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Tannenbaum On Campus

by Anne Austin

On March 16, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, National Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee, will have come to Gordon College to spend two days addressing the "Modern Jewish Culture" class, the student body at convocation, and the local media and North Shore Jewish leaders at a press conference held Friday at noon.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, along with Dr. Marvin Wilson and A.J.C.'s Assistant Director of Interreligious Affairs, Rabbi A. James Rudin, co-edited the newly published book, *Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation: On Scripture, Theology, and History*. Last Friday, March 10, Dr. Wilson, Rabbi Tanenbaum, and Rabbi Rudin attended a press conference in New York City at A.J.C. headquarters to present their new book, which is a compilation of the papers written by 18 Jewish and Evangelical leaders and scholars presented at a meeting in New York City in December of 1975.

Three years ago, Dr. Wilson was asked to attend this meeting with Rabbi Tanenbaum and Rabbi Rudin to discuss scripture, theology, and history. This meeting grew out of an awareness of a need for evangelicals and Jews to get together and discuss their different views on Scriptural theology and history.

Both have recognized in each other a common belief in the centrality of biblical scripture and that each can gain from interaction with the other.

Dr. Wilson became the Evangelical coordinator for this first national gathering of Christians and Jews. In the three

days spent there, there were over 20 hours of formal discussion presenting topics which are discussed in his book. Now, the American Jewish Committee has planned a new project to involve Jewish and Evangelical lay leaders discussing similarities and differences in their beliefs, and projects that they can work on together which will be socially beneficial. The new book, along with a study guide written by Dr. Wilson, will be the basis for these discussions.

The trend toward more meaningful Evangelical-Jewish relations was attributed by Dr. Wilson to:

1. "a general improvement in interfaith relationships brought about by ecumenical endeavors and the easing of racial tensions;
2. "a genuine interest by Evangelicals to deepen their understanding of the Jewish roots of the Christian faith;
3. "the growing effect of relational theology within Evangelicalism;
4. "an increased awareness of the need to dispel faulty images and popular stereotypes of each other;
5. "the rise of Jimmy Carter to the Presidency, and the Bicentennial celebration;
6. "a common interest in the survival of Israel."

Rabbi Tanenbaum described *Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation* as "a milestone in the growth of understanding and mutual respect between the two faiths." He concluded "that there are enlightened people of both faiths who

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would profit individually and collectively from a deepened perception of what the other group believes and stands for. Differences should be looked upon as a source of enrichment rather than as a threat."

Rabbi Tanenbaum was recently voted by 35 religious editors to be the fourth most influential religious leader in the United States today (after Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Martin Marty, and President Jimmy Carter.) He said in *Commentary* magazine to be "the leading figure among Jewish ecumenists," in the fields of interreligious relations and social justice. From an interview, *Newsweek* said Rabbi Tanenbaum is "the American Jewish community's foremost apostle to the gentiles... who has been able to solicit support from all factions of the Jewish community."

In the production of NBC-TV's special "Jesus of Nazareth" he served as the American Jewish consultant. He has served as visiting professor at the Graduate Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland and has lectured at Cambridge University, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Graduate Theological Union, Notre Dame, Catholic University, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

Tannenbaum is a major influence in the promotion of social justice and human rights, and a founder and program chairman of the historic National Conference on Religion and Race.

Serving on various governmental commissions, he has worked on problems concerning children, the aging, race relations, world hunger, and population problems. Rabbi Tanenbaum has also served as a Jewish spokesman before congressional and senate committee hearings.

In addition to his latest book, Rabbi Tanenbaum has also written and co-edited *Speaking of God Today, The Jerusalem Colloquium, Our Moral Resources for International Cooperation* (with Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr), *Religious Values in an age of Violence*, and is the interreligious academic consultant to the *New Media Bible*.

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March 19, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director Interreligious Affairs
American Jewish Committee
New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc,

The feedback on your visit to Gordon has been simply outstanding. I took 80 of my students to a Bat Mitzvah yesterday. Many of them commented to me how much they deeply appreciated your addresses. At our faculty progressive supper last night the faculty were overwhelming in their comments about your addresses. The most frequently repeated comment I have heard was that you gave our own Evangelical community a sense of history and contemporary stature that many people seem somehow to have forgotten. We indeed have our Roger Williams, Mark Hatfields and others who have and are making significant contributions. For a guest speaker, however, yes a rabbi of your position, to come along and note some of these things really hits home.

The other thing which really spoke to us in great depth was your emphasis on the "real world out there" which is currently being shaken with violence and dehumanization. Your personal fresh illustrations of this really made this come to life. As you well know, we Evangelicals have so very much to learn from the Jewish community about reaching out in terms of Lev. 19:18.

As I reflect on things, I am truly sorry for the hectic pace we put you through on Friday. Your willingness to personally sign all those books was a big time consumer. (You will be interested to know by Friday afternoon our Gordon Bookstore had sold out the 250 copies it had shipped earlier that week). Our Gordon family really was thankful for that personal touch on your part.

Lets continue to keep the dialog going. Despite some rather difficult obstacles that have and will yet come up along the way, I feel our communities are beginning to understand each other. If Pamela Ilott of CBS is still serious about doing a program on Shevuot around the theme of our book, it should be a major breakthrough to get our message and book underscored before the public eye. I am encouraged by what I have seen so far.

The enclosed check is but a small token of our heart felt gratitude for your contribution to Gordon and the deepening of our understanding of both faith communities. I hope to see you the evening of March 26.

With warm personal regards,

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Marvin R. Wilson

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January 31, 1978

Dr. Marvin R. Wilson, Chairman
Department of Biblical Studies
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Dear Marv,

Your note came to me just in the nick of time. I hoped to be able to see you last night during your dialogue with Jim Rudin. But I had to get a series of shots for the trip that I am making to Southeast Asia on a fact-finding investigation of the great problems of the Vietnamese Boat People.

My present concern grows out of the fact that I have just learned that a meeting has just been set up between our International Jewish Committee and the Vatican to be held in Madrid April 5th through the 8th. This will be an important meeting and my superiors are pressing me to attend.

If it does not create any major problems for you, I wonder if you might shift the date to another mutually convenient time. I will call you before I leave for overseas this week and perhaps we can make that adjustment quickly.

