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MY BROTHER, ERNY TANNEN - PARABLE OF A MODERN JEW

WINS RELIGION COMMENTARY

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM* OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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Devoie Duan, nom wisw-iv lopeka. Kan., joins KGAN-TV Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as reporter.

Jay Cascio, reporter. PM Magazine, KIRO-TV Seattle, named weekend weather reporter.

Mike Pechner, meteorologist. KSFO(AM) San Francisco, joins KFYI(AM) (formerly KDIA) there as meteorologist.

Technology

Jay Trager, assistant director, broadcast services, world systems business development, Comsat, Washington, named director.

a Rowse, VP, engineering, United Satellite Communications, joins Private Satellite Network, New York, as VP, engineering and network operations.

is, VP, chief operating officer, Au-Tom rora Systems, San Francisco-based supplier of digital videographics systems and services, named president and chief executive officer.

Nathanlel Ostroff, VP and director, Comark Communications, Southwick, Mass., manufacturer of UHF television transmitters, named president.

Douglas Neil, VP, sales and marketing, Computer Systems Dynamics, joins Times-Fiber Communications, Wallingford, Conn., as Western regional sales manager, cable television division.

John Colbert, treasurer, M/A-COM Inc., joins American Satellite Co., Rockville, Md., as chief financial officer.

Andrew Kadison, from Northeast Video, joins VCA Teletronics, New York, as video editor.

Richard Clevenger, director of corporate engineering, Cox Cable, Atlanta, named VP, engineering.

Edward Levy, credit and collections manager, VCA Teletronics, New York, named assistant to treasurer.

Marian Roach, associate producer, CBS News, joins Videostar Connections, Atlantabased satellite networking company, as West Coast sales manager.

Jim Cope, group chief engineer. Snider Broadcasting, Little Rock, Ark., joins WREC-(AM)-WZXR(FM) Memphis as chief engineer.

John Clay, engineering manager, WSAZ-TV Huntington, W. Va., retires after 35 years with station.

Peter Swanson, from WHDH(AM) Boston, joins WBZ(AM) there as studio crew chief.

Beverly Knickerbocker, creative services director, MPW Advertising, Flint, Mich., joins WSMH-TV there as promotion manager.

Ed Brown, part-time air personality, WLOV(AM)-WCZY(FM) Detroit, named promotion and public relations manager.

Promotion and PR

Merrill Rose, account manager, Needham Porter Novelli, Washington public relations irm, named VP. Rebecca Squires, director of editorial and creative services, Carl Byoir & Associates. Washington, joins Needham Porter Novelli as account executive.

Cheryl Barnes, public information specialist. American Television and Communications, Denver, named manager, corporate public affairs projects.

Joseph Postar, VP. director of public relations, Potter Hazelhurst, East Greenwich, R.I., has left to form own firm, Postar Public Relations, based in Cranston, R.I.

Susan Landess, public relations director, KPIX(TV) San Francisco, joins Hilsinger-Mendelson, public relations firm, as manager of San Francisco office.

Louise Alamo, manager, advertising and publicity, Embassy Home Entertainment, Los Angeles, named director, advertising and publicity.

Margaret Sandwick, manager of public affairs, Lifetime, New York, named director of department.

Dolores Finlay, publicity and special events director, KHJ-TV Los Angeles, resigns to become independent publicity consultant.

Susyn Conway, manager of marketing services, Computer Network Corp., Washington, joins GTE Spacenet, McLean, Va., as business promotion manager.

William Moss, from Booke and Company Public Relations, New York, joins Lippin & Grant there as account executive.

Joyce Draganosky, from WYTV(TV) Youngstown, Ohio, joins Silverman, Warren/ Kremer, New York public relations firm, as account coordinator.

Brad Foltyn, on-air producer and media coordinator, WBAL-TV Baltimore, joins WEFF-TV there as promotion manager.

Lydia Jones, on-air promotion manager, WJLA-TV Washington, named acting director, advertising and promotion, succeeding Hank Price (see "Programing," above).

Priscilla Morrissey, research assistant. WQTV(TV) Boston, joins WJBK-TV there as sales research and promotion coordinator.

Allied Fields

Miles David, former president of Radio Advertising Bureau, New York, and currently consultant to RAB, named president of newly formed American Values Center, New York. Center is nonprofit organization that describes its goal as "speeding up the distribution of knowledge about how communities are coping with critical social problems such as drug addiction, drunk driving, teen-age suicide and child abuse."

