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June 4, 1980

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director  
National Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, NY 10019

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

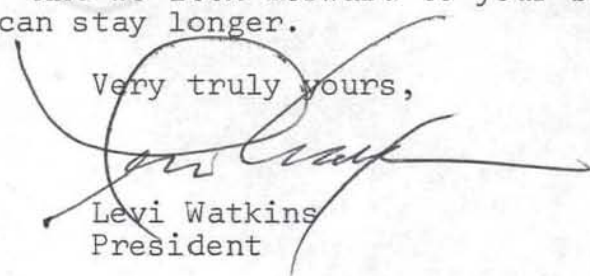
Alabama State University was especially honored to have had you as our second lecturer in our Jewish World Lecture Series.

Your lecture ranks as one of the best ever delivered at Alabama State University. We commend you for such a brilliant and timely lecture. Your impact upon all of us will be a lasting one as you brought the benefits of your scholarly learning, your wide experiences in national and international conferences and your moral appeal through involvement in so many humanitarian causes.

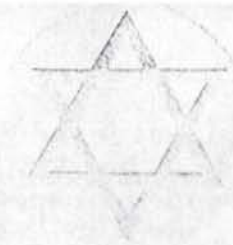
The Jewish World Lecture Series has been organized to foster greater mutual respect among different religions and minorities.

We trust that your coming will reinforce a close relationship between you, your American Jewish Committee and Alabama State University. And we look forward to your being our guest again when you can stay longer.

Very truly yours,

  
Levi Watkins  
President

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Alabama State University  
Montgomery, Alabama

The College of Sciences and Humanities  
Political Science Department  
Presents

Rabbi Marc E. Tanenbaum  
World Renowned Jewish Ecumenist  
and  
National Interreligious Affairs Director  
of  
American Jewish Committee



April 15, 1980  
7:00 p.m.  
Alabama Room  
Alabama State University

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum received the B.A., Yeshiva University, M. H. L., Jewish Theological Seminary. He has pursued advanced graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University and the New School of Social Research.

One of America's most effective and popular lecturers and orators, Rabbi Tanenbaum has lectured at major universities, seminaries, religious and educational bodies in the United States, Europe and Israel and at numerous national and international conferences. He has served as visiting professor at the Graduate Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland and has lectured at Cambridge University, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Notre Dame, Catholic University, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the U.S. Air Force University and U.S. Army War College.

He served as co-chairman of the first international colloquium on "Religion, Land, Nationalism and Peoplehood", which involved the participation of Muslims, Buddhis, Hindus, African religions, as well as Christians and Jews. He helped organize a congress of African leaders on "The Bible and Black Africa" in Jerusalem and served as co-chairman with Professor C. Eric Lincoln of the first national consultation on Black-Jewish Relations at Fisk University. He has been a major force in the promotion of social justice and human rights in organizing American Jewish Emergency Relief Effort for victims of the Nigerian-Biafran Conflict, refugees from Uganda, Sierra Leona, Cyprus, and Lebanon, Banqladesh. Also, founder and program chairman of the historic National Conference on Religion and Race, regarded as a turning point for the promotion of civil rights in the 1960's. Also, served on various Presidential, White House, and United Nations Commissions on children, the aging, race realtions and food and population problems.

## PROGRAM

Dr. Vincent Hogan, Presiding  
Chairman, Political Science Department, ASU  
and  
Jewish World Lecture Series

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### INVOCATION

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### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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### WELCOMING ADDRESS

Dr. Levi Watkins, President  
Alabama State University

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

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### INTRODUCTION OF GUEST LECTURER

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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
Preeminent World Jewish Ecumenist  
New York, NY

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### QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum's numerous works include:  
"Speaking of God Today", "Our Moral Resources  
of International Cooperation", Religious Values  
and the Future of America, "Jewish-Christian  
Dialogue", Vatican II: An Interfaith  
Appraisal, "The Star and the Cross", "Concilium,  
the International Review of Theology."

## Alabama **RELIGION**

### Top Jewish speakers in ASU lecture series

MONTGOMERY — Alabama State University is continuing its Jewish World Lecture Series during March with Rabbi Marc Tennenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee and a leading figure among Jewish ecumenists.