I really hope this does not create any problems for you. But this is a development which is in many ways beyond my control.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
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Gordon student impressed by rabbi's convocation talk

To the Editor:

Ordinarily I don't go to convocation. It is a fault of mine that I think that I have better things to do; at least that's what I put down in my application for chapel excuse this term. This past Friday I happened to be at the gym when Rabbi Tanenbaum was speaking. I will be forever grateful I attended.

Dr. Covey, a man whose opinion I respect for a number of reasons, said to our class afterwards that if any of us were in convocation that we had indeed been in the presence of true greatness. But it is not Dr. Covey's endorsement alone that made me feel that what he said was true. As one of many people who was there, I can truly say that I was sincerely touched by a man whose voice spoke to me out of all the millions of other voices in the world.

I don't know Marc Tanenbaum and I may never know him, much less meet him; but his wisdom is God's wisdom and that wisdom comes to me at a time when I am making a personal commitment once again to the faith that has sustained me in times of doubt and despair. God's voice, speaking of love and community and sharing and

understanding and support, came through loud and clear.

The message also comes to this campus at a time when both the Jewish and Christian religions are in the process of celebrating the highest festivals of their particular faiths. It also comes at a time, as Rabbi Tanenbaum said, when Jews and Evangelical Christians are really beginning to share and discuss the intricacies of their faiths with each other.

Tanenbaum, in conjunction with Dr. Marvin Wilson and Rabbi A. James Rudin, writes in *Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation* that "evangelicals and Jews joined in conversation not as a matter of social tolerance, nor nice manners, nor to conform to the custom of the American way of life. Rather, their deepest spiritual and moral commitments in the face of a confused and needy world made their meeting, their living in harmony, the highest necessity."

Yet Tanenbaum is not concerned with Jews and evangelicals alone. He deplores the violence in Asia, especially in Cambodia where 2-3 million lives have been destroyed. He deplores the violence in the Middle East

among Muslims and Christians and among Arab and Jew and Palestinian. He deplores the violence in Africa between the Somalis and the Ethiopians. He is concerned that we and the world will forget. He believes that a world who forgets the Armenians will also forget the Cambodians and the Somalis and the Palestinians and the Jews.

Tanenbaum is very specific about the need for Jews and Christians to work and live together. He believes that Christians and Jews must help form a "national and international attitude of scorn and contempt for those who use violence or who advocate the use of violence." He says that Jews and Christians must work together to stop the release of inflammatory propaganda. Jews and Christians must develop better education and communication among all peoples to begin to reduce the effects of differences. Jews and Christians must "engage in a massive effort to establish on a global basis a 'new humanism' that seeks to restore the biblical value of the infinite worth and preciousness of each human life."

These are high orders and no teacher can tell me that it can be done in a few years or a few decades, but Rabbi Tanenbaum has convinced me that it must be started, lest we do indeed forget. In all humility, Rabbi Tanenbaum reminded us that the Jews are an elect nation holy to God. Our common bond with them will be remembered by God if we remember Him and His people.

This brings me to my second event. I walked into the Tartan office Friday afternoon and came face to face with a movie about the Jews. What made it so enthralling was that I had walked in on pic-

tures of the Nazi death camps. I stared, unable to move. Rabbi Tanenbaum's words came back to me: "a world that can forget the Armenians can forget the Jews." I have

decided not to forget; and remembering the sufferings the grace of God and Christ. let His Blood be a sign to the Spirit of God not to pass-over us. Let Him fill us with the

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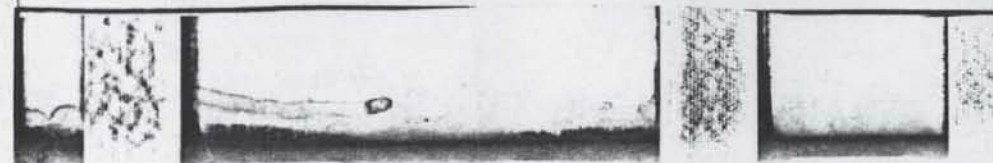
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Rabbi points to new era between Evangelicals, Jews

BY NANCY SHACKLETON
Times Staff Writer

WENHAM—Since the end of World War II, Evangelical Christians and the Jews have been undergoing a quiet revolution of the deepest and most authentic kind. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum touched on two of the major dimensions of that quiet transformation at a convocation Friday at Gordon College in Wenham: the rising and changing force of the Evangelical religion, and a new era of dialogue between the Jewish and Evangelical Christian faiths.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, national director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee, and recently named one of the most influential religious leaders in the United States, spoke at the convocation, and a news conference later in the day, in conjunction with a recently published book.

The book—"Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation: Scriptures, Theology and History"—is a compilation of papers presented by 18 Jewish and Evangelical scholars and religious leaders at a symposium in New York City in December, 1975, the first major convocation ever held between leaders of the two faiths. The book was edited by Rabbi Tanenbaum, Dr. Marvin R. Wilson, chairman of the department of Biblical and Theological Studies at Gordon College, and Rabbi A. Moses Rudin, assistant director of Interreligious Affairs for the committee.

Prior to the early 1960s, the relationship between Jewish and other Christian leaders and laymen was limited to shared concerns about social justice with liberal Protestants, Rabbi Tanenbaum said. Later in that decade, Jewish dialogue with other Christian religions began to grow and extend to the Roman Catholics, Southern Baptists, Greek Orthodox and more recently the Evangelical Christians. The latter relationship stems in part from Tanenbaum's and Wilson's first meeting three years ago. While the book is described as a milestone in that relationship, the dialogue will continue to expand as more religious and lay leaders are involved.

"We have begun to turn the corner into a whole new era of possibilities and problems, but to be human is to have both," Tanenbaum said. "The test of humanity is to be able to take on both and deal constructively with both."

Tanenbaum observed that there are those from both the Jewish and Evangelical sects who would find the current dialogue "not exactly kosher," and would consider him "so far off the reservation as to be beyond redemption."

Those who oppose the dialogues with other religions reveal a "deep ambivalence at best, and at worst, a sense of anxiety or even fear," Tanenbaum said. That fear, he said, "is simply the fear of synchronism. That in the wave of good will, the desire to affirm common



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bonds will lead to a diminishing of the distinctiveness of each group."

