- 1:10 -- Four concurrent workshops (repeated at 2:10) - choose two
"Jews and the Early Church Fathers" - Prof. Michael Ryan
"An Eschatological View of the Holy Land" - The Rev. Earl Comfort
"Geo-Political Realities of the Middle East" - Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
"One or Two Covenants? One or Two Israels?" - Msgr. John Oesterreicher
- 2:10 -- Workshops repeated
- 3:15 -- Where Do We Go From Here?
- Reports from Workshops
- Suggestions for further Christian-Jewish dialogue
- 3:45 -- Adjournment

THE PARTICIPANTS

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM is Director for Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. He is one of the leading international spokesmen of Judaism, and has written extensively in the field of Jewish-Christian relations.

MSGR. JOHN OESTERREICHER is Professor of Theology at Seton Hall University, and is Director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies. His primary academic pursuit is the relationship between Judaism and Christianity.

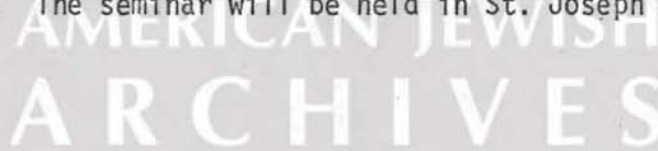
THE PARTICIPANTS - continued....

THE REV. EARL COMFORT is Pastor of the Jacksonville Chapel in Lincoln Park, N. J. He also is Chairman of the Northern New Jersey Prophecy Conference, and is organizing a meeting of national authorities on the subject of prophecy and modern Israel.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL RYAN is Professor of Systematic Theology at Drew Theological Seminary. He has written about the relationship between Christians and Jews throughout the history of the Church and into the present period.

THE PLACE

St. Elizabeth's College is located between Morristown and Madison on Route 24 (Madison Avenue). A sign on the north side of the road by the St. Thomas More Church identifies it. Drive through the main gate and bear left. Park in the large lot on the left. The seminar will be held in St. Joseph Hall.



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CHRISTIAN-JEWISH UNDERSTANDING.

I SHALL _____ SHALL NOT _____ BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE
LUNCHEON. MY PAYMENT OF \$4.00 IS ENCLOSED (MADE PAYABLE TO THE
AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN-JEWISH UNDERSTANDING)

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MY TWO CHOICES FOR WORKSHOPS ARE:
(Every effort will be made to accomodate your choices)

1. _____

2. _____

ALTHOUGH I CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE INFORM ME OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES _____

SIGNED _____

(Please Print Name Here)

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(Address)
