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MEMORANDUM

cc: Harold Applebaum

DATE: January 19, 1981

TO: Marc Tanenbaum ✓  
FROM: William A. Gralnick  
SUBJECT: re: Atlanta Engagement

Per your memo to me of January 6 requesting some advice and counsel on your various up and coming adventures in Atlanta I am responding as follows:

1-Abrams/Uhry Dinner: I would urge you to stress in the course of chit-chatting increased AJC support on their behalf. Their gifts, save the endowment fund this year, have not changed in years. The Abrams gift which comes out of the firm is \$1,500.00 and the Uhry gift which comes out of a foundation is \$2,000.00. The best route to go would be to find a compatible project they could fund. Surely there is some Catholic/Jewish (AJC) endeavor we could interest them in. Preferably such an endeavor would be at the National level in our building or at Notre Dame, unless it would add staff here. Personally I don't think they would be as intrigued with something local as they would with something National.

2-Christian Council: Basically the Baptists don't participate and the Jews can't. The council has always been a very conservative group with a corps of dedicated liberals. For three reasons this could be a watershed year for it. They are: (1) the new director (2) the new president (3) the Gunn Foundation Grant.

The new director is Donald Newby. He is a professional, unlike his predecessor who was a retired Methodist Chaplain of Evangelical leanings. Newby, who calls himself a "religious mechanic", just returned from a five week tour of the Middle East Christian Churches concerning their structure and organization. He comes highly recommended by N.C.C.J. people that I know. Thus, his having been hired puts him more professional cast to the council's operations.

Another change of note is that the president elect I believe is a Roman Catholic. Their status to date has been little more than "for display purposes only". It is rumored that there will be another attempt at resurrection (sorry...) of the idea to create an Ecumenical Council to include Jews. This requires a by-laws change. Some seven years ago it failed even under the threat that such a group would be created as a challenge to the Council. The threat did not hold water.

The Council, as I mentioned in a recent memo, will be asked by the N.C.C. to administer the terms of the Gunn Foundation Grant re: the N.C.C.'s Mideast panel recommendations. That gives the Council a credibility it never had before and also means the Jewish community must take it seriously, at least for this moment in the Council's history.

The credibility is of concern. The Council is in an odd situation. The respect it is accorded increases the further removed one is from it. Hence its letterhead in the Governors Office, the State Legislature, or corporate Atlanta gains attention. That is why it draws so well at its annual affair and why I wanted you to speak. Thus, its role vis-a-vis the Middle East and its impact in the community are at a critical period as concerns its relationship to a critical Jewish issue.

Now to a theme. Normally I'd say the world condition, the social gospel, etc. I fear, however, that would be a well received but wasted message. Recognizing the conservative, theological bent of the group I suggest this:

- 1: Reference to the Sabbath, Torah, and the "Parsha" of the day if possible
- 2: A reference to the world condition (Viet-Nam, Cambodia, Ireland, etc.)  
"You shall not stand idly by..."
- 3: The need for America to maintain her place as a beacon in the world and the immorality in action caused by the need for oil by our allies.
- 4: A determined exposition of Israel's necessity to the U.S., a theological exposition of her rights and needs to remain free and secure, and the need/ability to solve the Palestinian problem at no one's expense.

This is what they need to hear.

NOTE: The outgoing President of the Council is Willis Johnson. Mr. Johnson is Vice President of Public Relations for one of the top banks of the Southeast, The Trust Company of Georgia. He has long identified himself with Soviet Jewry. He is currently Chairman of The Atlanta Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry and Human Rights. He is co-chairing our Atlanta Chapter 75th Anniversary Conference on Human Rights the 10th and 11th. An Episcopal and a Reagan conservative he deserves recognition from you in your opening remarks.

I hope this helps.

Best regards.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The chairman of the Atlanta chapter of the AJC is

. William Galnick is AJC's Southeastern Region director.

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To: Community Relations Committee  
From: Larry Bogart, Chairman

SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th  
12:00 NOON (Lunch)  
FEDERATION BUILDING

A discussion will be held regarding the upcoming meeting of the Christian Council, as described in the attached material. Our concern is with the community relations implications.

You will be called to determine your availability.

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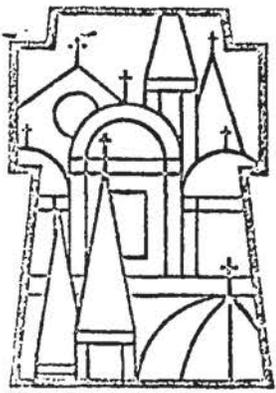
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## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 7, Peachtree Plaza Hotel

How To Get Your Tickets: Send an \$8.00 check to the Christian Council of Metro Atlanta, 848 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30084, before Feb. 27.

### Speakers in Dialogue



Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
director of Interreligious Affairs,  
American Jewish Committee



Rev. Andrew J. Young

What Rabbi Tanenbaum has done:

- one of 10 religious spokesmen at the Camp David summit meetings in July 1979
- consultant to NBC-TV's dramatization of THE HOLOCAUST and its JESUS OF NAZARETH
- member of the President's Commission on the Holocaust
- founder of Joint Vatican International Jewish Consultative Committee and a similar body with the World Council of Churches

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Rev. Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, former Congressman from the 5th District, former trusted associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and throughout, a minister of the Gospel, needs no introduction to Atlantans.

However, it is pertinent to explain why our Community Breakfast Committee was eager to have Mr. Young in dialogue with Rabbi Tanenbaum at this 11th Annual Community Breakfast.

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### OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO PLEAS FOR EMERGENCY AID DURING CHRISTMAS 1980

New Spirit of Concern In Atlanta,  
Says Amey

This past Christmas, double the number of congregations, individuals and businesses contributed to the poor through the council's Emergency Help Center.

During 1978, 140 families were "adopted" and the estimated value of their aid was \$28,361. During 1980, 240 families were adopted and an estimated value of the gifts they received is \$55,200. Perhaps more important is the opening up of a relationship between adoptors and adoptees.

The Christmas Day fund in 1979 carried \$520, for emergency help that day. In 1980, the fund held \$6,892.

In addition, our Continuous Christmas fund-- for emergency aid through the year-- received \$8,625.

Rev. John T. Amey, who chairs the Christian Emergency Help Program, remarks on the wonderful outpouring of concern from so many people. "This shows in concrete ways that in Atlanta people DO care about the poor and the hungry and it gives hope to all of us. Perhaps this new spirit is being generated because of the tragedies, but the fact is, the spirit is there," said Amey, "and we can trust it all through the year to continue."

Once again, to those of you who so generously gave, a hearty THANK YOU!!!

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

We are created in order to know the majesty of our Creator.

We work in the Christian Council with the understanding and in the hope that religious bodies and individual congregations are teaching their members what they need to know about God.

We expect the members of these religious bodies to know that God is the source of the beginning of all things; that His power created such a great universe and now sustains it; His wisdom composed and rules in this great world.

We firmly believe that the leaders of these religious bodies will help their people understand that the goodness of God is the reason in itself why all these things we enjoy were created. It is surely made clear that out of this goodness proceeds justice, which manifests itself in a marvelous protection of good people and in the retribution of the bad, and that His mercy, which endures our iniquities with such loving kindness, is in order to call us to repentance and reconciliation.