Tanenbaum said that the dialogues, that discovering the common bonds of faith and belief in the midst of the uniqueness of each religion, "is one of the matters that stands at the height of the universe, and is of supreme importance, not only to Jews and Evangelicals, but to American democratic, pluralistic society as well as the world community today."

Of the revolution of the Evangelical Christian religion, Tanenbaum said that the transformation has been dramatized in the mind of America through President Jimmy Carter, a born-again Christian.

One of the questions that the transformation of the Evangelical and the emergence of that new breed of leader points to is how one relates one's Biblical faith, values and beliefs in God and truth to the planes of truth of other great traditions. Addressing and resolving that question "becomes a critical responsibility," Tanenbaum said.



Nancy Shackleton photo

RABBI MARC TANENBAUM
...seeking an understanding

Rabbi to speak on Evangelicals and Jews

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of New York, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, will give a convocation address in Rhodes Gymnasium, Gordon College, Wenham, Friday March 17 at 10:20 a.m. The subject of his address is "Evangelicals and Jews — A New Era." The public is invited to attend this session.

The public is also invited to attend Rabbi Tanenbaum's lecture to Dr. Marvin Wilson's "Modern Jewish Culture" class on Thursday, March 16, at 3:45 p.m. in Winn Library Lecture Hall. He will speak on "Jews and Christians in an Age of Violence."

Rabbi Tanenbaum, Dr. Marvin Wilson, professor of biblical and theological studies at Gordon College and Rabbi A. James Rudin, assistant national director of the AJC's Department of Interreligious Affairs have recently



**RABBI MARC. H.
TANENBAUM**

edited and contributed articles to a landmark study of evangelical and Jewish relationships entitled *Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation* (Baker Book House, 1978).

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Call Tues or Wed

January 26, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
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Dear Marc:

We are presently drawing up some publicity on your April 6 and 7 visit to campus.

Would you kindly send us immediately several biographical resumes and a number of pictures that are suitable for newspapers. We have some preliminary publicity we want to get out early in February.

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. Wilson

Marvin R. Wilson
Chairman

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November 22, 1977

Dr. Marvin R. Wilson, Chairman
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Dear Marv,

Many thanks for your good note of November 17th.

This will confirm the arrangements which you outlined in your letter for the luncheon and other engagements.

In our Boston office, please contact Elliot Waldman and Karen Osborne. You may want to talk to them about any contribution they may be in a position to help maximize my visit to Gordon College.

What is the latest word on the publication date for our book? We really need to begin thinking about setting up a press conference for it, and also getting together a list of people to whom copies should be sent for review purposes.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially, as ever,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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November 17, 1977

on tape

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director,
Interreligious Affairs
American Jewish Committee
New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc:

Just a few words to bring you up to date on our plans for April 6 and 7 when you visit Gordon College.

Rabbi Ephraim Bennett, President of the North Shore Rabbinical Association, has met with his colleagues and together they will attend--with the local press--a luncheon in your honor on April 7. This will be at the invitation of our College president, Dr. Richard F. Gross. More details will follow as we work them out.

I hope you will keep the Boston A.J.C. office informed of these April dates so that they might help us with local publicity.

Finally, could you please provide for me the name of the new director of the Boston A.J.C. office so that I might get in touch with him and give him an invitation to our luncheon.

Thanks for your help.

Cordially,

Marv

Marvin R. Wilson, Chairman
Department of Biblical Studies

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Evangelical Truth

September 14, 1977

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director Interreligious Affairs
American Jewish Committee
New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc:

This will confirm our conversation about the dates of your lectures at Gordon College next spring. I am working closely with the Dean of Students office and the committee on cultural affairs to spell out the details of your visit.

We will expect your arrival on the afternoon of Thursday, April 6, 1978, with your first lecture to be given that evening. I would like you to speak on "Evangelicals and Jews in a Pluralistic Society: Reflections on Current Dialogue." I would like this lecture to tie in with the release of our book, Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation, with some of your remarks being built around the significance of this volume. For this first lecture the audience will be made up of three main groups: (1) about 100 students from my Modern Jewish Culture course who will be using this volume as one of their texts for the course, (2) other students and faculty from both Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (3) the local Jewish community who will be given an open invitation to attend.

My wife, Polly, and I, am looking forward to entertaining you in our home that evening.

On Friday morning, April 7, 1978, you will deliver your final address at an all-college convocation in the gymnasium. There will be a thousand people in attendance. On this occasion we would like your topic to be "Anti-Semitism and the Future of World Jewry." In this address we would like you to trace the plight of today's Jew from the time of the holocaust to the present, making us aware of how anti-Semitism has continued to manifest itself in various ways. Finally, I

would like you to comment on how you feel today's Evangelical Christian can deepen his sensitivity to these matters and so take a stand with the Jewish community in opposing all forms of anti-Semitism.

I recognize these topics are broad, so they should give you a considerable degree of flexibility in presentation. How do these topics sound to you?


I am about to discuss with Rabbi Robert Shapiro, president of the North Shore Rabbinic Association, the possibility of holding a kosher luncheon on campus right after Friday's lecture. This would enable you to meet the administrative officials of Gordon College and the leadership of the Jewish community. There would be no problem getting you back to the airport for a mid-afternoon shuttle to New York City.

Please give me any reactions you may have to the above tentative program. We are delighted and honored that you are willing and able to come.

You may count on our picking up your travel expenses from New York and also an honorarium.

We wish you and your family warm holiday greetings.

Cordially,



Marvin R. Wilson
Chairman, Department of
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cc: Alicia Byrd, Chairman Cultural Affairs Committee
Stanley Gaede, Dean of Students

Evangelicals and Jews explore a new era

By SELMA WILLIAMS

Lots of rabbis and a strictly kosher dinner were on the scene at Gordon College, seat of Evangelical Christianity, last Friday.

Right from the start of the college's convocation, you knew some giving and taking was going on.

Because at Gordon College, where faith in Jesus Christ is an admission requirement, President Richard Gross gave the invocation without mentioning Jesus Christ. Instead, he talked about God as cherished by Jews and Evangelicals alike.