Robert Hopkins, managing director, RCA Jersey Ltd., Jersey Channel Islands, Great Britain, overseas subsidiary of RCA that manufactures television equipment, joins National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, as executive director of its U.S. Advanced Television Systems Committee.

Brlan Fontes, social science analyst, policy analysis branch, Mass Media Bureau, FCC Washington, named special assistant to FCC Commissioner James Quello. Jack Richards,

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attorney. Private Radio Bureau, named legal assistant to Commissioner Mimi Dawson.

Kim Picone, from D'Arcy MacManus Masius. New York, joins Council for Cable Information there as manager, marketing. Piper Parry, public relations assistant, CCI, named manager, communications.

Carl Smith, president. Smith Electronics, Cleveland, will receive National Association of Broadcasters Engineering Achievement award at NAB's annual convention April 14-17

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Paul Paolicelli, manager, Washington bureau, NBC Stations Division, joins Audience Research & Development, Dallas, as senior consultant.

Allan Schlosser, director of public affairs, Consumer Electronics Group, Electronics Industries Association, Washington, named VP, Consumer Electronics Group.

Wendell Wood, publications editor, National Radio Broadcasters Association, Washington, named director of media and public affairs.

Douglas Gibbons, director of library services, Museum of Broadcasting, New York, named director of administration.

Bernard Mann, president, Mann Media, High-Point, N.C., named adjunct professor, department of speech, communications and theater arts, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Deaths

Hans Schmid, 57, manager, technical quality control department, broadcast operations and eugineering, ABC, New York, died Jan. 21 of heart attack while returning home from work. He had been with network for 23 years, beginning in 1962 as manager of engineering laboratories. He is survived by his wife, Ma-

Erny Tannen, 63, died of heart attack Jan. 15 in Philadelphia. He was partner with John Kluge (later founder of Metromedia) in purchase of WEEP(AM) Pittsburgh. He was also general sales manager at Metromedia's WTTG-TV Washington. He left Kluge operation and purchased, with two partners, WYRE(AM) Annapolis, Md., in 1963. He later was sole owner of WDMV(AM) Pocomoke City, Md., and of WEEZ(AM) Chester, Pa., all later sold. Most recently. Tannen had provided farm reports to radio stations for Farm Journal in Philadelphia. He is survived by son and daughter.

George Faulder, 64, retired president, radio division, Tracey-Locke Advertising, Dallas, died of cancer Jan. 14 in Memphis hospital. Faulder was former program director and station manager, WMPS(AM) Memphis; general sales manager, KXOL(AM) Fort Worth, and general manager of WYDE(AM) Wheeling, W. Va. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three sons and daughter.

Mike Meads, 62, director of current drama, ABC broadcast standards and practices, West Coast, Los Angeles, died Jan. 5 of complications following stroke at his home in Los Angeles. Meads began his career at ABC in 1957 as broadcast standards editor. He was named director of current drama in 1982.



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What a wonderful day yesterday was for us. Julie really grocks on these trips. Everybody is so kind and good to her and she is so eager to see you.

I am very much into synchronicity these days. Yesterday we spoke about angst and I mentioned the painting by Edvard Munch that I saw in Oslo at the Munch Museum. Lo and behold, in today's Philadelphia Inquirer, there's a touched up reproduction of "Angst". It is enclosed.

It really makes me feel good to see you and Marc so happy together. I will settle for nothing less for myself.



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Alternate course

Text aims to show the way to inner peace

By Michael D. Schaffer Inquirer Staff Writer

The men and women seated in Ernest Tannen's living room in South Philadelphia took turns reading aloud from the thick volumes that they held on their laps or shared with neighbors.

They read carefully, hesitating occasionally over the sometimes long, complicated sentences as they searched the pages for a new way to spiritual peace - a way they had not found in their churches and synagogues.

"It is essential that error not be confused with sin, and it is this distinction that makes salvation possible," read Peggy Dean. "For error can be corrected, and the wrong would be irreversible." From time to time, they paused to

talk about the meaning of a passage. "That was powerful," Tannen murmured after one line.

The text they were reading was part of the Course in Miracles, a three-volume work originally written in shorthand by a Columbia University psychologist who said she was taking dictation from an inner voice that she believed to be the voice of Jesus.

The Course was first published in 1976 and has attracted at least 150,000 followers.

"The purpose of the Course is really to heal our minds, to change our behavior," said Kenneth A. Wapnick,

made right. But sin, were it possible, 41, a clinical psychologist from Westchester County, N.Y. The Course offers "an escape from the hell of our own guilt," he said.

