August 20, 1981

Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum
American Jewish Comm.
165 East 56th Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Marc:

I am delighted to have your phone call and to know that you will be our Scholar-In-Residence for the weekend of November 13-15.

In trying to discern the best theme, capitalizing on your familiarity with the trends and currents in the world of inter-religious communication, I would perhaps suggest that the topics might be as follows:

"Tensions Over Israel"
"Where are Today's Seedbeds of Anti-Semitism?"
"Our Interrelationships with the Vatican, with the Blacks, with the Third World"

As a general topic, the whole series might be "The Jewish Position in the World Today."

Our format would include a discourse at the Friday evening service at 8:30 (I would like you to be my Shabbat dinner guest that evening.), Saturday evening, a discourse at 4:30 preceding the Havdalah Service at 5:30, and Sunday morning at 10:15 following a breakfast.

If you will react to my letter and delineate in what sequence you would like to make your presentation, or any other ideas on how this should be put, or any alternate suggestions as to the very nature of the series and your subject, please feel free to do so. I know you have wide experience and know what you like to do and how it is best done.

The Jewish Agenda in the 1980s

1) Jews and the World Community
2) Israel Among the Nations
3) The Jewish Majority - Challenge or Threat?
You are listed here as a Scholar, of course, because of your outstanding competence in this field in which you are engaged.

Also, I would very much like to have your full press release data so that we can use it for publicity, and a half dozen glossy pictures.

We will agree to the $2,000 honorarium.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Amiel Wohl

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Scholar-In-Residence

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee
Distinguished Rabbi, Pioneer Leader and Thinker in Interreligious Relations and Social Justice movements.

His theme for the weekend will be:

“THE JEWISH AGENDA IN THE 1980’s”

The Public is Welcome.
There is no fee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 8 p.m. (Note earlier time)
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Tanenbaum will discuss “Jews & the World Condition’
Oneg Shabbat to follow

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
4:30 p.m. Rabbi Tanenbaum will discuss “Israel Among the Nations”
5:30 p.m. Havdalah Service
Refreshments to follow

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:15 a.m. Brief Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Rabbi Tanenbaum will discuss:
“The Moral Majority — Challenge or Threat?”

Question & Answer period following each discussion.
The Scholar-In-Residence Weekend was created as a most appropriate memorial to a woman who was beautiful, radiant and gracious — Anne Marie Manasse. A student of Judaism here at Temple Israel, her uninterrupted love of Jewish learning is expressed from year to year through this Lectureship.

Her interests in the world Jewish scene and interreligious ideas are expressed in life work and message of our Scholar-In-Residence.

1981 Anne Marie Manasse Scholar-In-Residence

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

A modern historian, characterized Rabbi Tanenbaum as “the leading figure among Jewish ecumenists” in fields of interreligious relations and social justice. 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.” In a cover story entitled “The Ten Most Powerful Rabbis,” New York magazine described Rabbi Tanenbaum as “the foremost Jewish ecumenical leader in the world today.”
November 9, 1981

Dear Marc:

Our service Friday evening will take approximately 45 minutes, and then you will be on with your lecture and a discussion following.

Can you meet me in my Study at 7:45?

Sincerely,

Rabbi Amiel Wohl

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