Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
in San Antonio
Wednesday, January 23, 1980
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee, has been a pioneering leader and thinker in inter-religious relations and social justice movements during the past 25 years.

Rabbi Tanenbaum is considered one of America's most effective popular lecturers and orators and has been characterized as one of its most respected and influential religious leaders. As a major force in the promotion of social justice and human rights, he has frequently been invited to serve as Jewish spokesman for various Congressional and Senate Committee hearings, is national co-chairman of the Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry and the Interreligious Coalition on World Hunger. Also considered by many to be the "foremost Jewish ecumenical leader in the world today," Rabbi Tanenbaum is founder and co-secretary of the Joint Vatican International Jewish Consultative Committee, holds a similar position with the World Council of Churches, and in 1976 was named to serve as chairman of the Jewish-Christian Relations Commission for the New York Board of Rabbis, the oldest and largest rabbinic organization of its kind in the world.

A prolific author on subjects relating to religious values, moral resources, Jewish traditions and the Talmud, his articles, essays and monographs have been published in numerous scholarly, religious and general journals both in America and abroad. His essay on "How Modern Jews Celebrate Their History," and "Humor in the Talmud" has been published in English, French, German, Dutch, Italian and Spanish.

Rabbi Tanenbaum's lecture has been arranged through the JWB Lecture Bureau.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
AND
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invites the community to a learning experience with
RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

JEWSH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS:
HOW FAR HAVE WE COME?
at
Jewish Community Center
103 West Rampart
Wednesday, January 23, 1980 7:30 p.m.

Friends and guests invited at
no admission charge
JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS EXPERT TO SPEAK AT THE JCC

Tu B'Shavat
New Year of the Trees

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY CELEBRATION AT THE JCC
February 3, 1980 2:00 p.m.
For children: Crafts and Plant Workshop
For parents: Houseplant and Landscaping Workshop
Refreshments & "Seder" ceremony
Register now! Fee: $1.00 per person
Look for details in next Program News

SPONSORED BY JCC & DAVID MARCUS AZA

On Wednesday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m., Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum will speak at the JCC. Rabbi Tanenbaum's lecture will deal with "Jewish-Christian Relationships—How Far Have We Come? The event is open to the public at no admission charge.

Rabbi Tanenbaum has been described as the "foremost Jewish ecumenical leader in the world today." In a poll of America's religious newspaper editors published in the Christian Century, he was voted as one of the ten most respected and influential religious leaders in America.

Rabbi Tanenbaum served as the American Jewish consultant to the NBC-TV 'special' dramatizing "The Holocaust" as well as the 'special' "Jesus of Nazareth." He is a founder and co-secretary of the Joint Vatican International Jewish Consultative Committee and of a similar liaison body with the World Council of Churches. Rabbi Tanenbaum has directed the landmark religious research studies examining intergroup content in Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish teaching materials in the U.S., Italy, Spain, French-speaking countries, Germany and Latin America. These studies have been the basis of the revision of virtually all negative stereotypes in the textbooks produced in the 1970's.

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THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT presents
A FAMILY OUTING to the
31ST ANNUAL SAN ANTONIO

STOCK SHOW & RODEO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1980
Bus departs JCC: 1:30 p.m.
Tickets: $7.00
(includes transportation)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEB. 1
Must be accompanied by payment.
MEMBERS ONLY
SINGLE PARENTS PRESENTS
Dr. Lewis Richmond
Clinical Professor of Psychiatry,
University of Texas Health Science Center and Coordinator, Adolescent Services, Bexar County Community Guidance Center.

TOPIC: "ADOLESCENCE"
Thursday, January 17, 1980 - 7:00 p.m.
at the
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
$1.00/M
$2.00/NM

ADULT DRIVING INSTRUCTION
A program of driving instruction for adults is now being readied. Enrollment will be limited. Any adult interested in this program should call the Center, 344-3453, for further information.

DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM
Register now for the Driver Education class beginning January 21 and February 25 at the Jewish Community Center, 103 W. Rampart. The program is open to all San Antonio high school age youth 15 years of age or older.

Phase I classes are held for 4½ weeks, Monday through Thursday, from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. Fees are $28 for members and $38 for non-members and is high-school accredited and licensed by the State.

Phase II, the "Behind the Wheel" phase, offers 16 hours of instruction after regular school hours on a continuous basis to any student who has completed Phase I whether taken at the Center or not.

SPECIALIZED PARENTING SERIES
The JCC and Jewish Family Service will co-sponsor a parenting group for parents of elementary school age children, at the Center.

Led by Ruth Fagan, MSW, Family Counselor at the Jewish Family Service, the series will include physical and psychosocial development of children in this age group, effective discipline, sibling relationships, school pressures, peer relationships, sex education and how to promote responsible decision-making by the child. The sessions will incorporate information from a variety of professional sources, as well as provide input from other professionals in the community. Although emphasis will be upon group discussion, films and outside reading material will be used.