> Among the Course's tenets: There are no sins, only mistakes; peace of mind is the only goal; forgiveness is the key to happiness; the individual can direct his mind to replace fear with love; love should be given without condition; the individual can choose love.

> Those connected with the Course insist that it is not a religion, although it deals with the spirit. Nor would it be considered a cult, as defined by religious scholars, since it does not feature a charismatic (See COURSE on 8-B)



Joseph Oberman reads the first volume at Ernest Tannen's house

Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday, Jan. 29, 1981 8-B An alternate course to inner peace

COURSE, from 1-B leader.

Each set of books costs \$40, recently raised from \$30, and about 150,000 sets have been distributed, according to the Foundation for Inner Peace of Tiburon, Calif., the nonprofit organization that publishes the Course.

Anyone who looks for a way to peace through the Course is a student of the Course, according to Judith R. Skutch, 52, co-founder and president of the Foundation for Inner Peace. "You become a student by choosing to be one," she said.

Psychotherapy

"It really is psychotherapy, selfadministered ... a book on how to love," Mrs. Skutch said.

The Course does not provide answers to specific moral dilemmas, such as whether or not a woman should have an abortion.

Rather, the Course tells the individual to look inside himself and make contact there with God. Mrs. Skutch said. That link with God "will tell you what to do.'

The real miracle is love, according to the Course, and "everything that comes from love is a miracle."

"Knowledge is not the motivation for learning this course," according to one line in the text. "Peace is."

The Course in Miracles is one of many alternative forms of spirituality - from yoga to meditation to cults - crowding the American religious landscape.

Even the Christian charismatic and "born-again" experiences could writing. be considered part of the search for a new spirituality because they emphasize personal experience rather than doctrine, according to Robert S. Elwood Jr., professor of religion at the University of Southern California.

tuality is nothing new in American religious history, but it has been renewed since the 1960s, according to Elwood.

The Course and other alternative forms of spirituality do not constitute a religious revolution, according to Elwood. They supplement, rather than replace, traditional religion, he said.

A sincere group

The students of the Course are "a sincere group," according to Jacob Needleman, professor of philosophy at San Francisco State University and the author of The Heart of Philosophy, a recently published book about the role of philosophy in the current spiritual ferment.

The Course "attracts very often people in positions of influence" and "is of help to a lot of people," he said: "The problem is to determine how good it is."

The Course in Miracles was in the mid-1960s. Helen Schuc who was an associate professo medical psychology at Columbia the time, said she was moved something within her to be

"She didn't hear an audible voi said William N. Thetford, 60, a mer Columbia University psychol professor who was Ms. Schucm: boss at Columbia. "It seemed to ce to her in a continuous stream The search for an alternative spiri- | words. It seemed to her to already there. It seemed as if a tape recor was playing. She thought it was other part of her mind speaking her."

> "It obviously came from some] of her mind or psyche that did reflect her usual thought patter Thetford said.

Ms. Schucman, who died in 198 the age of 71, told him that thought the course was being die ed to her by Jesus, even though considered herself an atheist, T. ford said.

Ms. Schucman wrote in shorthai and Thetford transcribed on a typ writer. The writing began in Octobe 1965, Thetford said. Most of it wy completed within six years.

Thetford, who now lives in Tit ron, Calif., recalled that he and J Schucman were reluctant to ha the Course published or even to cuss it with their colleagues Columbia.

In 1975, Mrs. Skutch, who had b interested in psychic phenome met Ms. Schucman and Theti through a mutual friend. T showed her the Course, and mada -b-+

Within a year, interest in the Course had grown to the extent that it became necessary to publish it, Mrs. Skutch said.

The Course is organized into three volumes: a 622-page Text, a 478-page Workbook for Students and an 88page Manual for Teachers.

, Bookstores in Philadelphia that sell the Course report a small but steady demand for it.

"I keep it always in stock," said Candy Smith, manager of the Garland of Letters Bookstore at 527 South St. She said she sells about 10 copies of the Course each month. Meridian Bookstore, at 635 South St. has carried the Course for about a year and a half, "because people were asking for it," said Deborah Scoblionkov, assistant manager of the store. Meridian sells one or two copies each month, she said.

Ernest Tannen's search for new forms of spirituality began in 1960, when he became dissatisfied with his Conservative synagogue in Washington.