Because of this faith we feel compelled to make justice and loving kindness concrete and practical in Atlanta. We work together through the year listing human needs, setting priorities to meet them, making and carrying out our attempts to do so. But at least one time each year, we must make a financial commitment to our unity and faith to do so.

This is that time of year. We are asking each individual, congregation, and religious body to make its support for our work concrete by determining what they will contribute to it.

Dr. Lawrence Bottoms



John Cox

Tannenbaum (continued)

- the only rabbi at Vatican Council II during the deliberations that led to the Vatican Declaration on Non-Christian Relations, which repudiated anti-Semitism and called for fraternal dialogue
- lecturer at leading universities and author of many articles
- organizer of academic institutes with every branch of Christendom
- member of various national and world commissions on children, aging, race, refugee, food and population problems.

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Young (continued)

Each year the committee chooses a theme around which it hopes to promote a greater degree of unity in our city. This year's theme is "Reconciliation" and specifically, reconciliation regarding the Jewish and Black communities. The choice was made due to a rising concern here and throughout the nation about outbreaks of violence against both Jews and Blacks.

It is likely that nothing was so notorious about Ambassador Young's tenure at the United Nations as the way he left office. In he, and Rabbi Tannenbaum, we have two points of view in a dispute which may now be giving way to reconciliation. That is the hope of the committee and the opportunity presented at this Community Breakfast.

**MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT  
CAMPAIGN**

Finance Committee co-chairpersons JOHN COX and JERRY LICARI have set March 7 as kick-off date for the annual MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT CAMPAIGN. During a six week period Christian Council financial leaders will be soliciting businesses, individuals, foundations, and churches to ask for donations and pledges in support of the Christian Council's 1981 budget in excess of \$150,000.

"This year our greatest emphasis is going towards gaining church support", reports JERRY LICARI. "Our goal is to receive pledges from judicatory and local church level totaling \$95,000. This will be the largest amount ever pledged from churches in the metropolitan area." Licari said judicatory commitments that already were received before the January 1 budget went into effect encouraged Council leaders to seek similar support from all denominations at every level. He announced a pledge from the Atlanta Presbytery of \$25,000 (in addition to donations from local churches) and said that several other denominational leaders are studying their base support level.



Jerry Licari

Co-chairperson JOHN COX said, "We want to tell the churches what the Council is doing and what it means to the religious community. Every member must accept the responsibility of personal solicitation during this period of emphasis." Cox is urging churches to call the Christian Council office to schedule a program about the Council.

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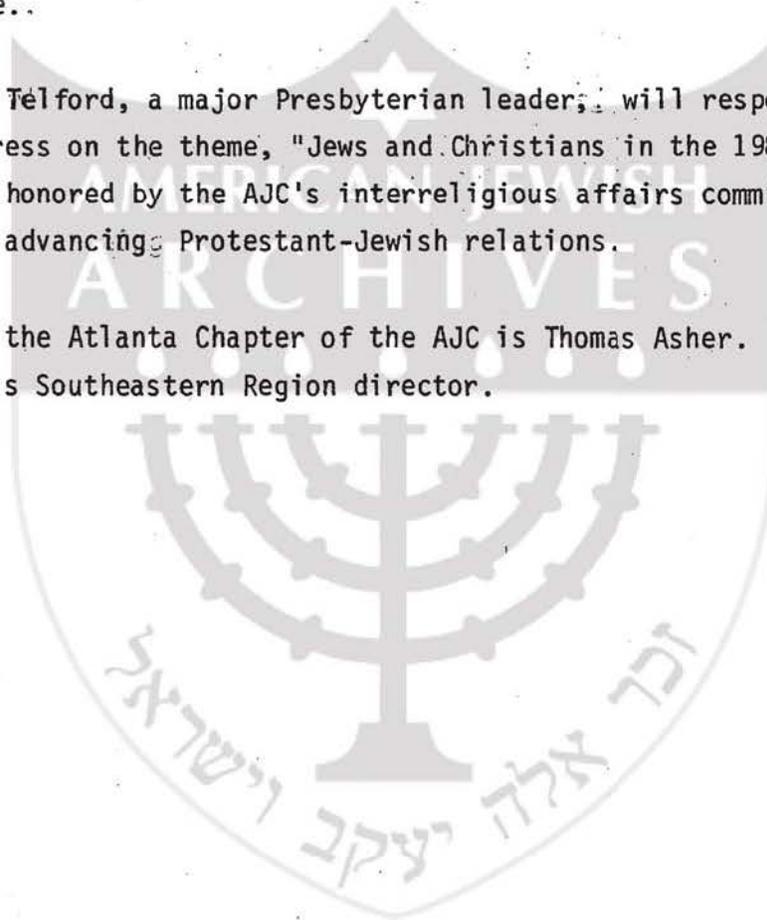
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FROM THE

# COMMITTEE

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## Rabbi evokes Holocaust at memorial in Atlanta for slain black children

By Religious News Service

ATLANTA (RNS) — Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, saying the death of 1 million Jewish children in the Nazi Holocaust gives Jews a special concern for the young, conducted a memorial service here for the 20 black children slain in this city since July 1979.

The service was held in conjunction with the American Jewish Committee's National Inter-religious Affairs Commission meeting here. Rabbi Tanenbaum is national inter-religious affairs director for the AJC.

"Having lost millions of Jewish children during the centuries of oppression culminated in the Nazi Holocaust," he said, "the Jewish people have an especially profound understanding of the anguish suffered by the heart-broken mothers and fathers of these tragic young victims of human cruelty and bestiality.

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The commission also presented a national interreligious award to the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., Father of the slain civil rights leader, for "his decades of service to the cause of reconciliation and mutual respect between members of all religious, races and ethnic groups in American society."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said after the service that children are referred to as the "Messiahs of the future" in Jewish religious culture because they bring "the hope for a better tomorrow."

"I think Jews . . . feel that blacks, like the Jews, have had such a terrible history of slavery and pain," he said. "But now their tomorrows are being taken away—their children are their tomorrows and future hope."

The rabbi said of the 1 million children who died in the Holocaust that "many of them were the age of these black children."

"The sense of anguish and pain over the deaths of children, and what that means to their mothers and fathers and families is an overwhelming reality for most Jewish people," he said.

Earlier, Rabbi Tanenbaum shared the podium with Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young for the annual breakfast of the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta.

It was Mr. Young's contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization while U.N. ambassador that bruised the traditionally close relationship between Jews and American blacks.

"I hope this will bring some healing between the black and Jewish com-

munities," Rabbi Tanenbaum said, adding that one reason he came to Atlanta was to "find some common ground together to continue the reconciliation between Jewish and Black people."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said about half of the 1,400 people at the breakfast were black and that he had received a standing ovation. "I think some good things happened there. I think the response of the audience was very encouraging."

The commission also presented national inter-religious awards to Greek Orthodox Archbishop Iakovos, prelate of North America, and the Rev. George Telford of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The archbishop was honored for his work on humanitarian concerns. Mr. Telford, as vice president of the National Council of Churches, served on a task force developing an NCC statement on the Middle East. His award was given to honor his support for the Israeli people.