The occasion was a convocation address, "Evangelicals and Jews — A New Era," given by Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, nationally prominent figure in ecumenical efforts and co-author with Gordon College Professor Marvin Wilson and Rabbi A. James Rudin of a new book, "Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation." It's a topic that many Evangelicals and many Jews find hard to give credence to. Evangelicals, they say, on the one hand, are committed to spreading the Gospel that Jesus Christ is God made man, come to give salvation to the world. Jews, on the other, refuse to acknowledge the divinity of Christ. How can two such divergent views meet in productive conversation?

In many ways, says Tanenbaum and Wilson.

"There is a new mood, a new openness in interfaith relations," said Wilson as he introduced Rabbi Tanenbaum to the Gordon audience. He called the rabbi "a warm and human man who mirrors the image of God before a darkened world."

Tanenbaum quoted Martin Buber, a famous Jewish philosopher, as saying, "All real living is meeting."

But he said that meetings between Christians and Jews through the centuries had too often been violent and destructive.

Even in this century, prior to 1960, said Tanenbaum, only liberal Protestants and Jews talked together, "and then, only about social concerns."

A dialogue between Catholics and Jews followed, but it was not until the early 1970's that scholars of the Southern Baptist Convention and Orthodox Jewish leaders began to meet to explore their common interests.

Tanenbaum conceded that there are problems as well as areas of agreement between Evangelicals and Jews.

"But to be human is to have both," he pointed out.

"Is there any real reason that Evangelical Christians should have the responsibility of seeking to relate to the Jewish people, to Judaism, to Israel, beyond the usual brotherhood smile and ecumenical gestures?" asked Rabbi Tanenbaum.

"And is there any real reason for Jews who have upheld their ancient traditions across the centuries, through the Inquisition and programs, to talk to Evangelicals altogether?"

Tanenbaum sees many valid reasons for such dialogue.

"It is of supreme importance not only to Evangelicals and Jews, but to the whole American pluralistic society," Tanenbaum suggested.

He said that a "silent revolution" in American population patterns since World War II has profound implications for American Jews and Evangelicals.

He pointed to the migration of 11 million people from the northern states to the Sun Belt, a traditional stronghold of Evangelical Christianity. Accompanying the population shift has been an unprecedented economic growth in the southern states, where cities are "no longer the sleepy southern towns" of American legend.

As a result of the growing activity and sophistication in the South, Southern evangelicals have undergone a revolution, too, said Tanenbaum.

"They are no longer rednecks, their pastors are no longer Elmer Ganttrys, they come from the middle class, the upper middle class," he said. He pointed out that the presidents of many of the nations largest corporations are Evangelical Christians.

"The trend is dramatized in the mind of America by President Jimmy Carter," Tanenbaum said.

He said the image that Carter has "dragged the South into the 20th century, kicking and screaming" is an erroneous one. Rather, he said, Carter is a result of the revolution that has been taking place in the Southern states.

"Evangelical Christians are now beginning to surface into the mainstream of American life," said Tanenbaum. "And so the responsibility of what it means to live in a pluralistic society, and to relate our shared Biblical faith to that society becomes a critical responsibility."

Tanenbaum said that Jews must overcome their ambivalence toward the Evangelical society, which, he said, early in the country's history established the concepts of education for all and tolerance of religious practices other than their own.

Evangelicals' role in the abolition of slavery is, he said, "another untold story."

He said that Evangelicals, because of their Biblical beliefs, are among the strongest supporters of the State of Israel.

"Evangelicals are committed to Israel because, for them, it is the place of the messianic hope for the future for which Evangelicals and Jews pray together."

Tanenbaum said Jews need that support from Evangelicals "in a world which is callous and indifferent."

He pointed to the millions of Cambodians killed in the past year and asked, "Have you heard one nation speak out about it?"

He said the world has forgotten the tragic fate of the Armenians in World War I.

"A world that will not remember the Armenians is a world that will forget the Jews and Israel," he said.

He conceded that there are deep differences between the Evangelical and Jewish beliefs, but added, "Even as we acknowledge the differences of our commitments, they are the differences of a family that shares a common Biblical covenant."

He said that Jews and Christians have a "common vocabulary" in which messiah, covenant, commandments, and Bible have meaning for both.

He said Jews have problems with the Evangelical concepts of mission and witness, "but we can work them through."

"That every human life is of worth and preciousness is a shared concept," he said.

He said that the shared Biblical tradition is "a prophetic burden which God has laid upon us."



AUTOGRAPHING a book on Evangelical-J edited with Gordon College Professor M: James Rudin is Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, : don College convocation.



PROFESSOR Marvin Wilson, right, joins in ed the convocation address given at Gordon Marc Tanenbaum.

Religious leader to speak

WENHAM—Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, one of the most influential persons in religion in the United States today, will examine a new relationships between Evangelicals and Jews at a convocation next week at Gordon College.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, of New York, will address the students and community at a convocation in Rhodes Gymnasium at 10:20 a.m. on Friday, March 17. The public is invited to attend this session. Rabbi Tanenbaum will also address the media at a press conference-luncheon following the convocation.

The convocation and conference are being held in conjunction with the recent publication of "Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation," a book hailed as a landmark study of evangelical and Jewish relationships.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee, has been a pioneering leader and thinker in interreligious relations and social justice

movements during the past 25 years.

Last month, Rabbi Tanenbaum was named one of the ten most influential persons in the field of religion in the United States today. A pool of 35 religion editors from secular and the religious press named the top ten. Rabbi Tanenbaum was fourth only to Billy Graham, who headed the list, Martin E. Marty, who was second, and President Carter, who was third.

Newsweek Magazine recently devoted its Religion section to an interview with Rabbi Tanenbaum describing him 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."

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people" in Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Singapore.

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A popular and busy lecturer and visiting professor at institutions ranging from Harvard to Cambridge to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Rabbi Tanenbaum has also been a major force in the promotion of social justice and human rights. He helped organize the American Jewish Emergency Relief Effort for Victims of the Biafran conflict; and has aided refugees from Uganda, Sierra Leone, Ire-

land, Cyprus, Lebanon, and Bangladesh.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, who is the national co-chairman of the Interreligious Coalition on World Hunger and national co-chairman of the Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, has been frequently invited to serve as a Jewish spokesman before various Congressional and Senate Committee hearings.

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

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February 12, 1978

Ms. Rita Reznik
The American Jewish Committee
165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rita:

Thanks for your note enclosed in Marc's letter of January 31. We trust that Marc's trip accomplishes much good.