His March 6 discussion of "Jews and Christians on the Threshold of the 1980s" will be the second lecture in the series.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, adjunct professor of history at Columbia University, author, a foremost Jewish leader and spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El in Englewood, N.J., will lecture on April 29 on "The Holocaust and its Aftermath."

Dr. Howard Sachar of the District of Columbia, professor of history at George Washington University, author and lecturer, will speak May 6 on "The History of the Jewish People and Their Culture."

SAID DR. VINCENT HOGAN, chairman and professor of political science and chairman of the Jewish World Lecture Series at ASU:

"These lectures by preeminent rabbis, scholars and professors should foster greater mutual respect and understanding concerning and among minorities, as well as religions. Obviously our society is beyond the melting-pot theory, as each culture is unique and the different identities should be preserved.

"Thus Jewish beliefs, history and culture should be better known, understood and appreciated.

"Since the beginning of this century, many American Jews and Jewish organizations have openly joined with black Americans in struggle against religious bigotry and racial hatred. In this moral struggle, blacks and Jews have marched and died together.

"This lecture series should contribute to a reconciliation of relationships as well as a reassessment, a restoration and a reaffirmation to make a more benevolent society and world."

First speaker in the series was Rabbi B. Borowitz, professor at New York School of Hebrew Union College, who appeared in early February.

## Rabbi likens plight of Asians to Jews

By KATHY BEASLEY  
Advertiser Staff Writer

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum of New York Tuesday night compared the plight of the southeast Asian "boat people" with that of the Jews in Nazi Germany, both groups being the victims of the "epidemic of dehumanization."

Speaking at Alabama State University in the second lecture of the Jewish World series, Tanenbaum told of his experiences in visiting the refugee camps in southeast Asia and described a similar voyage of Jews escaping Germany in 1939.

Tanenbaum said he had been asked to speak on the relationship between Jews and Christians on the eve of the 1980s, but told the audience he was "far more concerned about a more central issue."

"What difference does it make to be a believer, to be a committed Christian, a committed Jew or a committed Moslem in the kind of world we live in today?" the rabbi asked.

"There is a sickness in the world...a callousness to human suffering and pain," Tanenbaum said, referring to the difficulty the 'boat people' have in finding countries that will take them in.

The rabbi told how 936 Nazi-era Jews, like the "boat people," were able to board a vessel and sail away from their homes and the suffering there. But when the Jews reached Cuba, where they had been told they would be allowed to stay, they were sent back to the sea.

After being rejected by the United States and other Latin American countries, some committed suicide

and others later found homes in Finland, England and France, he said. But those living in France were eventually rounded up by the Nazis and killed.

Many of the "boat people" of today are doomed to sailing from country to country looking for a refuge, only to be turned away and sent back to sea, Tanenbaum said.

Talking with refugees of Asia was the closest thing to talking with Jews of Nazi Germany, Tanenbaum said.

After attending a rally where participants asked that the "boat people" not be "sent back to their death," the rabbi said he "felt powerless" that the most powerful nation in the world "is not able to save a single human life."