# Other Cities Join Atlanta In Prayers

From Staff and Wire Reports

About 150 Protestant, Catholic and Muslim clergymen met at Union Baptist Church in Atlanta to hold a service after Georgia Gov. George Busbee declared Sunday a statewide day of prayer for all children.

The service was one of many rallies held Sunday across the nation to pray for the 21 slain and missing black children here. Other services were held in Waterloo, Iowa, New York and Cambridge, Mass.

The pastor of a black congregation in Cambridge appealed Sunday for signatures in a petition drive seeking more federal participation in investigating the deaths of black youths in Atlanta.

"We recognize that the president has already committed persons to Atlanta," said the Rev. LeRoy Attles at a news conference on the steps of St. Paul AME Church, but "we are seeking an end to this situation."

Commenting before conducting a prayer service to begin the petition drive, he said he also would like to see a national fast day next Sunday and daily prayers for an end to the deaths.

A rally attended by 150 people was held Saturday evening in Iowa by the Faith Temple Baptist Church of Waterloo, and a larger gathering was held Sunday afternoon in a high school in a predominantly black neighborhood.

"There is a feeling of closeness, of blacks to blacks in the South," said Ruth Anderson, a

University of Northern Iowa professor. "Many of them came here from Mississippi, and there is a closeness there, I think, of some sort of identification."

In New York, Cardinal Terence Cooke said Mass at Thomas the Apostle Church in Harlem for the slain children.

The altar was decked with green ribbons and bore a sign imploring, "God, Watch Over Our Children." When Mass was over Cooke told the 350 worshipers that, although prayers for the Atlanta children were being offered elsewhere, "when the people of Harlem pray, we really pray. And the Lord listens to us."

A traditional Jewish prayer service for the slain children is planned by the American Jewish Committee's National Interreligious Affairs Commission when it meets here Monday.

"This is the same prayer ceremony that Jews say for their own departed, and it is the same prayer that is said every year on behalf of the Holocaust victims," AJC Regional Director William A. Grainick said, describing the ceremony called Kaddish.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of New York, AJC's national interreligious affairs director, and Rabbi Juda Mintz, president of the Atlanta Rabbinical Association, will conduct the service.

"Having lost millions of Jewish children during centuries of oppression culminating in the Nazi Holocaust," said Tanenbaum, "the Jewish people have an especially profound understanding of the anguish suffered by the heartbroken

mothers and fathers of these tragic young victims of human cruelty and bestiality.

"On this major occasion, we want to let the mourning families know that we share their grief and wish to be present to them in their time of pain."

During a luncheon meeting Monday, AJC will present the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. with its National Interreligious Award for his "decades of service to the cause of reconciliation and mutual respect between members of all religions, races and ethnic groups in American society."

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson told a Washington audience that the youngsters were the victims of a "cultural conspiracy."

"There is a cultural conspiracy to kill black people," Jackson said in a sermon at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington. "The conspiracy cannot be proven, but it can't be disproven," he said.

"The present atmosphere in which we're operating has made it open season on black people and on poor people," Jackson said at a news conference following his sermon.

He said the slayings of black children in Atlanta should be viewed in the context of nationwide violence, pointing to murders of blacks in New York, Miami, Greensboro, N.C., Buffalo, N.Y., and Chicago.

Rabbi Emanuel Feldman  
Congregation Beth Jacob  
1855 LeVista Rd., N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

My Dear Emanuel,

I appreciate very much your serious and civil letter regarding my participation in the breakfast meeting of the Atlanta Council of Churches.

As a deeply respected colleague and Baltimore landsman, I want you to know that I did not make this decision lightly nor frivolously, for all the cogent reasons that you clearly set forth. In fact, I wrestled with my conscience long and hard before I finally decided to say yes.

In the first instance, when I was called by the Council people, I told them that I do not take part in such meetings on Shabbat, unless there is some overwhelming moral reason that would in effect be "dochek." Under no circumstances would I violate the Shabbat, and in this instance, I will be staying in the same hotel where the meeting will be held (in fact, I will be arriving on Erev Shabbat at that hotel.)

In my first conversation with them, I asked them if the date could be changed as a matter of derech eretz for the Jewish community. In what I took to be genuine sincerity, they said that it was now impossible since their invitations had gone out and they expect about 1,000 Christian leaders.

They pleaded with me to find a way to come that would not violate my religious principles, since they ~~felt~~ felt that the problems of black-Jewish relations and the ~~an~~ anguished atmosphere in Atlanta over the murder of the 18 black children required a message of healing which they felt I could bring.

Not incidentally, at no time did anyone tell me that Andrew Young would share the platform with me. I read about it ~~for~~ for the first time when I received their printed notice.

Let me tell you, Emanuel, why I finally decided to do it, knowing full well that I risked being misunderstood - and even pilloried - by some in the Jewish community, and perhaps even in the Christian community.

Our researches document that the PLO is in the midst of launching a major propaganda campaign in the Christian churches, and especially among black Christian leaders, to undermine the Reagan administration's economic and military aid to Israel. The recent letter of 400 Christian leaders, among them, a good number of mainline Protestant and Catholic bishops who have never signed such anti-Israel documents before, is the first stage of the PLO's efforts to penetrate as never before the consciences of the Christian leaders. More and worse is yet to come.

Our in-house Yankelovich polls document that the highest levels of

anti-Semitism and anti-Israel attitudes exist today among the young educated blacks, whose spokesman has become Jesse Jackson.

After weighing all the alternatives, I determined in my own conscience that if I could contribute even modestly to halting the ~~xxx~~ erosion of support for Israel and stem some of the growing anti-Semitism, and perhaps even help build some strong sympathies for Jews, then that would in fact constitute a "mitvah gedolah" from which I could not turn away.

Now that Andy Young is on the program that urgency for setting the record straight for Jews is all the more compelling.

With all that, I have to confess that I still do not have any easy conscience about my decision. But ~~whatxxx~~ would I have been wiser and "frumer" to stay away and allow this quite possibly to have become a pro-Third World and "liberation theology" session whose poisonous seeds would have sunk in deep in some 1,000 Christian leaders' minds?

My minor rationalization, less persuasive but a contributing element nonetheless, was that I have taken part in a number of similar sessions at the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds Assemblies under the rubric of an "Oneg Shabbat." In what wise, I finally asked myself, did my participation in this speaking forum differ from that of the CJFWF or the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council sessions also held on Shabbat? In reality, I felt that I was more useful to Jews and Israel at the Atlanta Council of Churches than at such Jewish assemblies where dozens of other Jewish speakers could be as effective, if not more, than I would be.

I share with you that it was my plan all along, before your thoughtful and compassionate letter, to explain to this Christian group the moral and spiritual reasons why I, as a Sabbath-observing Jew, have made an exception in/instance. The murder of 18 black children is not an ~~this~~ ordinary circumstance and Jews who consider themselves "Rachmana b'nei Rachmana" are "dochek Shabbat" (which I do not believe this does halachically) for "pikuach nefesh." If I can be effective in communicating that understanding of the spiritual majesty of Judaism to the Christian world, I will rest easier in my conscience about this decision.

Please feel free to share this personal letter to you with anyone who may feel as troubled as you, and I, are about this difficult decision.