I am writing to confirm the fact we will be expecting Rabbi Tanenbaum at Gordon March 16 and 17. I spent last week writing over 20 letters and making a number of phone calls alerting various concerned parties of the switch in dates. Rabbi Tanenbaum informs me this date has been written in marble for which I am grateful. Our initial publicity will be going out shortly. In that regard, I would appreciate your holding, if at all possible, the date of March 31 as an alternate snow date. After sitting home this past week with our 30 inches, and after Jim Rudin got snowed in from his last Tuesday evening in Boston with my class he was to speak at, I still feel nervous about saying March 16 and 17 is written in marble. I know it is in marble as far as Rabbi Tanenbaum is concerned, but may the Ribbono Shel Olam be gracious on his part and keep the elements away on March 16 and 17. If he does not, perhaps a last minute switch could be made to March 30/31.

One other matter. You have said Rabbi Tanenbaum's new bio will be ready the early part of the week of Feb. 6th. I'll be looking for it in the mail this week. We have not had deliveries in 6 days due to the storm.

To clarify Rabbi Tanenbaum's topics for Gordon in light of the switch in dates, I would suggest the following:

The March 16 lecture will be on the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Evangelicalism.

The March 17 convocation will be on the topic of our book, "Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation".

Pardon my typing. My secretary is literally snowed in. Hope to see you at the Press Conference on Feb. 24.

Best regards,

Marvin R. Wilson
Chairman, Dept. of
Biblical Studies

Dear Rabbi Janerbaum,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to come to Gordon; thank you for touching our lives.

Dr. Wilson's course is making a great impact on my life, as is my participation in the Jewish Community. Many avenues of thought are being opened and the insights gained will be shared with others. Our God is moving among His people - indeed, I can call Him my God because of Christianity's Jewish heritage!

Thank you again for contributing to my education.

Shalom

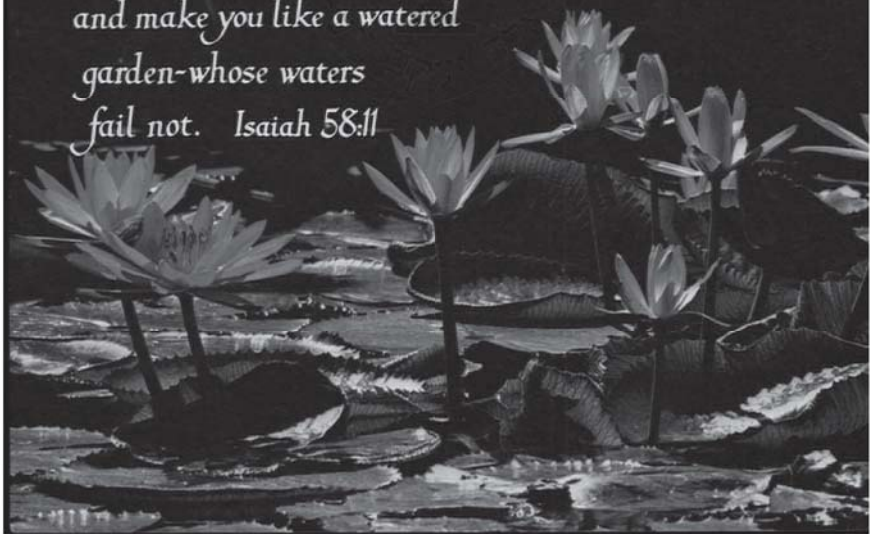
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*The Lord shall guide you continually,
and make you like a watered
garden-whose waters
fail not. Isaiah 58:11*



real only to the point we live out the attributes of God, in our relationships to one another and all of human life." This is so true! If God is truly living in us how could we avoid being pricked in consciousness by a world plagued w/social issues? We can't if God is love^{וְאֵלֹהֵינוּ}. Indeed what this world needs "is a wave of revival in the conscious." Thank you for an admonishing and^{very} thought provoking lecture.

I am enjoying Dr. Wilson's Modern
March 22, 1978

Dear Rabbi Tenenbaum,

I would like to express many thanks (todah rabbah - as Dr. Wilson taught us ^{oo}.) for your lectures at Gordon March 16th and 17th. I sincerely enjoyed them and found them very thought provoking. I particularly liked your comment, "that there is a wave of calousness in the world today and that God is

Dara Coulson

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Jewish Culture class immensely. I find it exciting learning Jewish Vocabulary and traditions, because I work with Jews during the summer at a day camp on L.I. (West Hills). Dr. Wilson is super (as I know you know) and has broadened my horizon considerably.

Before I forget- I would like to ask you if you have a son my age named David Tanenbaum or a brother who does? The reason I ask is because I went to elem. school w/ a boy by this name. I thought it interesting.

Thank you again for the time you took to share with us. "Shalom A-lay-chem."
Sincerely, Dara Coulson.

30 Webster Ave.

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Beverly Farms, Md. 01915

Dear Rabbi Tenenbaum,

I am writing to thank you for taking the time to visit Gordon College.

I was personally challenged by your messages to continue to "seek the Lord and live." As "a wild olive shoot" (Gentile) I have been grafted by faith in the Messiah to share the richness of the olive tree (Israel). As a branch I am warned by the apostle Paul to not boast, but to remember that it is not I who support the root (Israel), but the root which supports me. I am thankful to be privileged

in having been able to hear the voice of one who is part of the "roots", myself being only a branch. Let me share with you a mystery, I accept it as the Word of God - you may disagree if you like; we can still be friends.

Speaking to Gentile Christians (as opposed to Jewish Christians) Paul says:

"You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in'. That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off. And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the

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power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren; a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob'; 'and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.'

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God, for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers, For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

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Just as you were once disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may receive mercy. For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' 'For from him and through him and to him are all things. (Jews and Gentiles alike) To him be glory for ever.

Amen.

Sincerely in the Messiah,

Bill Mahoney

P.S. - I'm not trying to convert you, I just wanted to share with you the debt I owe the Jews for a common spiritual heritage, and thank you for coming to Gordon College. Thanks!

Dear Rabbi Panenbaum,

I just want to thank you for your willingness to initiate an open dialogue with Evangelical Christians.

