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**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.

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RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS:  
HOW FAR HAVE WE COME?

at

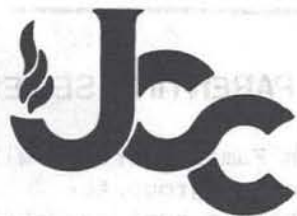
Jewish Community Center  
103 West Rampart

Wednesday, January 23, 1980

7:30 p.m.

Friends and guests invited at  
no admission charge





# Program News

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## JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS EXPERT

### — TO SPEAK AT THE JCC

SPONSORED BY JCC & DAVID MARCUS AZA

### 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

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 liason 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

# 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.

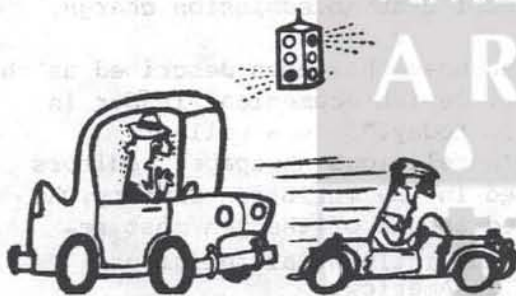
FEE: \$12/M; \$24/NM

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 20

DEADLINE: February 5, 1980



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## 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.

## PLAUDITS



The following letter was written to the 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 Hanukah. 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





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29 November 1979

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

Dear Rabbi 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. Goldberg, 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

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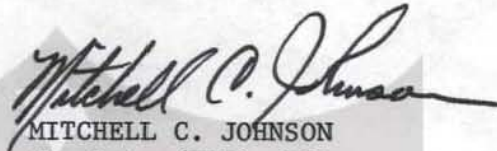
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

29 November 1979

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





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## JEWISH AND ISRAELI SUMMER PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR TEMPLE YOUTH

For everyone interested in a summer of fun and excitement, NFTY, The National Federation of Temple Youth, offers a variety of Jewish oriented programs which should be of interest to all. Included are programs in the United States and Israel, ranging from four to eight weeks, and concentrating on all areas of Jewish life.

The NFTY National Academy and Torah Corps will be held at the UAHC Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York. The program involves elective studies of Jewish intellectual and cultural fields in the mornings, and recreational activities in the afternoons. No great knowledge of Hebrew is required. These programs are open to high school aged youth.

The Joseph Eisner Camp-Institute for Living Judaism at Great Barrington, Massachusetts, offers a total camping program for grades 3 thru 11, and staff entering grade 12 and up. A full range of sports, arts, and Judaic programs is offered on the camp's 630 acres of camp grounds. The Eisner experience has become a leader in innovative camping and creative Jewish living.

NFTY also offers a variety of summer programs in Israel. Six week programs include the Mitzvah Corps, the Israel Academy, Confirmation Class Study Tour, Archaeological Seminar and Ulpan program. Longer programs (6 months to a year) include the Eisendrath International Exchange Program, and a Work-Study Program. Each program includes travel throughout Israel and a Kibbutz experience.

Brochures on all these programs are available at the Temple office. For further details, contact Rabbi Weintraub at the Temple.

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



Rabbi Jack Stern, Jr.



Rabbi Peter Weintraub

### 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, clergymen, 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 writes, speaks, and works with national and local leaders to protect the position of Jews in American society, opposing quotas, combatting 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