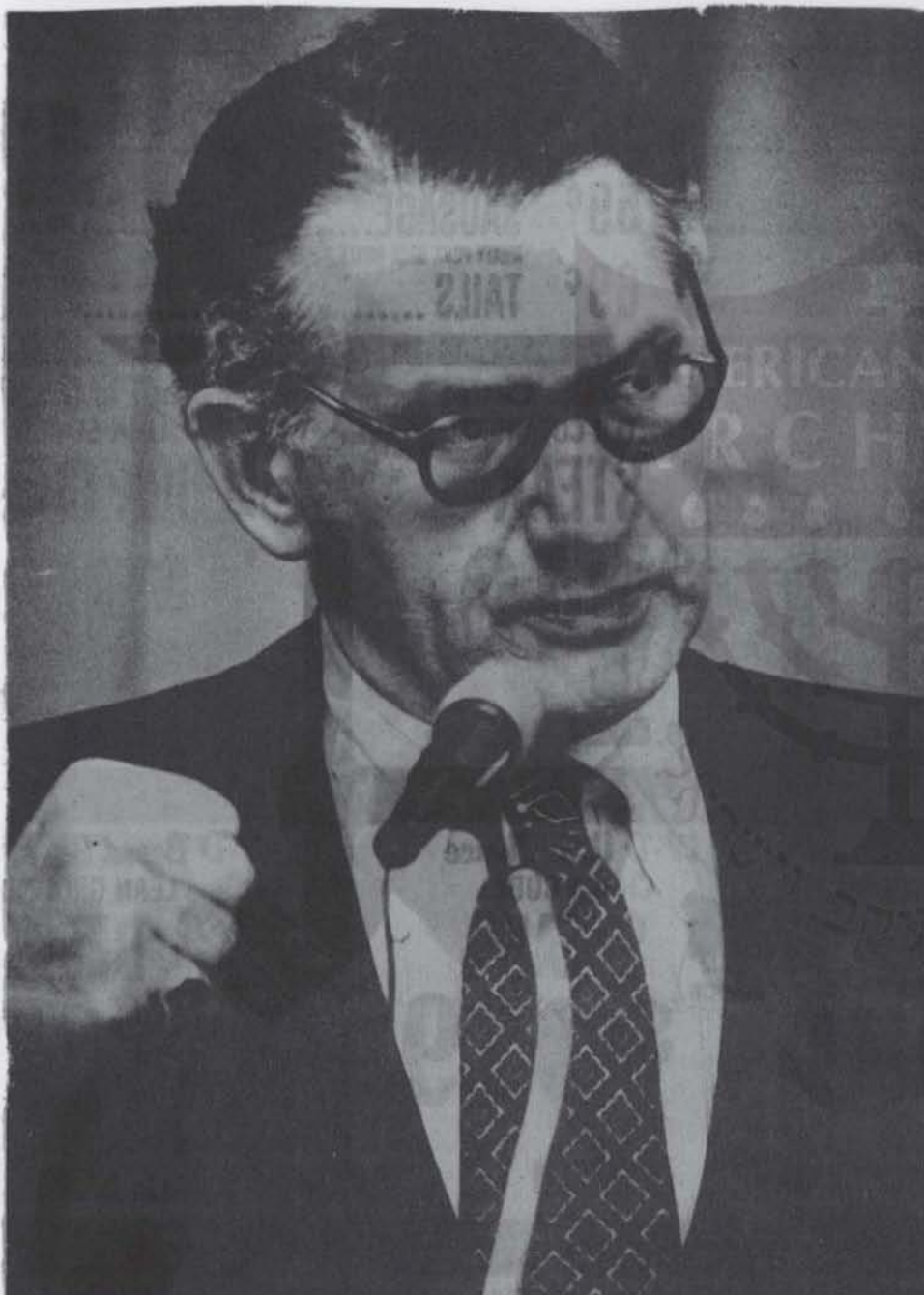
Tanenbaum said "the greatest challenge facing each of us every day" is battling the infection of dehumanization by providing more shelter and food for starving nations.

Christians and Jews should "take care of the infection while it can be dealt with," he said.

Tanenbaum said after more than 300,000 black Christians were massacred in Uganda, "The response of the world was the silence of the cemetery." No resolutions were passed by the United Nations nor any statements made by countries condemning the killings, he said.

"Human life is being made expendable everywhere," said Tanenbaum.

Jews and Christians today deserve only to be called committed if they "help relieve the plight and relieve repression" of those in need.



Tanenbaum speaking at ASU

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...denounces 'epidemic of dehumanization' in Asia, Uganda