In both lectures, I was deeply moved by your acute sense of accountability before God to preserve the life and integrity of human beings ^{everywhere} regardless of race, color, or creed.

Most importantly, I was encouraged by your example, ^{to} a small committed nucleus can cut through the red tape of congress and be instrumental in passing legislation to help the hungry.

Thank God for what He's done in and through Rabbi Marc H Panenbaum.

God bless you richly,

Richard Conte

Dear Rabbi Famenbaum,

Just a note in expression of appreciation for coming to Gordon College last week. As a senior elementary education major, I choose the Modern Jewish Culture elective with Dr. Wilson basically to broaden my knowledge and understanding of a people I know little about. As a teacher, I need to understand ones community and be able to meet the needs of those children in the community, which means understanding the Jew as well as various other groups.

I must confess though, that one often underestimates what God has to teach us. I not only am understanding and learning about Jews, but have developed a true admiration and appreciation for the Jew.

In addition, it has been a source of strength and growth to my own commitment. I had never realized that this course on Jews would have such an impact on my own life, as it has.

Therefore, I wish to thank you; for sharing with us that which is very dear to your heart, and the impact which it has made on my life.

I hope to teach in a mission school in Taiwan

next year. I hope to carry with me the most fundamental basic challenge you mentioned - the wave of callousness to human suffering in the world. I just pray for the strength to make a difference as a teacher.

I hope we can meet again



March 14, 1978

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I would like to express my great appreciation to you for coming to Gordon and speaking both at our modern Jewish Culture class and convocation. I came away from your lectures with a sense of a new awareness of just how important it is for us as Jews and Christians to work together in a spirit of unity. You touched many hearts while you were here Rabbi. I praise and thank God for your life and the way He's working through you. Please come back soon to Gordon!

Today Rabbah,

Lois Pagurko



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March 22, 1978

Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I would like to express my appreciation for your coming to Gordon to lecture. I attended both the lecture on Thursday afternoon and the one on Friday morning, and was deeply touched by both.

Again, thank you for sharing some of your time and thoughts with us here at Gordon.

Sincerely,

Vicki Johnson

"The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me."

—Psalm 138:8

Mr. Jamee H. Sawtelle

Gordon College

Wenham, Mass. 01984

March 21, 1978

Dear Rabbi Yanenbaum,

Here's a note to thank you for your 2 excellent addresses last week at Gordon College. I'm a senior Bible major at Gordon, and your presentations increased my appreciation for the holy book which both our religions hold sacred, and my understanding of its implications for modern Jews and Christians.

I was particularly impressed by your commitment to civil rights and human rights around the world. Certainly those of us who have committed our lives to loving and serving God ought to take a stand against injustice and cruelty, and to do whatever we can to eliminate them.

Although I've been a "born again" Christian since I was a young boy, I'm seeking a better understanding of Judaism and our common heritage in the

Rabbi Tanenbaum - 2
history of Israel. That's why I
enrolled in Dr. Wilson's Modern
Jewish Culture course. You'll be
pleased to know that it's one
of the most popular courses at
Gordon; it took me 2 years to
get into it! Our class is so
large that it meets in the
lecture hall, where you spoke
last Thursday; no other classroom
on campus is big enough to
accommodate us!

Thanks again for enriching
my understanding of our
Judaic heritage, and please visit
us again whenever you can.

God bless you. My thoughts
and prayers are with you in the
work of the American Jewish
Committee.

Shalom,

Jim Sawtelle

P. S.: How do you like my
"Bible text" stationery?

174 Cherry St.
Wenham, MA. 01984
March 27, 1978

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

Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you so very much for sharing
some important issues with the
Gordon community. It was indeed
an honor and a privilege to hear
you speak.

In reflecting upon what you pre-
sented I was reminded of Amos 5:24.

Let justice roll on like a river
and righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,



Bruce Moffatt

March 30, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

The American Jewish Committee

165 E. 56th St.

N.Y., NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I would like to express my appreciation for your recent visit to Gordon College. Thank you for taking the time to speak to us. Also your comments inside the cover of Evangelicals and Jews in Conversation are much appreciated.

Shalom,

Lavinia White

Gordon College

Wenham, MA 01884



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Monday

Dear Marc,

Thank you for Thursday
and Friday! It was a pleasure
to have you on campus & I
personally am grateful for the
opportunity to meet you. I
trust our friendship will
continue to develop.

Warm regards,
Dick



RICHARD F. GROSS
PRESIDENT



GORDON COLLEGE
WENHAM, MA

3/22/78

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I want to express my appreciation for the time that you spent at Gordon College with us. We were certainly honored to have you as our guest!

We as Christians have much to learn from you and your people and I'm thankful that both communities are beginning to open the doors of communication.

Thanks so much for your willingness to share yourself with us - you greatly enrich our lives.

With gratitude + love,
Laurie Watson



Thank You

March 21, 1978
Gordon College
Wenham, MA. 01984

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I would like to thank you for your visit to our campus last week, and for your two moving talks. As a student of Dr. Wilson's, I have been very interested in Judaism and its relationship to Christianity, and your visit to Gordon was a special experience for me, as well as for the whole college community. It is exciting to realize the common heritage, and especially the common burden, that evangelicals and Jews share.

I thank you very much for coming and speaking to our class and community.

