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Lewis & Clark College

May 27, 1981

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Ruth and I would be pleased to have you join the platform party for this year's commencement day luncheon in Dubach Dining Room, Templeton College Center, 12:30 p.m., immediately following the baccalaureate services on Sunday, June 14.

Please let us know if it is not possible for you to attend this luncheon (244-6161, Ext. 500). (OK)

Cordially,


John R. Howard

JRH/lj

Office of the President

Portland, Oregon 97219
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April 24, 1981

Dr. George F. Aberlé
Office of the Chaplain
Lewis & Clark College
Portland, Oregon 97219

Dear George,

Thank you very much for your recent thoughtful letter. My rather hectic travel and lecture schedule has prevented my responding to you before now.

As for the title, I would suggest something like "Moral Challenges in the Decade of the 1980s."

As for the Scripture passage, I would suggest Isaiah 58.

I look forward with much pleasure to renewing our friendship on June 14th.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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Lewis & Clark College

March 3, 1981

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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 E. 56th St.
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Marc:

Thankyou for your willingness to be our Baccalaureate speaker on Sunday morning, June 14th. Please purchase your ticket to Portland as soon as possible and let us know the cost so that we can send you a check.

The student Baccalaureate Committee has chosen as its general theme which they hope you will address "Holding on to ethical/moral integrity in a materialistic world". Obviously this is too long to be your topic or to appear on the program, but in what we know of you and the challenge we wish to bring to the senior class this is the general area in which we would like you to make your remarks.

When you do have a specific topic and any scripture passages or other material you would like to have included, please let us know.

The committee is planning a slide show with pictures of seniors at Lewis and Clark, special music, and prayers for the rest of the service.

Peace and Joy!

George F. Aberle
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February 26, 1981

Dr. George F. Aberle
Chaplain
Lewis & Clark College
Portland, Oregon 97219

My dear George,

Thank you very much for your warm and thoughtful invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate Address at Lewis & Clark College on Sunday, June 14, 1981.

It appears that that date is clear for me and I am therefore happy to accept.

I will be honored to receive the honorary degree of your distinguished College.

Let's be in touch with each other as we come closer to that date about other details.

With warmest good wishes and my prayers for God's richest blessings over you, I am,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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cc: Ernest Weiner

bc: Bill Trosten
H. Applebaum
S. Bahat
G. DuBow

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January 28, 1981

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 E. 56th St.
New York, N. Y. 10022



Dear Marc:

It was great to talk with you today and this will extend to you formally an invitation to be the Baccalaureate speaker at 10 am, Sunday morning June 14th, 1981. I understand that this still may not be possible for you, but that you will let me know early next week. President Howard is delighted at the possibility of your coming and has authorized me to let you know that we intend to confer on you an honorary degree, subject to the approval of the trustees. We both expect that to be an enthusiastic "yes".

Of course, all your expenses will be covered, and I need to know what you would require as an honorarium.

Our student committee will be delighted and we will forward to you the committee's ideas about Baccalaureate as you plan your remarks.

Peace and Joy!

George F. Aberle

GFA/dj

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Chamberlin

2610 S.E. Regner Road
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June 8, 1981

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum,
165 E. 56th St.,
New York, N.Y. - 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum -

Mrs. Chamberlin and I are delighted to know of your coming visit to Portland under the auspices of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, on the subject, "Jewish-Christian Relations in Transition". Due to our physical limitations we will not be able to be in attendance, but our prayers are with you, and with the Conference, on this very important matter.

Your lecture last Fall at Lewis and Clark College was the high-light of the annual series on "Social Imperatives of the Judeo-Christian Faiths".

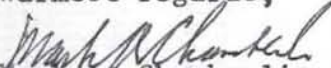
As yet the Lectureship has not had the funding for which we had hoped. We started with the idea of a single annual lecture but are now thinking in terms of two lectures over a three day period, annually, if funding permits. We would also like to be able to provide for a Lecturer in Residence for a term or two, alternating between the Jewish and Christian Faiths, in keeping with the expressed purpose of the series.

While my wife and I are firm believers in the necessity of the uprightness and integrity of the individual, in close relation with the Eternal, we are equally confident there is no "salvation" of the human race without the base so firmly established over the centuries by the people of the Judeo-Christian Faiths.

Enclosed is a booklet I picked up ^{at} a "Key Shop" located on the huge parking lot of one of the Northwest's largest super-markets - Fred Meyer. Checking it on my return home I found it to be one of the most distorted interpretations of the Book of Revelations I had ever seen. Everyone who does not believe in Jesus Christ is to be thrown into a lake of fire lasting for eternity, and all Jews are to be killed. Phoning the shop I enquired as to the organization distributing the booklets. "We do" said the voice on the other end of the line. "We are Christians. Wait and I will call my boss." On protesting to the boss, he replied, "We are Christians, we believe the Bible" "Do you believe that passage in Psalms, "Blessed is he that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones, I asked. "Wait until I get my Bible," he said, then asked "where are the Psalms, in the Old or the New Testament?"

This type of religiosity is more prevalent in Oregon and the U.S., I believe, than most of us are aware. Your presence here is sorely needed.

Warmest regards,


Mark A. Chamberlin