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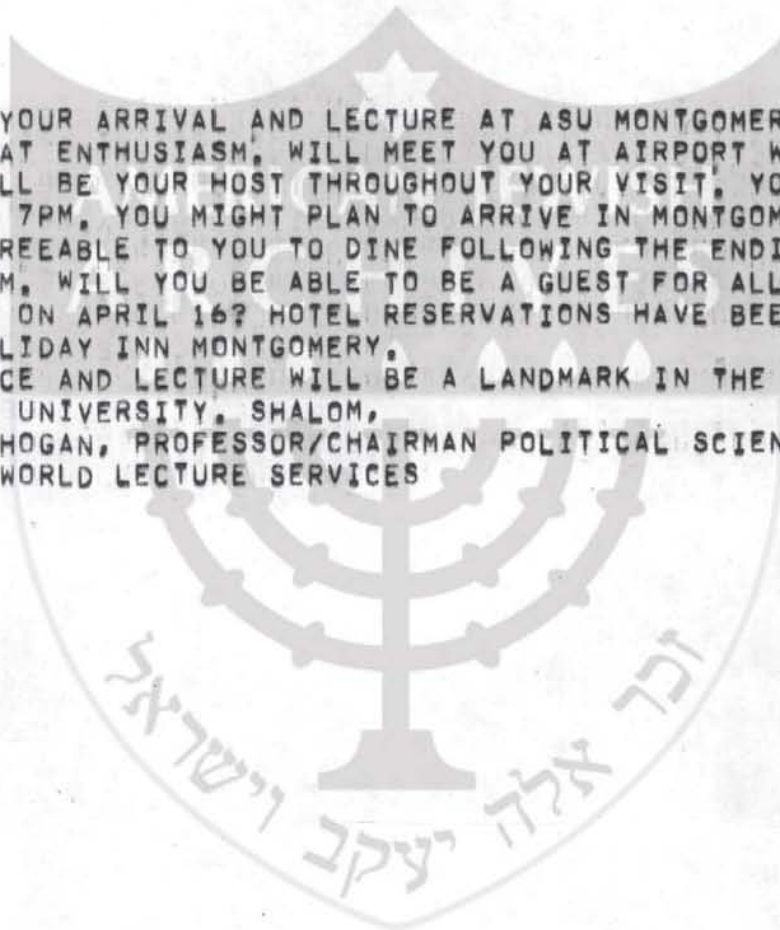
*April 15*

RABBI MARC E TANENBAUM  
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ANTICIPATING YOUR ARRIVAL AND LECTURE AT ASU MONTGOMERY APRIL 15, 1980 WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM, WILL MEET YOU AT AIRPORT WHENEVER YOU ARRIVE AND WILL BE YOUR HOST THROUGHOUT YOUR VISIT. YOUR LECTURE IS SCHEDULED FOR 7PM, YOU MIGHT PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MONTGOMERY BY 3:40PM. HOPE IT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU TO DINE FOLLOWING THE ENDING OF YOUR LECTURE AT 9PM, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO BE A GUEST FOR ALL-UNIVERSITY FORUM AT 11AM ON APRIL 16? HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR YOU AT MIDTOWN HOLIDAY INN MONTGOMERY. YOUR APPEARANCE AND LECTURE WILL BE A LANDMARK IN THE HISTORY OF ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY. SHALOM,  
DR VINCENT HOGAN, PROFESSOR/CHAIRMAN POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND JEWISH WORLD LECTURE SERVICES