With much appreciation,

Candy Corcoran



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March 21, 1978

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

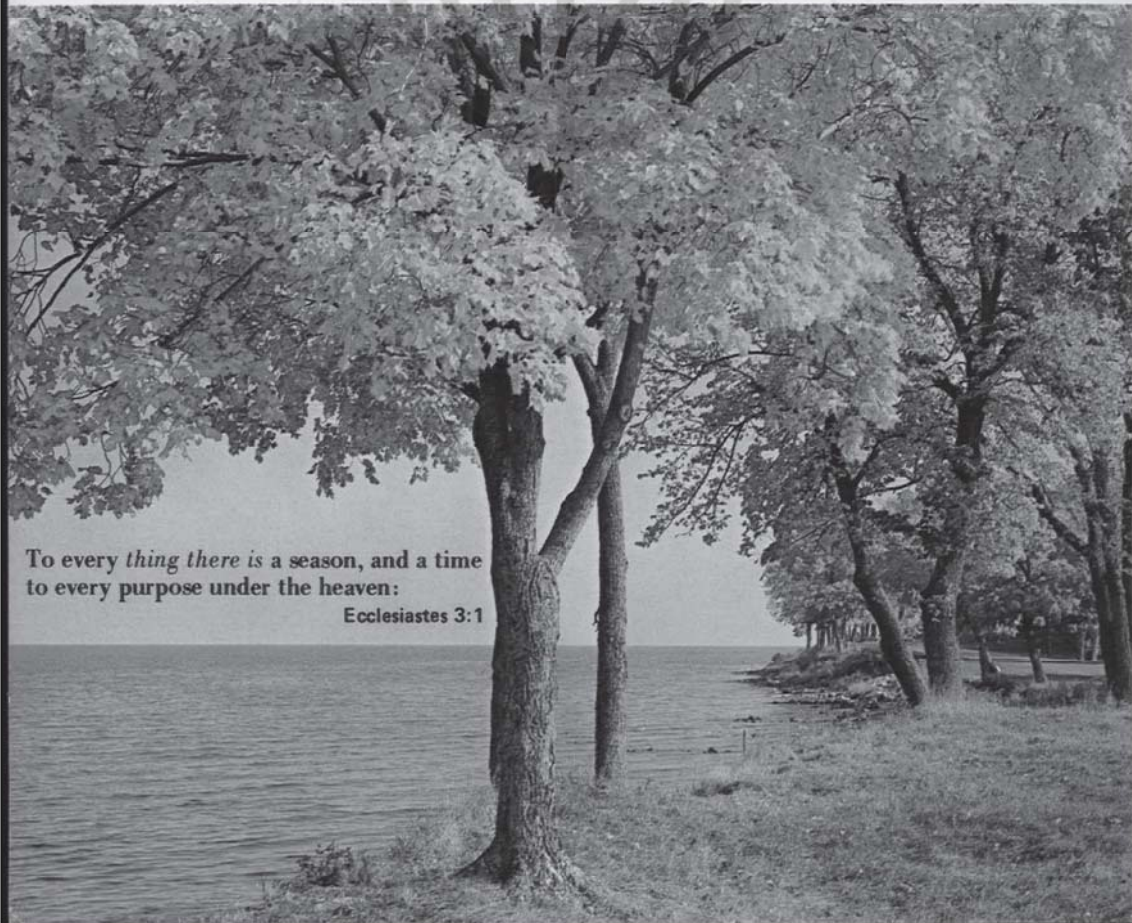
I want to thank you for your willingness to visit us here at Gordon last week and express my personal appreciation for what you had to say. It is becoming more and more clear to me how much evangelicals and Jews have in common, and how much we can learn from each other. I am looking forward to learning more about the Jewish "roots" of my faith, and I share your vision of Jews and Christians working side by side to correct injustice and poverty. Your visit set an example for all of us to be more open, aware and motivated by God's love. I sincerely hope that you experienced that love and hospitality during your time at Gordon which you gave so freely to us.

Shalom,

Barbara Doolan



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To every *thing* there is a season, and a time
to every purpose under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

March 21

Dear Rabbi Samenbaum,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your two excellent lectures here at Gordon. I was especially moved by the first one, on Thursday afternoon. I sincerely hope that CBS does the show, because I think that the whole country needs to hear what you told us!

I have lived more than half my life in predominantly Jewish towns, but I never really understood Jews or Judaism. Listening to you and being in Dr. Wilson's course have both taught me a lot about Jews. I am also learning a great deal about my Christian heritage, and that is exciting to me.

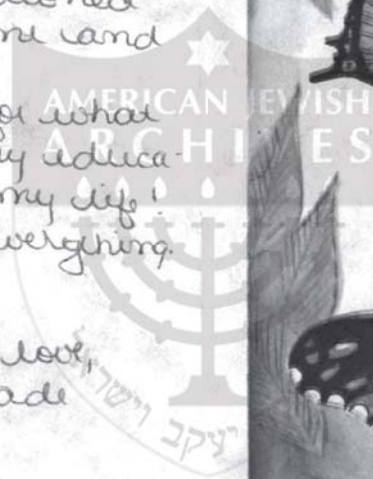
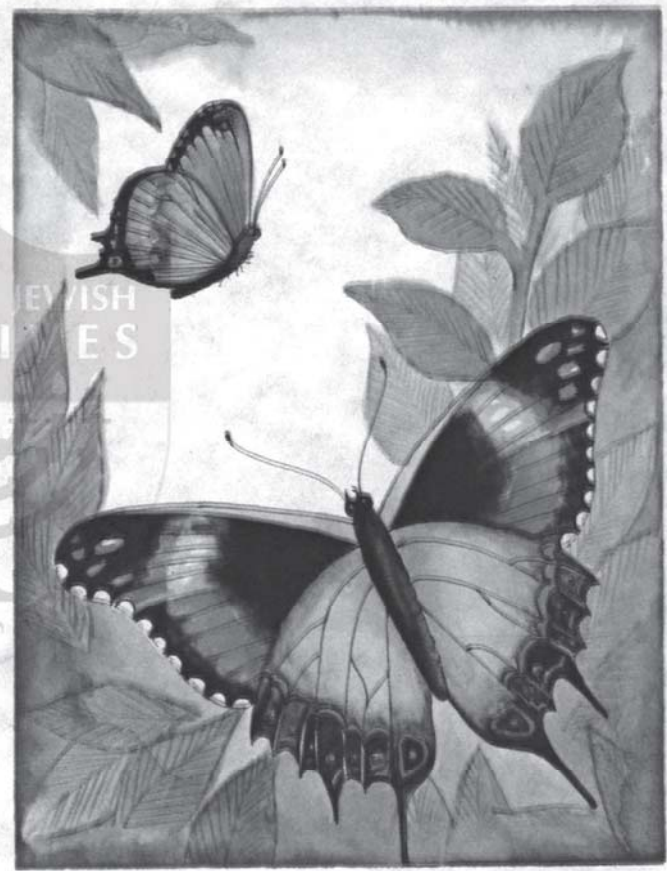
Because of my experience



here at Garden, and especially
due to the influence of Dr. Wilson,
I am planning on going to
Israel this next summer. I am
eagerly looking forward to seeing
places that were mentioned
both in the Old Testament and
the New Testament.