PARENTING THE ELEMENTARY CHILD
(Ages 5-11)
DATES: Tuesday, February 12 thru Tuesday, March 18
6 sessions
TIME: 10:00-11:30 a.m.
FEE: $12/M; $24/NM
REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 20
DEADLINE: February 5, 1980

PLAUDITS

The following letter was written to the JCC Child Care students:

Dear Children:

Thank you so much for making the beautiful menorahs for our new American families. For many of these people it is the first time that they have had the opportunity to celebrate Hanukkah. Your gifts were beautiful and our families were happy to get them.

Happy Hanukah to all of you.

Very truly yours,

Meri Rosenblatt
and the Russian Families
Dear Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum:

The Commanding General of Fort Gordon has expressed to me his desire to have this post community specifically involved in the "Boat People" program. He seems to have in mind that we can embark upon a program of group sponsorship of refugee families. But his perception and the one that I shared with him is, that generally speaking, the people here are not highly motivated at the present time. Therefore, he has suggested to me that something should be done to stimulate a greater interest throughout the community.

I was so impressed with your presentations at the recent TRADOC/FORSCOM Conference that when he made the suggestion, I immediately thought of you. In that connection, we wonder if you could make yourself available to appear at Fort Gordon during the latter part of January 1980 to make some presentations to our community, similar to the ones that you made at the conference. I feel this would be most helpful to us in trying to get something started here.

As you perhaps realize, we have a vast number of resources that we could apply to this program once we get people excited about it. One of the factors in your favor as my choice is that you have had direct "on-the-ground" experience with this problem and would speak with greater credibility than a number of others that we might ask to come. If this will be possible with your very busy schedule, I think that we could arrange to take care of your expenses and perhaps an honorarium, if that be one of your requirements.

Incidentally, I spoke to our Jewish Auxiliary Chaplain, Rabbi Norman M. Goldburg, Rabbi Emeritus of the Walton Way Temple in nearby Augusta, and he tells me that your presence here would be received enthusiastically by the entire Jewish Community and we could arrange some opportunities
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

for you to speak to that community while here. In any event, I would appreciate a response from you either by telephone or letter as soon as possible. My telephone numbers are (404) 791-4683, 791-4737, or 791-2311. Any correspondence should be addressed to me as Center Chaplain, USASC&FG, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

MITCHELL C. JOHNSON
Chaplain (COL), USA
Center Chaplain
RABBIS STERN AND WEINTRAUB TO SPEAK ON
“CONTEMPORARY JEWISH ISSUES”

On four Wednesday evenings in January and February, Rabbi Stern and Rabbi Weintraub will jointly lead a course entitled “Contemporary Jewish Issues.” The series is part of the Temple’s Adult Education Program, which has as this year’s theme: “The Jewish Experience in America – From Generation to Generation.” Each session will be conducted from 8:30 until 10 P.M.

There will be a new format of this year’s series by the Rabbis. Each week, one of the Rabbis will address the topic for that evening for approximately thirty minutes. Following the presentation, both Rabbis will exchange views on that theme for approximately 15 minutes. The remainder of the time will be devoted to an open discussion between the Rabbis and those in attendance.

The topics will be presented in the following sequence:
- January 14, 1980 – “Interfaith Marriage”
- January 21 – “Anti-Semitism and the Far Right”
- January 28 – “The American Jewish Community and Israel”
- February 4 – “Universalism and Particularism”

RABBI MARC TANENBAUM AND THE AJC

After the scholar-in-residence weekend with Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum many of our members wanted to know more about his role with the American Jewish Committee and about the Committee itself.

Founded in 1906, it is the oldest human relations agency in the country. In addition to its involvement in interreligious affairs, the Committee supports a professional staff that meets with lay leaders throughout the US in order to educate and develop policies and positions on major issues concerning Jews such as: Israel and the Middle East; Soviet Jewry; human rights and the United Nations; foreign affairs; lawlessness, violence and terrorism; energy; social goals, health and welfare; education; civil liberties; Jewish continuity, identity and Jewish education.

Rabbi Tanenbaum is the Director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee. Perhaps more than any other single person, he, through his frank and informative exchanges with Protestant leaders, has helped to clarify what are the permanent and authentic concerns separating these two religious communities and what they hold in common. This past December at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, he served as a co-sponsor of a national conference of Evangelical Christians and Jews, including scholars, theologians, clergyman, and religious educators from both faith communities who gathered together to discuss such matters as a Jewish view of the New Testament, an Evangelical Christian View of Hebrew Scriptures, Jerusalem in Biblical and Theological Tradition, and Proselytizing.

In addition, as a senior staff member of the AJC, he write, speaks, and works with national and local leaders to protect the position of Jews in American society, opposing quotas, combating anti-semitism, and helping to build new alliances with minorities and ethnic groups on common social concerns. He and his staff have also been actively involved in creating and supporting the Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, which helps mobilize world opinion against official Soviet policies that prevent Jews from emigrating, and opposes the repression of religious freedom of those who remain in the Soviet Union. With the aid of the Committee’s office in Jerusalem, Rabbi Tanenbaum works to improve the relations between Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel, often in cooperation with the Israeli government.

For those who would like additional information, The American Jewish Committee maintains an office in White Plains. Inquiries about all aspects of the work of The American Jewish Committee may be directed to Bernice Newman, Regional Director, at the office, 48 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains or by phone, 948-5585.

Jerome S. Koch