Box 109, Folder 3, Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman Interfaith Memorial Seminar for Clergy and Lay Leaders [Saint Louis, Mo.]. 14 April 1983.
You are cordially invited to attend
The Rabbi Isserman Interfaith Memorial Seminar
For Clergy and Lay Leaders
Thursday, April 14, 1983
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Temple Israel
10675 Ladue Road
(Enter on Ladue Road between Lindbergh and Spoede)

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
1898-1972

A positive ecumenical climate drew Rabbi Isserman to St. Louis in 1929. During a distinguished 34-year career as spiritual leader of Temple Israel, he was in the forefront of furthering interfaith relations and championing social justice.

Joining with his friends, Bishop Scarlett and Dean Sweet of the Episcopal Diocese, Bishop Holt of the Methodist Church, and others, the Social Justice Commission of St. Louis was formed in the early years of his ministry in St. Louis. Their accomplishments included the settling of a street car strike and a strike of milkmen. They also met with John L. Lewis and the coal miners of Illinois to assist in resolving disagreements with mine owners.

In 1948, Rabbi Isserman started the first interracial school in St. Louis, The Nursery Foundation — a place where working mothers could leave their children. There were some in the community who were not ready for what seemed like a drastic move at that time.

With the rise of Hitler, the threat of Nazism became one of his preoccupations. In the face of grave personal risk, he made three trips to Germany and returned to alert Americans to the Nazi danger.

Rabbi Isserman often said his inspiration for his rabbinate came from the prophets of Israel. For 22 years, he was heard each Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:15 on Radio Station KSD.
PROGRAM

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Registration

9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
Tour of Temple Israel (optional)

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Welcome and Invocation — Rabbi Alvan D. Rubin, Temple Israel

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH RELATIONS
Presiding: The Most Rev. Joseph M. May, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis
Keynote Addresses:
- Bishop A. James Armstrong, President, National Council of Churches of Christ in America
- Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, National Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Luncheon
"Pioneers in Interfaith Progress in St. Louis — a Reflection"
The Rev. Paul S. McElroy, Charter Member of the Interfaith Clergy Council in St. Louis and Past President of the Metropolitan Church Federation
"A Remembrance"
J. Arthur Baer, II, President, Baer Enterprises

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY AND HUMAN NEED IN THE ST. LOUIS REGION
Coordinator: Dr. James H. Laue, Director, Center for Metropolitan Studies, UMSL

A. Clergy as Change Agents
Moderator: Rabbi Susan Talve, Assistant Rabbi, Temple Shaare Emeth

Resources:
- Dr. Joseph McEwen, Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church
- Magr. Joseph O'Brien, Director, Radio and Television Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- Dr. Malcolm Warford, President, Eden Seminary

B. Employment and Economic Development
Moderator: George T. Guerney, III, Consultant and Former President, Commerce Bank

C. Housing
Moderator: Rabbi Jerome W. Grollman, Rabbi, United Hebrew Congregation

Resources:
- Rabbi Jerome W. Grollman, Senior Rabbi, United Hebrew Congregation
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- The Rev. Buck Jones, Director, Operation Live and Staff Minister, Metro Mission for United Church of Christ
- Magr. John Shocklee, Pastor of Sts. Genevieve duBois Roman Catholic Church and Director, Archdiocesan Office of Human Rights

D. Hunger
Moderator: Dr. Kenneth Gottman, Executive Director, United Methodist Metro Ministry

Resources:
- Dr. Kenneth Gottman, Executive Director, United Methodist Metro Ministry
- Harlow (Bill) Donovan, Executive Director, Food Crisis Network
- Dr. Kenneth Gottman, Executive Director, United Methodist Metro Ministry

E. Race Relations
Moderator: Rev. Dr. Arthur Freeman, Partner in Freeman, Whitleaf, Montgomery and Walton, and former Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

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F. The Role of the Church and Synagogue in Meeting Human Need
Moderator: Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs, Executive Vice President, St. Louis Rabbinical Association

Resources:
- J. Arthur Baer, II, President, Baer Enterprises
- William Douthit, Executive Director, Urban League of St. Louis
- James O'Flynn, President, Regional Commerce and Growth Association

H. Next Steps in Interfaith Activities in St. Louis
Moderator: O'Ray Graber, Regional Director, National Conference of Christians and Jews

Resources:
- Rabbi Bruce Diamond, Congregation Kol Am
- The Rev. Cyrus Keller, Presiding Elder, Columbia-St. Louis District of the AME Church
- Father Ronald Modras, Professor of Theological Studies, St. Louis University

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Closing Plenary
Dialogue with Bishop Armstrong and Rabbi Tanenbaum
Closing Worship
Dr. John Tietjen, President, Christ Seminary - SEMINEX

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Tour of Temple Israel (optional)

Kindly fill out the enclosed card indicating your workshop preference and mail along with your check for registration. Registration fee (including lunch) is $50.00.