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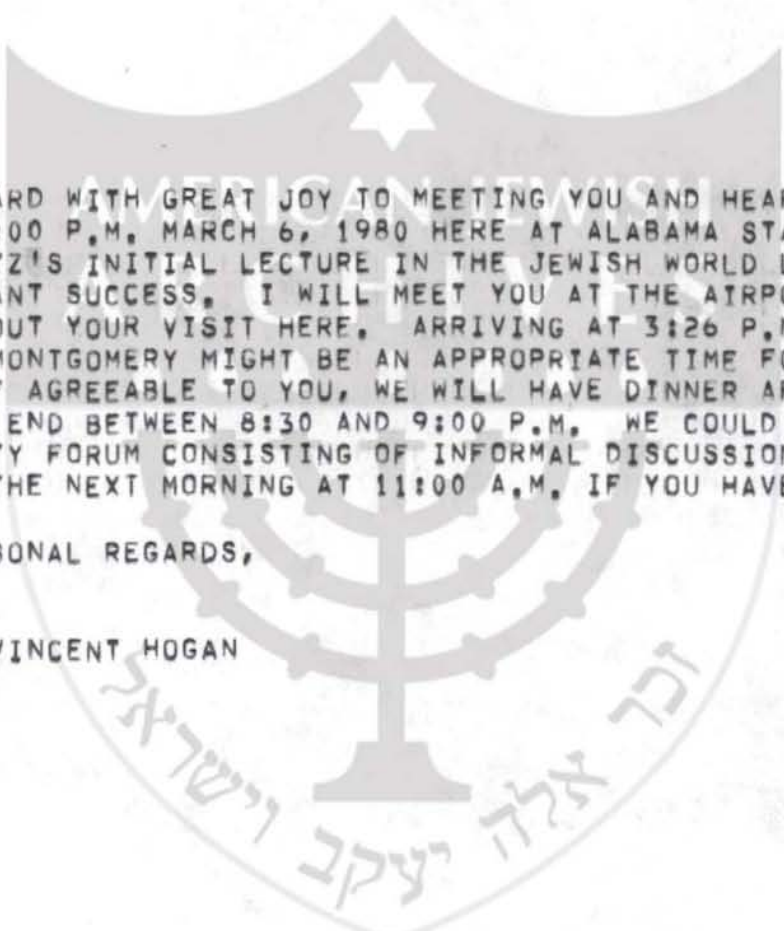
LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT JOY TO MEETING YOU AND HEARING YOUR LECTURE AT 7:00 P.M. MARCH 6, 1980 HERE AT ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY. RABBI BOROWITZ'S INITIAL LECTURE IN THE JEWISH WORLD LECTURE SERIES WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS. I WILL MEET YOU AT THE AIRPORT AND BE YOUR HOST THROUGHOUT YOUR VISIT HERE. ARRIVING AT 3:26 P.M. EASTERN AIRLINES IN MONTGOMERY MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER. IF AGREEABLE TO YOU, WE WILL HAVE DINNER AFTER THE LECTURE WHICH SHOULD END BETWEEN 8:30 AND 9:00 P.M. WE COULD HAVE AN ALL-UNIVERSITY FORUM CONSISTING OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH STUDENTS AND FACULTY THE NEXT MORNING AT 11:00 A.M. IF YOU HAVE TIME,

KINDNESS PERSONAL REGARDS,

SHALOM  
PROFESSOR VINCENT HOGAN

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*W. J. Felder*  
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January 28, 1980

Dr. Vincent Hogan, Chairman  
Department of Political Science  
Alabama State University  
915 South Jackson Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

My dear Prof. Hogan,

Thank you very much for your recent thoughtful letter.

I too look forward very much to the privilege of delivering a lecture as part of your Jewish World Lecture Series.

Responding to your request, I am pleased to send you the enclosed biographical material and photograph which you requested.

Would this title be the sort of thing you have in mind: "Jews and Christians on the Threshold of the 1980s"?

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
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Enclosures

