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January 23, 1980

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

Rabbi A. James Rudin

Here is a tentative budget for the Evangelical-Jewish conference scheduled for October 14-16, 1980, at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois. I am attaching the tentative program that I drew up in late December.

I am preparing a budget for a total of 50 participants; 25 from each community. I am also assuming that 10 of the 25 will be from the Chicago area. I am also projecting single motel rooms at \$25.00 each. This is a very low rate. Kenneth Kantzer has graciously arranged for free meeting facilities at the Divinity School, but there will be no housing available to us.

I am also calculating this budget on 11 major papers to be presented with a \$250.00 honorarium for each. This is a low figure for the kind of scholars we want to attract, but I do think that we will be able to get the papers at that figure. I am also projecting four panelists with an honorarium of \$100.00 each.

The air fares are based on a New York to Chicago round trip basis but the cost could go up between now and October. Also the costs will be higher if we bring anybody in from the West Coast. Of course, if someone flies in from Cincinnati or the Midwest, their air fare would be lower, but the New York to Chicago figure is a good basis to work on.

This budget presumes that the Nathan Appleman Institute will cover expenses for both Jewish and Evangelical participants. This is a policy question that may be decided early. I am also including the budget line for Professor Marvin Wilson who will be doing much of the coordinating of the conference from the Evangelical side. Marvin will be working at Bordon College. He has proposed the following budget:

Telephone	\$ 250.00
Stationery	10.00
Stamps	20.00
Secretarial help at approximately 50 hours work at \$3.25 per hour	162.50
Travel (if one trip is needed to AJC in NYC)	125.00
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	\$ 567.50

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Travel - 30 participants at \$ 260.00	\$7,800.00
11 papers at \$250.00	2,750.00
4 Panelists at \$100.00	400.00
30 participants two nights at \$50.00	1,500.00
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	\$12,450.00
Marvin Wilson's expenses	567.50
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TOTAL	\$13,017.50

Please note this does not include the cost for meals. We will have a more accurate picture when we learn of the Divinity School's costs for serving meals as well as obtaining Kosher dinners.

If we are going to pick up the tab for both Evangelicals and Jews, this is going to be an extremely expensive conference. Because of inflation I would estimate it at somewhere around \$14,000. to \$15,000. We must decide soon if we want to spend that kind of money for this conference. If so, we should proceed immediately. If not, we may want to do something differently and with less cost. Let's discuss this as soon as possible.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR EVANGELICAL-JEWISH CONFERENCE

TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL
Deerfield, Illinois

Dec 9-11,
~~OCTOBER 14-16, 1980~~

EVANGELICALS & JEWS FACE THE 1980s

or

EVANGELICALS & JEWS IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

OCTOBER 14, 1980

12:30 p.m. Opening Luncheon (greetings, etc.)

2:00 p.m. Opening Session

"The Current State of Evangelical-Jewish Relations"

A Jewish View:

Jim Rardin

An Evangelical View:

Memo Wilson

4:00 p.m. Coffee Break and General Discussion

6:00 p.m. Dinner

*8:00 p.m. "Human Rights in the 1980's"/"Religion in an Age of Violence"/

"Moral, Ethical, Social Imperatives for the 80's"

An Evangelical View: *Dr. Billy Graham*

Ron Sider

A Jewish View: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

*Moral and
Spiritual Challenges
of the 1980s*

OCTOBER 15, 1980

9:00 a.m. Morning Session

"A Jewish View of the New Testament": ~~Robert Gordis~~

Ellis Rivkin

Michael Cook

"An Evangelical View of the Hebrew Scriptures":

Bruce Waltke / whom he said

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break and General Discussion

OCTOBER 15 (cont.)

12:00 noon Luncheon and Address by Billy Graham

1:30 p.m.

"Towards a Theology of Israel" / "The Meaning of Israel" /

"Israel in the Evangelical-Jewish Encounter"

An Evangelical View:

A Jewish View: Arthur Hertzberg/Irwin Cutler

4:00 p.m.

Coffee Break and General Discussion

6:00

Dinner

*8:00 p.m.

"The Holocaust" and the Reality of Evil

A Jewish Perspective: Irving Greenberg

An Evangelical Perspective:

OCTOBER 16

9:00 a.m.

Panel on "Witness, Proselytization & Conversion"

Jewish Participants: (2) Alex Schindler & David Hartman

Evangelical Participants: (2)

Samuel Seligson

Arthur Frankel

12:00 noon

Luncheon

Kantzer - J & X

David Silverman

2:00 p.m.

"Sin, Atonement & Redemption"

An Evangelical View:

A Jewish View: Jakob Petuchowski

[Noyes Lamm -
Itam Doren]

3:30 p.m.