Again, thank you for what
you contributed to my educa-
tion, my faith, and my life!
May God bless you in everything.

In God's love,
Dana Stade



Steve Feltman

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Thanks again, and God's blessing on you and yours today!

your work.

Gordon College
Wenham, Ma. 01984
March 28, 1978

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum,

Just a note to thank you for coming to speak with us at Gordon.

On Friday morning you said that God unifies in spite of differences - and Thursday afternoon the words of compassion God gave you created among us all a genuine sense of unity and conviction.

In spite of its ubiquitous evangelicalism, Gordon



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College is a middle-class American institution - replete with the comfortable myopia that often accompanies such a condition, and your message, I know, spurred some introspection and prayer about the implications of our faith in God. For that, thank you.

Just as an aside - I really ^{enjoyed} the irony of your response last Sunday (Easter!) at Temple B'nai Abraham when I suggested that the axis mundi of the evangelical world was Wheaton, Illinois. It's very telling that it took a leading rabbi to remind me that the Christian axis mundi used to be Calvary! Oh, when will I learn?



There is a divine dream which the prophets have cherished and which fills their prayer and permeates the acts of true piety. It is a world, rid of evil by the grace of God as well as by the efforts of man, by his dedication to the task of establishing the kingship of God in this world. We should not spend our life hunting for trivial satisfactions while God is waiting constantly and keenly for our effort and devotion.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Saturday, March 18, 1978

Dear Rabbi Janenbaum,

"Todah Rabbah", once again for coming to GORDON COLLEGE to speak to us students, for I know your words were heard far beyond the corners of our minds and small community. And I thank you once again for answering all our questions straight-forwardly and quite candidly. Too often we become locked into our separate, private little worlds and daily responsibilities that we not only forget a world beyond that short-sighted ^{vision} - we ignore it ... and yet we are shocked to discover, once we venture outside our ivory towers of higher learning, that the world has literally gone on without us ... for its history never remains idle ... leaving behind all who are not within its constant flux.

I have become increasingly convinced that the statement "IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE ANSWER, YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM" is so very true. There are quite a few of us who are aware that the world at large is in pain - a real, hard, cold concrete reality - not a mere illusion or abstract of it. ~

We feel that pain in the frustration which is born out of a deep longing to reach out; to touch; to hold; to heal - to "do something...". Each time we hear a news cast, read a paper or book or see a film, it makes that ache become so real, it is almost physical, for we feel it in the very core of our beings. Isn't it incredibly ironic that when this occurs, most of us look around... just to see others groping in the same way - no one willing to take the responsibility or the initiative? For although I've been alluding to a much smaller scale, we have seen in our generation what the world has done to its vibrant, creative, involved, out-spoken prophets and leaders who have refused to "follow the throngs". In my relatively short life, I can recall the assassination of a young president; the death of Martin Luther King, Jr and with him so many of his "dreams" ... and the murder of a young senator, named Robert, who would walk the streets with the people whether it took him to Park Avenue or the poorest of ghettos - wherever + whenever he saw need - to touch, hold & caress their hurt and give hope & promise... so much of that went with him, too. I have seen the ravages & devastation as the Vietnam War took place each night on the 7 o'clock news right in my living room - and the hollow, dead expression of a friend's mother who recieved a cablegram... "he's not coming home"... (?) Caught inbetween the struggles of "where have all the flowers gone... to graveyards everyone", "we shall overcome" and "make peace, not war" we have, in each of our personal lives struggled for self-identity and a sense of reality about our God. Heschel states "Let us never forget IF GOD IS A SYMBOL, HE IS FICTION... But if GOD IS REAL, He is able to express himself unambiguously..." Long ago I realized the truth of this, for if our God is the Holy, Living God He says He is and has throughout the history of mankind revealed Himself to be, then He is God for all of humanity, and can be that reality for us all, whatever ^{wherever} life finds us in-in time, place and purpose. We need to hold on to this and if He is a Reality in our lives, - truly so - there would be no need to prod, push, beg or

cajole - For our lives as authentic Christians and Jews should reflect an image of our God - of His Love, of His Compassion and generosity. But we've become so hardened. Not very long ago I saw film foot-tage of the Hindenburg Disaster - not a Hollywood re-enactment, - but the actual foot-tage taken that horrible day, as it occurred. I couldn't believe my callousness, for although my mind kept saying "Chris, this is for REAL - those bodies burning - that pain is for REAL!", I sat and didn't flinch and my feelings were not in touch at all with what had happened. I'd been so accustomed to seeing movies of disaster upon disaster, I'd become so ambivalent to the real thing, for it seemed a movie to me...

I think this prayer sums up the beginnings of my hopes, my faith + personal goal as a "radical Christian", in a world which seems so abound at times... It is by ROBERT A. RAINES, in his book "CREATIVE BROODING"

O God, make me discontent with things
the way they are in the world,
and in my own life.
Teach me how to blush again,
for the tawdry deals,
the arrogant-but-courteous prejudice
the prickens,
the leers,
the Good Food and drink which make me
too weary to repent,
the flattery given and recieved,
my willing use of rights and privileges
other men are unfairly denied.
Make me notice the stairs when people get
spilled on. Make me care about the
slum child downtown,
the misfit at work,
the people crammed in mental hospitals,
the men, women and youth behind bars...
For my complacence; expose my excuses; get me
involved in the life of my city... and give me
integrity once more.

My prayers go with you Rabbi Janenbaum and all who try to "ignite" within our souls a burning desire to be "part of the answer", to bring a purpose in the absurdity of mundane, mediocre living and go beyond giving... for if the joy of my brother is a joy to me - can I ignore his pain suffering or sorrow?

Thank you once again for "jarring that complacency"... May the God Lord bring our paths together once again.

Most Sincerely & Respectfully

Christine Collins
Student
Gordon College

P.S. I use to think that the acquisition of "knowledge" would help me to cope with the struggles of making sense about many of our contemporary issues + values which are ever changing... However, I've found the insights I gain from study only bring things into sharper focus, greater clarity and give a deeper sense of responsibility of a soul becoming ever increasingly more aware of the individual need for commitment to God, His Law + Love, one's self and each + every person the world over. With His guidance, I pray tomorrow's sun will shine brighter because of His Infinite Hessed and what we do, each one of us, today.