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Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director of International Relations of the American Jewish Committee, has a long and distinguished career in international human rights, world refugee, world hunger and foreign relations concerns. Rabbi Tanenbaum has been designated in a recent national poll as "one of the ten most influential and respected religious leaders in America."

Rabbi Tanenbaum is a founder and leading member of the joint liaison committee of the Vatican Secretariat on Catholic-Jewish Relations and the International Jewish Committee for Inter-religious Consultations, and of a similar body with the World Council of Churches. He was the only rabbi at Vatican Council II, and participated in the first official audience of World Jewish leaders with Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. He was also the first Jewish leader to address 4,000 delegates attending the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Vancouver in July 1983.



The Department of Jewish Education
New Haven Jewish Federation
The Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven
Congregation B'nai Jacob Men's Club

cordially invite you to participate in the

**THIRD ANNUAL
RABBI ARTHUR A. CHIEL MEMORIAL
JEWISH PUBLIC AFFAIRS SEMINAR**

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Keynote Speaker
"Jewish Unity - Threats and Challenges"

Sunday, March 9

Congregation B'nai Jacob, Rimmon Road, Woodbridge

9:00 a.m. - Minyan

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - Keynote Address

Friday evening topic:

"Is Religious Fanaticism On The Rise?"

Services 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum will also be the Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation B'nai Jacob on Friday evening, March 7, and Saturday morning, March 8, in conjunction with the Rabbi Arthur A. Chiel Memorial Seminar.

Saturday morning topic:

"The Jewish Agenda In The 1980's"

Services 9:30 a.m.

Overnight arrangements in Kosher homes available for Shabbat. Please call Congregation B'nai Jacob at 389-2111. For additional information, please call either The Department of Jewish Education, 562-3163; or the New Haven Jewish Community Center, 865-5181.

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DR. MICHAEL MENITOFF, RABBI

February 28, 1986

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

Dear Marc,

It was a pleasure to have spoken with you by phone a couple of weeks ago. All of us are eagerly looking forward to your being with us next Shabbat, the weekend of March 7, 8, and 9.

Pursuant to our conversation, I will assume you will come by train and I shall pick you up at the station. Please let me know the time of your arrival.

You will be staying at the New Haven Motor Inn, 100 Pond Lily Avenue, New Haven, CT, telephone 203-387-6651.

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Friday night dinner will be at our home at 6 o'clock. We will be honored to have you as our guest. Among the other guests, incidentally, will be the immediate past president of the New Haven Jewish Federation, Bill Shure, who more than anyone else, was instrumental in setting up the public affairs seminar in memory of my predecessor, Rabbi Chiel.

Services, as you see from the enclosed flier, are at 8:15, and your topic is, as listed (as determined from one of your earlier letters along with subsequent topics). You will be introduced by Al Susman, President of B'nai Jacob.

For Shabbat morning, I am told the Motor Inn serves a complimentary continental breakfast. Should you wish a more substantial breakfast, let me know when we talk during the week, and I will make appropriate arrangements. Saturday morning Services begin, as you see, at 9:30, and your topic is as listed. You will be introduced by Bill Shure, mentioned above. We are making arrangements for lunch that will not be of great length in order to provide time for Shabbat rest.

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At 4:15, my wife Roz and I will host you at a Seudah Shleesheet at our home to which many of the congregation and community leaders have been invited. Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served. I will introduce you to the group and ask that you respond to questions people may have, either related to your previous talks, or otherwise. The Seudah Shleesheet will end by 6:15 or 6:30. We have left the evening open and will be responsive to your suggestions.

The Sunday morning program is as listed on the flier. While the minyan is at 9:00, and breakfast at 9:30, your talk will actually begin around 10:15. Seated with you at the head table will be: Dr. Marshall Greenberg, Chairman of Adult Education for the New Haven Jewish Federation; Jimmy Shure, President of the Jewish Community Center; Al Susman, President of Congregation B'nai Jacob; Mrs. Kinneret Chiel; myself; Richard Epstein, Vice President of Men's Club; H. William Shure, immediate past president of the New Haven Jewish Federation (in the absence of Milt Wallack who will be out of the country); Cantor Joshua Konigsberg; and Joseph Croog. It will be my pleasure to introduce you and to call on people for discussion after the talk. Shall we assume your talk will conclude by 11:15, and then allow about 20 minutes beyond for discussion with the audience?

At your convenience, we shall bring you back to the train station after what we know will be a most gratifying weekend for us, and we hope for you also.