With warmest regards and much appreciation, I am,

Cordially, as ever,

RMHT  
NIAD

cc: Rabbi Marc Wilson

Rabbi Marc H. Wilson  
Congregation Shearith Israel  
1180 University Drive, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

Dear Rabbi Wilson,

This will acknowledge receipt of your intemperate letter of February 3.

As a former student of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and a graduate of Yeshiva University who was raised in an Orthodox Jewish home, I understand entirely your anger at the appearance of my violating Shabbat by accepting to address the Atlanta Council of Churches.

While "maaris ayon" is an important category of sensibility, Jewish wisdom is capable of making a distinction between appearances and realities affecting Jewish life under special circumstances. I have tried to set forth those circumstances in the enclosed copy of my letter to Rabbi Emanuel Feldman, who was a colleague of mine at the Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim in Baltimore (now the Talmudical Academy.)

As I indicate to Emanuel, I have struggled with this decision and will continue to do so for a long time to come until I stand before Hakodesh Boruch Hu who, in ultimate terms, is my only true Judge.

At the same time, I think your conscience ought to struggle with the lessons of the Gemorrah in Yoma 9b which teaches us that the Second Bais Hamikdosh was destroyed because of "sinas chinam" which the Chazal considered to be morally worse than "murder, idolatry, and immorality."

You will also recall that Sanhedrin 101b teaches us that "Jerobeam ben Nivat was punished (with no Olam Habah) because he reproved King Solomon publicly." And Baba Metzia 59a goes even further when it quotes King David as saying, "He is executed by strangulation (an adulterer), yet he has a portion in the World to Come. But he who publicly puts a neighbor to shame has no portion in the World to Come."

There is fundamental moral difference between mussar and hostility. I will accept your mussar; I reject your sinas chinam.

Sincerely,

RMHT  
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February 3, 1981

Rabbi Mark Tanenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

As one who is active locally in interfaith relations, I received an invitation to attend the forthcoming Community Breakfast of the local Christian Council on *Shabbat* morning, March 7. I understand that you will be addressing the assembly.

Needless to say, many Jews, myself included, will not be able to attend, due to *Shabbat* considerations.

Ironically, we have had conversations in previous years with Christian Council members relative to changing the day of the breakfast from *Shabbat* so that, in fact, it might become a truly "community" breakfast. Our endeavors have now been totally undermined by your unconscionable presence as a rabbi in a forum which, if not legalistically, then at least in spirit, is a total debasement of *Ruach Shabbat* and transcendent Jewish commitment.

Frankly, most of my Christian colleagues and their laity find your behavior as enigmatic as your own co-religionists do.

Perhaps, "enigmatic" is too light a term. In your supposed quest for interfaith understanding, you have, in fact, desecrated that very goal, the very essence of which is the veneration of one's own cherished heritage. The Christians may be puzzled. We are incensed.

We hope your Christian audience will be receptive to your message. Concerned Jews will be in *shul*.

Respectfully,



Rabbi Marc H. Wilson

MHW/ja

cc: Mr. Maynard Wishner  
Mr. William Galnick

"They shall build me a Sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst"

DR. EMANUEL FELDMAN

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February 9, 1981

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
Director of Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 E. 56th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

As a fellow Baltimorean and a fellow alumnus of the "Parochial School," I take the liberty of dropping you this note, which I trust you will realize comes from a sympathetic and understanding source.

I write concerning the "community's breakfast" sponsored by the Christian Council of Atlanta, which you and Andy Young are to address on Saturday morning, March 7th.

That you will be making this public appearance on Shabbat, even though it may be technically not in violation of Shabbat (after all, one does eat on Shabbat, and one does speak) is painful to me in the context of Atlanta's Jewish community. For a number of us locally have been working for many years to make Shabbat a day when public Jewish functions (breakfasts, lunches, conferences) do not take place. For a major American rabbi to grace the dais of a breakfast on Shabbat morning - even though that breakfast is not sponsored by Jews and even though the good that will come from his talk will no doubt be significant - is to many of us (rabbis and laymen who are not necessarily all affiliated with the Orthodox congregation) a serious set-back. It gives a hechsher to public Shabbat programs, and is another step in the secularization of this day of holiness. Although I know that this was the last thing that you would have in mind, please understand that from our vantage point this demeans the Shabbat in the eyes of the Jews of our community, and it demeans the Shabbat in the eyes of the Christians. I happen to know that certain leading Christians raised their eyebrows at the fact that a rabbi would be present on a Saturday morning.

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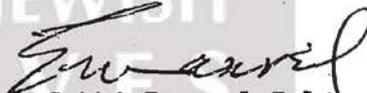
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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
February 9, 1981  
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Clearly you can do nothing about this at such a late date, but I must share with you, in all honesty, my feelings about this matter. Perhaps in the future it can be avoided, in Atlanta and in other communities.

I know that you will do us proud in your discussion about the need to reconcile blacks and Jews. But I wish this reconciliation could have taken place without doing some damage to the cause of Shabbat in our town.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Emanuel Feldman

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9:45 A.M. - Church School Hour

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

Columbia Friendship Circle

At March Circle meetings, Mary Isla Snyder will be presenting the work of the Columbia Friendship Circle and memberships will be taken.

Circle Meetings

Rachel Circle, Ethel Smith, Chpsn., Sunday, Mar. 8th, lunch time, in Room 120. Bella Lewis, Bible Moderator. Study Chapter 7. Bring soap, safety pins, and old sheets for White Cross.

Ruth Circle, Shirley Schneider, Chpsn., Monday, Mar. 9th, 11 a.m., with Marie Brown, 3060 Pharr Ct. N., NW, Apt. 814. Maude Bright, co-hostess. Frances Hills, Bible Moderator. Bring food for Emergency Pantry.

Eve Circle, Monday, Mar. 9th, at the home of the Chairperson, Beth Griffith, 134 Huntington Rd., NE, 7 p.m. Staff members of Central Health Center will discuss "Wholistic Health Care". Call Beth at 874-3706 for dinner reservations. Remember to bring food for the Emergency Pantry.

Rebekah Circle, Connie Riddle, Chpsn., Monday, Mar. 9th, 8 p.m., with Pat Theos, 2472 Fair Oaks Rd., Decatur. Alice Veldhuis, Bible Moderator. Bring sheets torn into 3-in.-by-10-yd. strips for rolling into bandages.

Mary Circle, Sara Milner, Chm., Wednesday, Mar. 11th, 11 a.m., with Mrs. F. W. Nardin, 150 E. Parkwood Rd., Decatur. Anna Elisa Trimble, Bible Moderator.

Church News (from inside page)

The Membership Council, Marcia Dodd, Chpsn., will meet Sunday, Mar. 8th, 1:15 in the Library.

At the Congregational Meeting held on March 1st, the following nominees were elected to the Session: Robert Bryan, Gayle Daniel, Camille Gaffron, Bruce Edenfield, Lynn Eller, Kathy Hall, Ann Hunter, Walter Johnson, Margaret McCreary, Howard Montgomery, Guy Schneider, Mike Sizemore, Emmit Sowell, Carter Tate, Alice Veldhuis, and Hugh Wilson.

A series of New Member Seminars is being conducted by the ministers on Sundays during the Church School hour - 9:45-10:45 - in the Session Room.