His pilgrimage took him through Hindu and Buddhist philosophy and psychosynthesis, a system developed by the late Italian psychoanalyst Robert Assagioli.

Tannen, 62, who operates a broadcast public relations service, heard about the Course in Miracles at a party in Washington in 1977. "I said, You've got to be kidding. That's the hokiest title I've ever heard," he recalled.

But Tannen obtained a copy of the Course and began to study it.

"It wasn't easy going at first," he said. But he persisted. Now, he said, "I'm addicted to it. I need to read it every day."

About a year ago he asked several people to join him for meetings at his house in the 700 block of South Darien Street to discuss the Course.

The group, which meets for two hours each Monday night, numbers eight or nine people, including a veterinarian, two public relations specialists, a city planner, a commercial photographer and two psychological counselors.

"What is important to me about it," Tannen said, "is that for the first : time. I've come into a religious thought system that I can apply to my everyday life."

"I've lost stress," Tannen said. "I'm not nearly as stressful as I once was, and that is extremely important." Most important, Tannen said, the Course teaches that "the way to make a miracle happen is not to attack back" when someone attacks him. The Course teaches its students to emulate Christ without asking them to worship Him, he said.

Students of the Course do not have to give up their ammanon with churches or synagogues. Tannen said. The message of the course is universal and does not compromise his Jewish identity, he said. "I consider myself a better Jew as a result of the Course."

The Course has no dogmas or doctrines. Nor does it enroll members or collect dues. And it does not seek converts, according to Tannen.

The Course can be studied individually or in groups. There are no authorized teachers of the Course. although some people who have studied the Course for a long time help others study it. The Course declares that "a teacher of God is anyone who chooses to be one."

"We have no organization." said Judith Skutch.

Even though the course uses Christian language, the Course is not Christian, according to Thetford. Students emphasize that the Course is not a system of theology, but a way of experiencing life.

"A universal theology is impossible, but a universal experience is not only possible but necessary," the Course declares

the voice Helen heard was a universal voice. The name doesn't matter.'

The voice that spoke to Ms. Schucman said that it was using Christian language, Mrs. Skutch said, because Christianity is the dominant religion of the Western world and was in need of renewal and reinterpretation.

Students of the Course emphasize that it is not the only way to peace.

"The course makes clear that it is not the only way," said Paul Fenske of the University City section, who acts as a "facilitator" for several groups of Course students in the area, helping newcomers to understand the material. "There is not set of beliefs that is either pressed or made mandatory."

But those who do choose the Course have to work hard to benefit by it, according to its students.

"You have to do a personal study," said Fenske, who said he was in his 50s. "You have to do that basic book individually."

Mrs. Skutch said she had no idea what the Course's future will be.

"If it's useful, and people find it useful, it will survive," she said. "If not, it won't ... and that should be the test."

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Rabbi Marz Tanenbaum Dr Georgette Bennett 45 E 89th Street New York, N.Y. 10028 the given my paper. Ill call beforehand to see if you're free. Findly, Joan Dear Georgette & Marc I dropped Sima + Herb a note + wanted to "touch base"- as Erny would say - with you too just to shore some of the sadness we all are feeling this first holiday with out Erny. I know he shared Passover with you these last few years + that you'll be feeling his loss.

315T of March, 1935 Deavest Cousin Marc. of your brother. (did not know him, nor of the quality of your relationship with him; but since sue asways respected and aboved you. I feel sorrow at what ever pain this has caused you labourgs Fear abt about you - fromall sources; and your actionies in would beurg and work's moral arena excites and selights in Am coming up to n.y.C. more for professional reasons - shall call you before my next visit. These to touch you in person and pusibly to able to meet your wife. Happy holibajo. with quest love,

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Fraternally yours,

Rev. Leo J. Gorman, C.P.

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Dear Marc:

I was shocked and saddened to learn of your brother's sudden and untimely death. You spoke of him to me several times during our periodic schleps around the South. I know it must have been quite a blow to you as well as to his loved ones.

Out of my profound respect and affection for you I am marking your loss with a contribution to JNF. As we approach Tu Bishvat I thought it appropriate to create life with the planting of trees from this unfortunate death.

As always,

From the desk of— Marcia Goldstone

Executive Director Jewish Community Relations Council

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One shall give thanks for winds That lift the drooping sail; And one, for windless calm Cot-sheltered in the vale.

One shall give thanks for life From danger plucked afresh; And one; that death draws near, To cut life's tangled mesh.