cc: Hon. Henry Jackson

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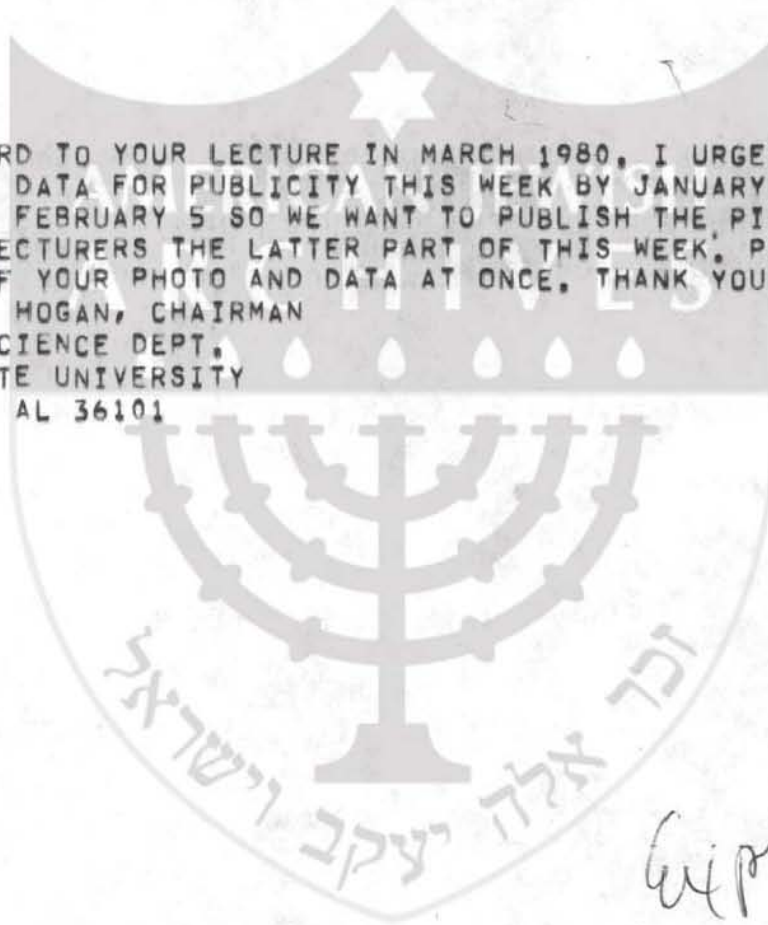
RABBI MARC TANNENBAUM  
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LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR LECTURE IN MARCH 1980, I URGENTLY NEED YOUR PHOTO AND BIO DATA FOR PUBLICITY THIS WEEK BY JANUARY 30. OUR FIRST LECTURE IS ON FEBRUARY 5 SO WE WANT TO PUBLISH THE PICTURES AND BIO DATA OF ALL LECTURERS THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK. PLEASE EXPEDITE THE SENDING OF YOUR PHOTO AND DATA AT ONCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DR. VINCENT HOGAN, CHAIRMAN  
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*on tape*

Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum  
165 East 56th St.  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

We are honored by our acceptance of your invitation to lecture at our university in our Jewish World Lecture Series. Because of your prestige and renown I know of no one whom we would rather have as a lecturer than you. It is a fulfillment of a hope and expectation.

Since the first lecture is on February 5, 1980, and we plan to prepare a brochure including the photos, biographical data, the title and dates of lecture, it would be appreciated if you would have your secretary send a picture of you as well as the bio data as soon as possible.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Vincent Hogan Ph.D.  
Chairman/Professor of  
Political Science  
Chairman of Jewish World  
Lecture Series

*Jackson, Sen Henry  
+ Alabama State Mtg*

December 17, 1979

Honorable Henry M. Jackson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

My dear Senator Jackson,

Thank you very much for your warm and thoughtful letter of December 10th.

I have already written to Dr. Vincent Hogan of Alabama State University and have accepted his kind invitation to participate in his Jewish World Lecture Series.

Quite frankly, a very important factor motivating me to accept his invitation was the knowledge of your close personal friendship with Dr. Hogan. You have been such a great friend and strong leader in every cause that concerns us as both Americans and as the Jewish community that I would want to do whatever I could to reciprocate your friendship in the most positive ways that I am capable of.

With my warmest personal good wishes for a joyous and above all a peaceful Holy Season, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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Enclosure

April 14, 1980

The Montgomery Advertiser ALABAMA JOURNAL

## Jewish Ecumenist leader to speak at ASU lecture

Rabbi Marc E. Tanenbaum, Jewish Ecumenist leader, will be the second guest lecturer in the Jewish World lecture series at Alabama State University Tuesday.

The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. on the ASU campus and is open to the public. The College of Sciences and Humanities Political Science Department is sponsoring the series.

Tanenbaum is national inter-religious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee. He was named one of the ten most respected and influential religious leaders in America in a poll of American religious-newspaper editors, ranking fourth after Dr. Billy Graham.

He has a bachelor of arts degree from Yeshiva University, M.H.L. Jewish Theological Seminary, and has done graduate work at Johns Hopkins University and New School for Social Research.

Tanenbaum participated as a Jewish Leader in The State of the Nation summit meetings at Camp David July 10, 1979, the White House Conference on Energy and Conservation and other international conferences.

In May 1976, he was appointed to serve as chairman of the Jewish-Christian Relations Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis. He is a founder and co-secretary of Joint Vatican International Jewish Consultative Committee and of a similar liaison body with the World Council of Churches.