The March Session meeting has been postponed to Monday, Mar. 23rd, 7 p.m., in the Choir Suite. The Coordinating Council will meet Monday, Mar. 16th, 7:30 p.m., at the Enniss home.

Mr. David Fishburn is guest organist today.

Central Health Center needs volunteers and substitutes for a variety of jobs this Spring. For more information, Call Beth Griffith, 874-3706, if you are available on Tuesday afternoon or Jinnie McCord at 363-1660, if you are available on Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoon.

**"CAN YOU HEAR ME IN THE BACK PEW?"**

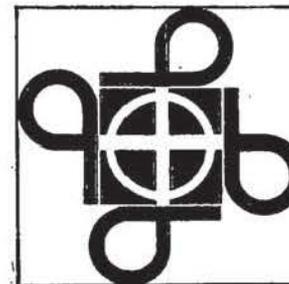
Central Drama Troupe  
March 12, 13, 14 - Tull Fellowship Hall  
Tickets on sale Sunday - \$3.50  
(Seminarians \$2.50)  
The cast includes Bill Drath, Linda Knight, Ann Lehfeldt, and Mike Lloyd.  
Directed by Linda McCord



# the Weekly

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RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM



"The foremost Jewish ecumenist in the world" is the way Dr. Marc Tanenbaum, our guest preacher for Sunday, has been described. For the past thirty years, he has been a pioneering leader and thinker in interreligious relations and social justice movements. Rabbi Tanenbaum presently serves as National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee in New York City. Recently when Sacred Heart University awarded him an honorary doctorate, he was characterized as "The Human Rights Rabbi of America."

P. C. Enniss

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
First Sunday in Lent - March 8, 1981 - 11:00 A. M.

PREPARATION

THE PRELUDE--"Hear, O Israel"-----Jaromir Weinberger  
THE COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH  
THE PREPARATION--"Finale" (Sonata VI)-----Felix Mendelssohn  
THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP--"Sing God A Simple Song"-----Leonard Bernstein

Mass

Soloist: Trip McCord, baritone

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude. Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude.  
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,  
For God is the simplest of all.

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE--No. 288 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"-----Old Hundredth  
\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION  
\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. (Psalm 51, adapted)

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CELEBRATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PROCLAMATION AND AFFIRMATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE [SIT]  
THE ANTHEM--"O Lord, May the Words of My Mouth"-----Ernest Bloch

Sacred Service

O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable before Thee, Adonoy, my Rock, and my Redeemer. Amen.

THE SERMON-----Rabbi Tanenbaum

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We declare God's goodness and justice. God has blessed us beyond our deserving. When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions, when we fail to deal justly with the poor, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, we can expect God's judgment upon us....Still, we testify that God is faithful. Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. The Lord still brings from oppressed and uprooted peoples riches of insight and daring visions that can judge and bless the world. We can have confidence in God's coming kingdom, even in the darkest times. (A Declaration of Faith)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY--Chichester Psalms 131; 133:1-----Leonard Bernstein  
(Sung in Hebrew)

Lord, Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty, neither do I exalt myself in great matters or in things too wonderful for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother, my soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever.

Behold how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity.

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*THE HYMN--No. 433 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"-----St. Denio

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE--"Almighty Father"-----Leonard Bernstein

Mass

Almighty Father, incline thine ear:  
Bless us and all those who have gathered here.  
Thine angel send us, Who shall defend us all;  
And fill with grace all who dwell in this place. / .

\*THE POSTLUDE--"Fugue" (Sonata VI)-----Felix Mendelssohn

\* Congregation standing

Pre-school children will be cared for on the second floor of the Oglesby Building by Jane Oglesby, Nursery; Cathryn Ritchie, Linda and Doug Carlyle, 2's; Sally and John Telford, 3's; John Telford and Alan Kohn, 4's and 5's.

USHERS ON DUTY--Robert Snyder, Captain; William E. Curtis, Kim Griffith, Gwen Kincaid, Elizabeth Neil, Tom and Susan Overman, Rhoda Russell, Mike Sizemore, Bert Tatzel.  
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Sunday Dinner in Tull Fellowship Hall.

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Dr. Samuel Y. Brown, given by his wife, Marie Brown.

CHURCH NEWS

Have you ever wanted to be an archaeologist and unearth some ancient lamp or tomb? The Wednesday Night Supper program for March features our resident Palestinian archaeologist, Jack Graham, who will bring some ancient pots and give a slide-illustrated talk about excavating two cities on the shore of the Dead Sea which are quite possibly the cities of Lot, Abraham's cousin in the Bible. Come see ancient fortifications, houses, tombs and artifacts from Biblical days. The pot luck supper begins at 6 (so bring some yummy food) on Wednesday, March 11th, in the Tull Fellowship Hall.

The Bookworms will meet at the Stricklers' Tuesday, Mar. 24th, 7:45 p.m., to discuss Hemingway's The Sun Also Rises. Anyone interested in reading and discussing the book is invited.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. James H. Dickson, Sr., in the death of her sister, Mrs. Lois Martin, on February 21st; to Mrs. John W. Crenshaw in the death of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Clark, on February 27th; and to Mr. and Mrs. William M. Turner, in the death of Mrs. Turner's brother last week.

Georgia is nearing a key time in the legislative session. Decisions will

be made that will affect the lives of so many in our state - decisions as to how much money Georgia believes our families must have in order to survive. Work will begin in March on the 1982 budget which will cover the time period from July 1981 until July 1982. It is imperative that the voices of the Christian community be heard by the members of the House and Senate so they will include enough funds to more adequately address the needs of Georgia's children. Call Joanna Adams at the Church Office for updated information on AFDC payments and for ways you might help.

The Dental Clinic needs volunteers to help in the office, signing patients in and pulling charts. If you can give one hour a month, please contact Diana Curtis, 874-9784.

There is still time to make your contribution to the Witness Season offering, if you have not already done so.

Junior Highs are having a lock-in at the Church on Friday, March 6th, 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Senior Highs will meet with Jack Graham at 5:00 Sunday afternoon for pizza and planning.

"Dear Central Friends: We wish to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your concern and kindness during Brad's recent illness. We appreciate the visits, cards, calls, flowers, and everything. We love you! Sincerely, Brad and Reba" (Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bradley).

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# The American Jewish Committee

Institute of Human Relations - 165 East 56 Street, New York, N.Y. 10022 - 212/751-4000 - Cable Wishcom, N.Y.

February 27, 1981

Dear Friend:

We thought that you would wish to see the enclosed press release that announces our National Interreligious Affairs Commission meeting in Atlanta on Monday, March 9. Since I wrote you on February 6, to invite you to join us there, the number of black children who have been murdered or disappeared has risen to twenty-one. We wish to demonstrate at our luncheon that day our solidarity with the black community in its grief.

The Rev. Joseph L. Roberts, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church -- the church in which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began his rise to international stature -- will address us and we will present our National Interreligious Award to Dr. King. Sr.

Rabbi Tanenbaum and Rabbi Judah Mintz, President of the Atlanta Rabbinical Association, will also conduct a special memorial service honoring the children.