If there is anything we can do to make your stay as comfortable and as pleasant as it might, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Looking forward to talking with you on the phone and then seeing you at the end of the week, I remain

Biyididut,

Michael

Rabbi Michael Menitoff

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January 9, 1986

Rabbi Michael Menitoff

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

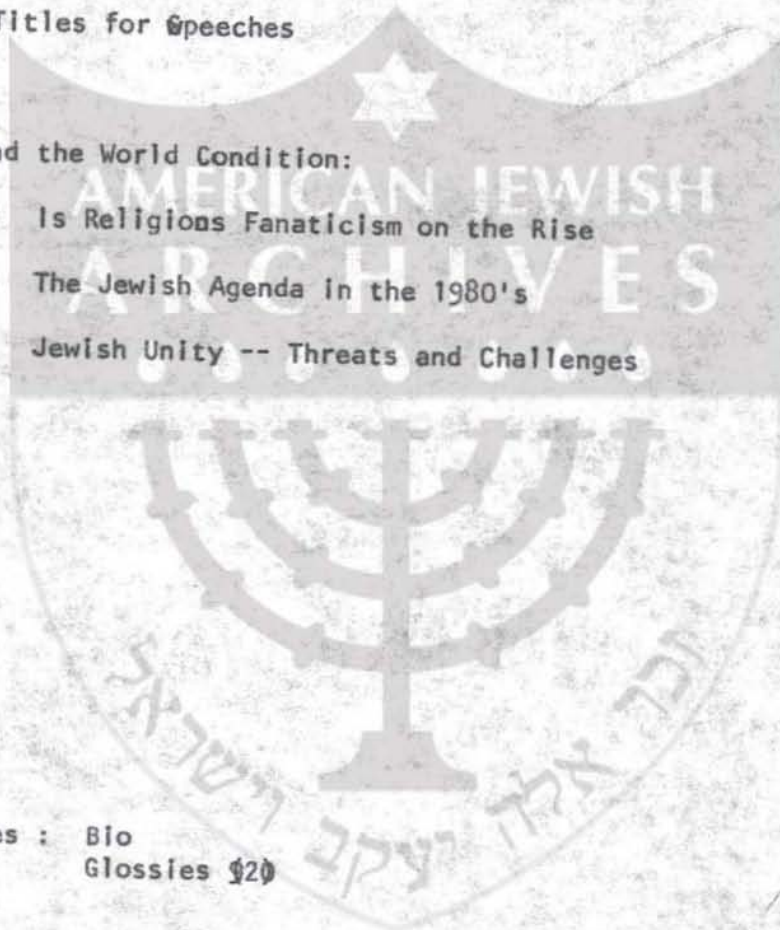
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Jews and the World Condition:

- 1) Is Religious Fanaticism on the Rise
- 2) The Jewish Agenda in the 1980's
- 3) Jewish Unity -- Threats and Challenges

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December 13, 1985

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Inter-Religious Affairs Director
The American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Marc,

Pursuant to our phone conversation, on behalf of the New Haven Jewish Federation and its Department of Jewish Education, I want to confirm your serving as Scholar-in-Residence at the Rabbi Arthur A. Chiel Memorial Weekend on March 7, 8, and 9, 1986, at Congregation B'nai Jacob. We are all absolutely delighted that you will be with us.

As indicated, we are anticipating your lecturing in the Sanctuary as part of the Friday night Service which begins at 8:15 P.M.; also in the Sanctuary Shabbat morning beginning at 9:30 A.M.; to lecture less formally at a Shabbat afternoon Seudah Shlisheet, probably at a private home; and to deliver the Sunday morning memorial address in the Social Hall of the synagogue, probably beginning at 9:30 or 10:00 A.M.

Our community has agreed to pay you an all inclusive figure of \$3,000 which includes the honorarium for your lectures as well as travel, hotel and any incidental expenses. We shall be pleased to make your local hotel reservations and arrangements for transportation to and from each of the components of the Memorial Weekend. Members of our community look forward to the privilege of hosting you at the various Shabbat meals, understandably with a commitment to strict Kashrut observance.

I would appreciate your sending me your resume and 2 glossy pictures for our community publicity, as well as a suggestion for the titles of your three major lectures. Please send those materials as soon as possible, as we wish to give the program maximal advance publicity. Also, please keep in mind that the Sunday lecture will stand on its own, inasmuch as people from other synagogues and the general community who will not have joined us on Shabbat will participate on Sunday.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write.

Again, I am personally excited beyond words, as indeed are the other members of our congregation and community that you will be joining us on this special weekend memorializing my distinguished rabbinic predecessor.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

Michael
Rabbi Michael Menitoff

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c.c. Dr. Milton Wallack, President, New Haven Jewish Federation
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Dina Barze'ev-Hochbaum, Director, Department of Jewish Education
Alvin Susman, President, Congregation B'nai Jacob