"Prospectus for the Future" and Adjournment

Donald Blesch
O.S. Brown

* Session open to the general public

VII. Conference Theme:

The following themes have been discussed as possibilities:

"EVANGELICALS AND JEWS IN SEARCH OF UNDERSTANDING"

"EVANGELICALS AND JEWS FACE THE EIGHTIES"

"EVANGELICALS AND JEWS IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY"

VIII. Selection of Participants (guidelines)

- a representative balance of scholars and religious leaders from both communities
- as a general rule, no more than two participants from any one institution
- there should be a certain continuity from the 1975 conference. This can be maintained by having a number (approx. 30-40%) of the participants from the 1975 conference invited back. The majority of the invitations, however, should go to new people.
- a special effort should be made to have a cross-section of viewpoints and minority positions represented within each community e.g. women participants, blacks (?) etc. (Evangelicals have the pluralism within their community of such segments as non-Zionists, Hebrew Christians etc.)
- the discussion of a special Wednesday luncheon address by a noted Evangelical leader. It was suggested that Rabbi Tanenbaum immediately contact Billy Graham for this. Should this contact fail, Ken and Marv will be prepared to offer additional suggestions to any other names Marc and Jim may have in mind.
- the number of participants will be 20-25 from each community.
- it was agreed that selection of paper readers should proceed in the very near future; other participants to be selected as soon after as possible.
- those invited to read papers should submit these in advance so that they might be distributed at the conference.



November 18, 1979

FIRST WORKING DRAFT AND TENTATIVE OUTLINE FOR

2nd National Conference of Evangelicals and JewsI. Conference Co-Sponsors

The Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee
(kindness of the Nathan Appleman Institute of Interreligious Affairs)

Christianity Today Magazine
(editorial offices in Carol Stream, Illinois)

II. Conference Co-Chairmen

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director, Interreligious Affairs, AJC, NY, NY.

Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer
Editor, Christianity Today

III. Conference Co-ordinators

Rabbi A. James Rudin
Assistant Director, Interreligious Affairs, AJC, NY, NY.

Dr. Marvin R. Wilson
Ockenga Professor of Biblical Studies and Chairman of Dept. at
Gordon College

IV. Date: ^{Dec 9-11} ~~October 14-16~~, 1980 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

V. Place: Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois 60015

Housing: Needed off campus at local motel for Tues. and Wed. evenings

Meals: May be taken at the dining hall of the Divinity School.
For those keeping dietary laws, frozen kosher meals will
be brought in in advance of the conference and served
in the dining hall.

VI. Budget: To be drawn up by Rabbis Tanenbaum and Rudin

Preliminary discussion on budget has included the following:

1. Trinity will hopefully provide the facilities rent free
2. All travel, food and lodging expenses will be provided all invited participants
3. A budget will be provided the Evangelical Co-ordinator
4. Honoraria will be paid to all paper readers at the conference.

IX. Suggested Topics for Papers:

The criteria for the selection of topics below has largely centered around these considerations: a) The topic was not treated in depth in the 1975 Conference b) The topic lends itself to a deeper understanding of both communities on areas where there is need for clarification of viewpoints. c) The topic lends itself to discussion and has some existential impact to one or both of the groups involved.

1. The Jewish View of Sin, Atonement and Redemption
The Evangelical View of Sin, Atonement and Redemption
2. The Place of Grace and Faith in Judaism
The Place of Law and Good Works in Evangelicalism
3. The Current State and Role of Evangelical-Jewish Dialogue
A Jewish View of Interreligious Dialogue
4. A Jewish View of the New Testament
An Evangelical Christian View of the Hebrew Scriptures (O. T.)
5. The Holocaust: An Evangelical Perspective
The Holocaust: A Jewish Perspective
6. Panel Discussion (formal presentation)
"Witness, Proselytizing and Conversion"
7. Moral, Ethical and Social Imperatives for the Eighties:
A Jewish View
Moral, Ethical and Social Imperatives for the Eighties:
An Evangelical View

(Note: Lengthy discussion of topic no. 7 led to some of the following thoughts: End the conference on this topic for it should underscore areas where Jews and Evangelicals should be able to work together closely in this decade. In other words, our differences should be least pronounced in this area. It was thought that we might consider the possibility of inviting two scientists or social scientists to speak on this topic. In this age of technology, what must be done to keep science from being cast into the role of being a demon as technology seems to be getting more and more insane. What about human rights and living in an age of scarcity? What about the Middle East, the question of land, and the question of oil etc? All of the above ideas have been broached in preliminary discussion.)

8. Special Luncheon Address by some nationally known Evangelical leader. (Topic at his discretion).