In addition to the panel on the Moral Majority and discussion of our 1981 program priorities with our members that afternoon, our dinner meeting that evening, in coordination with the Atlanta Chapter of AJC, will be highlighted by an award to His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, in tribute to his years of dedicated leadership in promoting understanding between the Greek and Jewish communities of our nation.

Some of you still have not indicated whether we may expect you in Atlanta on March 9. A copy of the registration form sent out earlier is enclosed for your information, but because time is so short, we suggest that you call the national office (212-751-4000, Exts. 375 and 210) if you wish us to reserve space for you.

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting meeting in Atlanta.

Cordially,

Robert S. Jacobs  
National Chairman  
Interreligious Affairs Commission

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INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
March 9, 1981 - Atlanta Meeting

Please return this form no later than February 17, 1981  
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Interreligious Affairs Department  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56 Street  
New York, New York 10022

I will be attending  
the March 9th meeting of the IAC at  
the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Peachtree  
Center, Atlanta.

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Please reserve a place for me at:

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*MORTON YARMON, Director of Public Relations*

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ATLANTA, Feb. 26.....In a demonstration of solidarity with the families of the murdered black children of Atlanta, the American Jewish Committee's National Interreligious Affairs Commission will devote a major segment of its forthcoming meeting here to honoring their memory, it was announced today by Robert S. Jacobs of Chicago, National Interreligious Chairman.

The AJC's national policy-making body on interreligious affairs will convene in Atlanta on Monday, March 9, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Peachtree Center. The noontime luncheon will hear an address by Dr. Joseph L. Roberts, Jr., Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and the National Interreligious Award will be conferred on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. in acknowledgment of his "decades of service to the cause of reconciliation and mutual respect between members of all religions, races, and ethnic groups in American society."

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of New York, AJC's National Interreligious Affairs Director, and Rabbi Judah Mintz, President of the Atlanta Rabbinical Association, will conduct a special memorial service honoring the 18 black children who have disappeared or have been murdered during the past year.

"Having lost millions of Jewish children during centuries of oppression culminating in the Nazi Holocaust," Rabbi Tanenbaum said, "the Jewish people have an especially profound understanding of the anguish suffered by the heartbroken mothers and fathers of these tragic young victims of human cruelty and bestiality. On this major occasion, we want to let the mourning families know that we share their grief and wish to be present with them in their time of pain."

The afternoon session will feature a panel discussion of "The Moral Majority - Challenge or Threat?" involving major Catholic, Protestant,

- more -

Maynard I. Wishner, President; Howard I. Friedman, Chairman, Board of Governors; Theodore Ellenoff, Chairman, National Executive Council; Gerard Weinstock, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

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Evangelical, and Jewish spokesmen.

The dinner meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will be highlighted by the presentation of a National Interreligious Affairs Award to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, in tribute to his many years of leadership in "promoting friendship and solidarity between the Greek and Jewish communities of this country." Together with Rabbi Tanenbaum, Archbishop Iakovos served as the Co-Chairman of the First National Colloquium on Greek Orthodox-Jewish Relations in January 1972 in New York City. That scholars' conference served as the basis for growing rapprochement between the Greek Orthodox and Jewish communities in America, particularly in Atlanta.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, a pioneering figure in Jewish-Christian relations in the United States and abroad, will be the featured speaker at the dinner, which will mark the Atlanta Jewish community's observance of the 75th Anniversary of the American Jewish Committee.

The Rev. George Telford, a major Presbyterian leader, will respond to Rabbi Tanenbaum's address on the theme, "Jews and Christians in the 1980s." Dr. Telford will be honored by the AJC's Interreligious Affairs Commission for this contribution to advancing Protestant-Jewish relations.

The Chairman of the Atlanta Chapter of the AJC is Thomas Asher. William Gralnick is AJC's Southeastern Region Director.

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: APRIL 17, 1981

TO: H. APPLEBAUM  
FROM: SHERRY FRANK  
SUBJECT: ATLANTA MURDERED & MISSING CHILDREN

cc: Tenenbaum  
Gralnick

I attended a Federation CRC meeting on 4/15/81. A presentation was made by Bob Bevis, a Presbyterian minister, and the enclosed materials were circulated. Bob is developing a summer program geared to involve the religious community. Discussion at the meeting came to these general conclusions.

1) Bob would be asked to address the Atlanta Rabbinical Council after Passover. Rabbi Auerback, a member of the Federation CRC agreed to assist with that.

2) A meeting would be held with Barrie Segall, Director of the Atlanta Jewish Community Center to explore the possible use of their pool, ball fields, etc. for a summer recreation program. Monies are being made available for bussing children from housing projects to outside community facilities.

3) A meeting would be called of the Presidents Council of Womens Organizations.

This would follow steps 1 and 2. If the congregations or JCC take an active role in this effort, perhaps the Sisterhoods and service organizations can offer volunteer assistance.

I was asked to oversee these 3 and I have accepted.

We (CRC) decided to issue a statement immediately in the form of a resolution endorsing Bob Bevis' programs for the summer. It was agreed by everyone that the Jewish Community must become visibly involved in these efforts to safeguard our children and keep the city free of riots and etc.

I hope this gives you an over-view. I welcome any suggestions.

Regards.

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"HELP THE CHILDREN PROJECT"

EXPECTATION FROM EACH CONGREGATION

An agreement to participate in the project by signing the congregation application form,

which means:

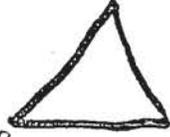
1. Congregation will focus efforts on one low-income target neighborhood -- one of 26 public housing projects or one of 25 and more private neighborhoods; and target school(s) in or near neighborhood.
2. Congregation will join with three or more other congregations in a cluster to develop and share ministry together in a target neighborhood -- through a steering committee of at least three members from each congregation, along with neighborhood and school representatives.
3. Congregation will be able to negotiate target neighborhood focus and cluster partnerships.
4. Congregation will recruit volunteers from membership and friends to:
  - a. tutor this spring and/or next fall in target school(s);
  - b. help plan and implement summer programming in target neighborhood;
  - c. help operate a day camp at the site of one of the congregations (optional).
5. Congregation will give membership and friends opportunity to share in the project through special offerings.
6. Congregation will agree to consider potential for ongoing, long term commitment to cluster ministry in target neighborhood and school(s).

