January 3, 1978

Mr. Lionel Koppman
National Jewish Welfare Board
15 E. 26th St.
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Mr. Koppman:

Before Mort Yarmont left on vacation, he passed along to me your note of December 27 and your release on JWB Jewish Chaplains Training Conference.

So far as The New York Times is concerned, I would suggest that you send a copy of the release to Kenneth Briggs, Religion Editor. You might follow up a few days later by calling Ken at 556-1388 and inviting him to cover the meeting.

I imagine you are also planning to send releases to Murray Zuckoff at JTA, Lillian Block at Religion News Service, George Cornell at AP, Phil Hochstein at Jewish Week, etc.

I have told Marc Tanenbaum that I would be glad to write a release on his talk on "Changing American Attitudes Toward Israel," if he will supply me with the text. Of course, I will send you a copy if it materializes.

I hope you have a most successful conference.

Sincerely,

Natalie Flatow
Press Specialist

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cc: Marc Tanenbaum
January 3, 1978

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

Dear Marc:

A change in location for the meeting with the chaplains on February 1st. The meeting will take place in the JWB Offices at 15 East 26th Street at 9:30 as scheduled, rather than in the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Looking forward to seeing you, what with the drastic changes in the Middle East since the invitation was first extended.

Cordially,

Rabbi Gilbert Kollin
Director

CC: Herbert Millman
Arthur Rotman
November 9, 1977

Rabbi Gilbert Kollin  
Deputy Director  
JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy  
15 East 26th Street  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Gil,

Thanks very much for your warm and thoughtful letter of November first.

This will confirm my acceptance of your invitation to address the JWB Jewish Chaplains Training Conference on Wednesday, February first, 9:30 AM at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

I look forward to being in touch with you in the near future.

Warmest good wishes!

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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Enclosures  
Daily News 11/6, Atlanta Constitution, Billy Graham
November 4, 1977

Rabbi Mark H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mark,

This is to confirm the invitation made by telephone on October 28, 1977. We would like you to address the JWB Jewish Chaplains Training Conference. The session will take place on Wednesday, February 1, 1978 at 9:30 AM at the Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 E. 87th Street, New York City. The subject will be "Changing American Attitudes Toward Israel." The theme is meant to deal with the recent shifts in American attitudes toward Israel, the implications thereof, and what, if any, is the suitable role of the Jewish military chaplain in this matter. The session will be divided into two parts. From 9:30 to 10:30 will be the presentation time. There will be a fifteen minute coffee break followed by a resumption of the session at 10:45 running through until 11:30. This can be either in the form of workshops, smaller groups or as a combined session dealing with the issue.

The audience will consist of approximately 35-40 full-time military and VA chaplains plus an additional dozen or so active Army Reserve chaplains who hold civilian pulpits as their main occupation. I know of your interest in, and your great familiarity with, the subject listed. I also know of your recent experiences with the military chaplaincy to make you uniquely qualified to discuss this topic with this particular group. Therefore, I was delighted with the affirmative answer I received from your office when I called.

Please feel free to join us for coffee and light refreshments commencing at 9:00 prior to the session on February 1st.

I hope all goes well with you. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Cordially,

Rabbi Gilbert Kollin
Deputy Director