April 1981

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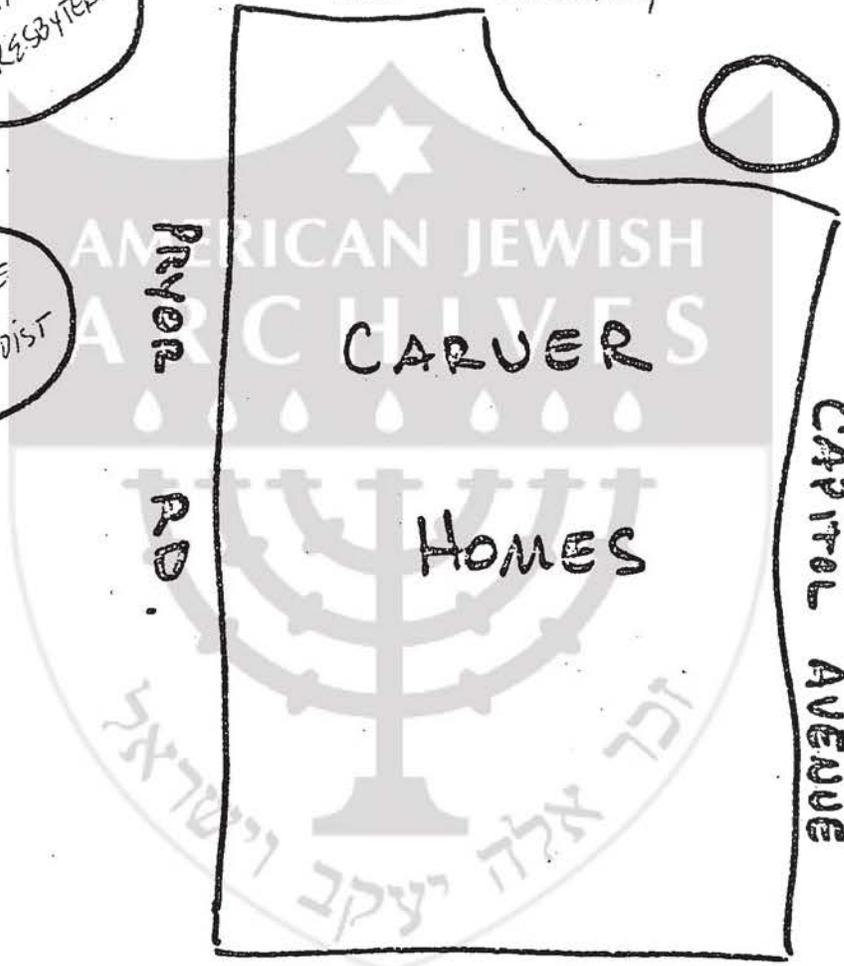
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## THE NEED

As of April, 1981, the list of murdered and missing children from poor and black neighborhoods in Atlanta stands at 25. Most of the affected people live in a swath of 26 family-oriented public housing projects that run from northwest to southeast Atlanta.

This summer 80,000 children will be out of school in the city. Almost 20,000 of them live in public housing, with as many more living in other low income neighborhoods. Few of the projects have functioning recreation areas. CETA cutbacks are reducing the number of jobs. A tight city budget has reduced the city's ability to provide enough supervised recreation.

Volunteers from one cluster of four churches have had a five-year relationship at one public housing project. A second cluster is forming a similar relationship at another project. Our aim is to develop many more clusters of congregations which will enter a relationship with tenants of a project based on these models.

We hope to complement and strengthen existing recreation programs, establish day camps at church facilities, develop residential camping opportunities, hire and train neighborhood youth to work in the various programs under professional supervision, and put volunteers to work tutoring in city schools this spring and next fall.

This project depends upon many volunteers, upon funds from congregations in and out of Atlanta, and upon facilities being made available for day camping. Already three Catholic, one Presbyterian and one Lutheran congregations are committed to day camping on their sites. We are moving ahead in the belief that such willingness is there and can be further tapped.

THIS COALITION brings together concerned individuals and institutions from education, neighborhoods and the religious community to address common needs and opportunities. Other concerned individuals and groups are invited to join in this effort to meet some of the critical immediate needs of the city, as well as working to overcome some of the root causes in our society that cause poverty and injustice.

It proposes to join hands in addressing

- the fear and anxiety of many in our city over the continuing tragedy of the murdered and missing children;

- the cutback in funds, especially this summer, for children and youth programs;

- the ongoing need for closer cooperation and sharing in the nurture of our children by the home, schools and religious community;

- and the need to confront, in a positive way, the issues of poverty, dependency, crime, job and economic development, and community organization in low income neighborhoods.

COALITION LEADERSHIP TEAM  
FOR  
HELP THE CHILDREN PROJECT

- GOAL: To provide guidance for the religious community's participation in the "Help The Children Project" to the end that communication will be enhanced, collaboration will be maximized, and resources will be used effectively and efficiently.
- THE PURPOSE: The "Help The Children Project" is a program with five objectives: spring-time tutoring in target neighborhood schools; summertime recreational program in target neighborhoods; summertime employment and training program for target neighborhood youth; a skeletal administrative function to keep the program elements organizationally sound; and potential for a continuing involvement of congregations in target schools and neighborhoods.
- OBJECTIVES:
1. Clearinghouse: The Leadership Team will serve as a clearinghouse:
    - a. for religious denominations, individual congregations, religious institutions and agencies who want to make a contribution to the "Help The Children Project;
    - b. between religious community plans and programs and neighborhood plans and programs;
    - c. between religious community plans and programs and public school system plans and programs; and
    - d. between religious community plans and programs and other governmental and/or business corporate sector plans and programs.
  2. Volunteers: The Leadership Team will establish a volunteer program by:
    - a. recruiting and training volunteers who will work in the "Help The Children Project"
    - b. coordinate training opportunities being conducted by religious denominations, congregations and agencies which can be helpful to "Help The Children Project" volunteers.
  3. Fluency: The Leadership Team will establish a program to create fluency within the religious and civil community regarding the plans and activities of the religious community's contribution to the "Help The Children Project":
    - a. through participation on the Leadership Team by denominational representatives
    - b. through public media releases
    - c. through bulletins to participating religious bodies.
  4. Employment: The Leadership Team will establish an employment program to hire recreation and youth leaders, and neighborhood youth from target neighborhoods to insure participation by target neighborhoods in the "Help the Children Project" and to contribute to ameliorating youth unemployment. This program entails:
    - a. recruitment and training of recreation and youth leaders
    - b. recruitment and training of summer youth employees
    - c. management/evaluation of summer youth employees

(OVER)

SCHOOLS/NEIGHBORHOODS/RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY COALITION

PROJECTED BUDGET  
March - August, 1981

(for work in 26 public housing projects and 20-25 other low-income neighborhoods)

INCOME

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Religious Community                      |                   |
| Congregations                            |                   |
| Denominations                            |                   |
| National Denominations and congregations |                   |
| Camping Scholarships                     |                   |
| Business Community                       |                   |
| Foundations                              |                   |
| Individual contributions                 |                   |
| Total                                    | <u>\$455,000.</u> |

EXPENSES

|  |                |                   |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Training of Volunteers in schools                  |                | 10,000.           |
| Summer Program expenses                            |                | 75,000.           |
| Arts, crafts, music supplies                       | 5,000.         |                   |
| Sporting equipment                                 | 5,000.         |                   |
| Entertainment events                               | 5,000.         |                   |
| Day camping  | 15,000.        |                   |
| Transportation                                     | 25,000.        |                   |
| Camping  | <u>20,000.</u> |                   |
| Summer Employment                                  |                | 367,000.          |
| Employment of neighborhood youth                   |                |                   |
| \$3.35 per hour, 4 hours per day, 10 weeks         |                |                   |
| 400 @ \$670. per person                            | 268,000.       |                   |
| Employment of skilled recreation and youth workers |                |                   |
| \$4.00 per hour, 8 hours per day, 10 weeks         |                |                   |
| 50 @ \$1,600. per person                           | 80,000.        |                   |
| Social Security                                    | 5,000.         |                   |
| Training of employees                              | 7,000.         |                   |
| Employment of shared staff                         | 0.             |                   |
| Salaries paid by own denomination, company, etc.   |                |                   |
| Transportation and other expenses                  | <u>7,000.</u>  |                   |
| Administrative expenses                            |                | 3,000.            |
| Office supplies                                    | 500.           |                   |
| Half time secretary (for six months)               | <u>2,500.</u>  |                   |
| Total  |                | <u>\$455,000.</u> |

Please send your tax-deductible contribution to:

HELP THE CHILDREN PROJECT  
P.O. Box 77005  
Atlanta, GA 30357  
Attention: A.B. Padgett, Treasurer

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The King Family

Atlanta Scott King and her children Dexter, Bernice, and Martin III, lead other family and friends to the crypt of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., where a service was held in memory of the 13th anniversary of his death. (Lens News Service)

## Gun Violence Perpetuate Violent Society, Mrs. King Says

GILLIARD  
The slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is death Saturday for the all-out effort of every sector of society to quell that grips this world.

underlined the need for stricter regulation governing the licensing of the more than 50 million handguns now spread throughout America.

"What we so desperately need in Washington are more politicians who have the moral courage to stand

up to the National Rifle Association and the gun lobby, and honor the wishes of the vast majority of the American people who want handgun control and safe communities," she told a group of about 60 onlookers.

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## Voters League Hears Report On Conference With Mayor Jackson

The Atlanta BI-Partisan Voters League executive committee, meeting jointly with the Atlanta Consumers Club heard a report from its committee assigned to confer with Mayor Maynard Jackson for the purpose of persuading him to seek a

third term so he could play an effective part in solving the tragedies surrounding the deaths of 21 children and two missing.

The committee praised the

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## Atlanta Christian Council Atlanta Churches Start Large-Scale Spring, Summer Inner City Child Program

### "Help The Children" Project Is Planned

An ambitious project that will involve hundreds of Atlanta's churches and scores of volunteers in tutoring, providing summer camping, and employment/training for inner-city children is under way.

Called "Help The Children" project, it will be carried forward under the umbrella of the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta. A leadership team of staff persons from approximately a dozen church and ecumenical projects is providing guidance for the effort, which begins Holy Week, and is expected to grow throughout the spring and summer into a massive emergency effort involving not only churches but the business community, schools, and housing projects.

To date, the following has been accomplished:

- Staff leadership from the following organizations have pledged their time to help direct the work: Urban Training Organization, Evangelical Social Action, Druid Hills Community Center, Family Consultation Service, Community Food Bank, Junior League, Catholic Archdiocese and Ecumenical Community Ministry. In addition, the Community Relations Commission, the Atlanta Public School System and prominent members of the business community are cooperating with Help The Children project.

- The first group of volunteers will be trained Tuesday, April 7, and will begin their work in schools that are being identified according to need by the office of Dr. Alonzo Crim, superintendent of Atlanta Schools. It was Dr. Crim's request to Dr. Donald Newby, Executive Director of the Christian Council, for volunteers in needy schools that was the seed of the Help The Children project. The first group of more than 20 volunteers are being supplied by First Presbyterian, St. Bar-

tholomew's Episcopal and Cascade United Methodist Churches. Their experience will be a pilot for many more groups being recruited from churches and fielded into schools.

- Out-of-Atlanta camp facilities, such as those owned by denominational agencies, which might be willing to provide camping opportunities for Atlanta's children, are being sought. Some funds from churches will be used for such camping scholarships.

- Work/training opportunities for inner city youth will be provided. The plan is to pay minimum wage for a 20 hour week at the day camp sites and combine that with 20 hours of skills training by professionals. The Rev. Robert Bevis, administrator, says the Leadership Team wants to avoid "phony jobs or make-work situations which only reinforce negative attitudes toward work."

- Funds to pay for all of this are already being committed. So far the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches have made substantial commitments to Help The Children and other denominations are studying its proposals. A. B. Padgett of Atlanta has agreed to serve as treasurer. In addition, commitments of people for volunteer time are also being sought and secured.

The Christian Council project, says Newby, "will not seek to control efforts made by churches or organizations in the city this summer, but we do hope to keep in touch with what is going on, stimulate a whole lot of other churches to get involved, offer assistance to those that request it, and move ahead swiftly with our own program -- which is open to any church to join."

Bevis says "Our intent is also to compliment and strengthen existing projects of the religious community.



Murder Victim I

Timothy Hill, one of the latest two murder victims in Church following rites. The other victim, Eddie D weekend. (Photo by H.C. Williams)

and those of public and private agencies like the Housing Authority, City Parks and Recreation, and youth-serving agencies. We are participating in the metro-wide coordination of summer activities for youth under the leadership of Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomas.

A special office has opened at First Presbyterian Church, 1328 Peachtree St., N.E. where the Help The Children staff is already functioning. For information regarding contributions of day camp sites, volunteers, training schedules and funding call 874-1976.

## Two After

black victims Saturday string of 22 slayings have stymied the best investigative efforts of the and local police.

The bodies of Eddie "Eddie" Duncan, 21, a retarded black who friends said "the mind of a child," Timothy Hill, 15, were buried in ceremonies after by Mayor Maynard Jackson and other city dignitaries. The funerals were separately, one at a

SCHOOLS/NEIGHBORHOODS/RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY COALITION

CONGREGATION APPLICATION FORM

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Theological preference of cluster

evangelical  ecumenical  christian  interfaith  whichever

Geographical preference of school(s) and neighborhood(s)

NW Atlanta  SW Atlanta  Central City  SE Atlanta  NE Atlanta  
 any of above

Type of neighborhood

public housing  private low-income

School preference

elementary  high school

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name-if a particular school is requested)

Would like to work with \_\_\_\_\_

name of other congregation(s)

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*  use of facility and property for day camping

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please sign)

VOLUNTEER RESPONSE SHEET

The following list may seem formidable, but then so are our task and mission. Please read this carefully, and take a little time to decide. Use the return envelope to mail this form back. The description of each of the area needs is not all-inclusive. It has "trigger words" to get your mind working about your interests and ideas. Check areas in which you want to volunteer.

EMPLOYMENT: developing format, recruiting, placement, coordinating  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT: formation and coordination of neighborhood/church cluster -- overall programming, resourcing, etc.  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

DAY CAMP: site choice, program development, transportation (car pooling), food, games music, equipment/supplies, coordination  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN NEIGHBORHOOD: field trips, crafts, music, staffing, coordination  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

TUTORING: in both elementary and secondary school -- orientation, training, coordinating, tutoring  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINING: for camp/recreational staff  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENTIAL CAMPING: contacts, scholarships, transportation, coordination  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT: within neighborhood/church cluster for all programs, plans -- organizing, coordinating  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL: "office-type" (filing, mailing, typing, etc.), art & graphics, anything else you think might be needed and useful  
Your ideas/interests \_\_\_\_\_

AN ADDITIONAL NOTE:

Families: Whole families might want to look at summer schedules and commit a week or two together. Talk with each other about this.

Friends/Neighbors: Perhaps you and several friends could organize informally to work in the same things, to share transportation costs and time, to share child care with each other.

YOUR ADDITIONAL/GENERAL IDEAS/INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_