But who gives thanks for calm, If sea—forth he is bound? For rain—on harvest sheaf? For sun—on parched ground.

But, since through loss, through gain, There holds some purpose vast, Let me give thanks for all For life—for death at last.



In everybody's garden A little rain must fall Or life's sweetest fairest flowers, Wouldn't grow and bloom at all-And though the clouds hang heavy So heavy. Oh! My Friend. I'm sure that God who sends the shower Will send the rainbow's end.

Our desire and responsibility in the service we have rendered has been to do all we could to help lighten the burden which has been yours and we sincerely hope we have accomplished our desire.

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February 7, 1985 Dear Georgette & Marc, Shark you for the note & the copy of Governor Cuomo's letter. It's already 3 weeks since Ern has best to hard to believe that he's gone. We will miss him so very much - but life must go onle after a bout with an intestinal. news, abbie returned to California last Saturday. The ust of us are keeping busy around here. Exclosed is the book Mare asked for I made copie of the listed names. also, I'm sending a copy of Em's death cutificate. Keep well - Love, Sima

THEODORE ELLENOFF 551 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017 661-6500

January 17, 1985

Rabbi Mark Tannenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, New York 10022

Dear Mark:

I know what a shock it must have been to

you and your family at the sudden death of your brother.

Lois and I offer our warmest sympathies.

Cordially,

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What the world needs now: A re-run of 1787

by Ernest Tannen

On July 18th, the U.S. Senate voted to create a On July 18th, the U.S. Senate voted to create a 16-member Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. Many World Federalists—of which I am one—believe that May 14th, 1767 is a more important date in American history than July 4th, 1776. World Federalists see what happened in Philadelphia nearly 200 years ago as a model for what needs to happen in the world today. world today. May 14th, 1787 was the day the Federal Con-

May 14th. 1787 was the day the Federal Con-vention began. It is important for the present generation of Americans to understand why it was necessary to hold a Federal Convention 11 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed. Two excellent books, *The Great Rehearsal* by Carl Van Doren, and *Miracle at Philadelphia* by Catherine Drinker Bowen, give a vivid account of this fascinating and critical period of American history. As the title "The Great Rehearsal" im-plies, what happened then was a great rehearsal for what needs to happen now in the world. What happened in 1776 was that 13 English col-onies in America declared independence from their mother country and formed 13 separate, vir-tually sovereign nations. After signing the Declaration, they agreed to hang loosely together by signing a treaty called "The Articles of Con-federation." The Articles of Confederation were to the 13 new nation-states what the United Na-

to the 13 new nation-states what the United Na-tions Charter is to the world community of nations today: a non-binding treaty that no nation pays too much attention to. If they did, our planet would not have lost 20 million lives in wars since World War II.

McCullers revival



Esther Rolle plays Berenice in the Philadelphia Drama Guild Production of The Member of the Wedding, at the Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut Street, through December 11. Phone: 698-6791. Derek Davis's review is on page 55.

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George Washington (right) and friends got 13 states together at Philadelphia's Constitutional Convention of 1787; why can't the nations of the world do the same thing?

Following the establishment of the 13 nation-states in 1776, they began to behave very much as any 13 contiguous independent nations behave to-day. In the nation of Pennsylvania, we elected day. In the nation of Pennsylvania, we elected Benjamin Franklin to serve us as our first Presi-dent. Our legislature voted to have German taught along with English as the official languages of the commonwealth. The new states fought wars: Ver-mont and New Hampshire battled over their border. And Maryland and Virginia engaged in a naval battle over the use of the Chesapeake Bay. In New Jersey, state patriotism was so high that a legislator announced, "I am a New Jerseyan first, an American second." But none of this was enough to compel the

an American second." But none of this was enough to compel the "demi-gods." as Jefferson called the state leaders, to come together for the Federal Conven-tion. The spark was the fear that they would soon lose all they had fought for in the Revolution. England, realizing how weak and disorganized the new states were, began to mobilize an army in Canada. Its mission was to pick off the new nationstate one how one Spain the imperial nation-states one by one. Spain, the imperial power occupying Florida at the time, had the same idea. A Spanish army was forming to move

up the coast. It was this realization—this fear—coupled with the realization the Articles of Confederation could not provide for their security, that compelied the Founding Fathers to come once again to Philadelphia. The federal convention was called for May 14th, 1787, to be held in Independence Hall

Hall. On that day, Franklin and Washington met and agreed that they would not try to impose any ideas on the group that would gather in the City of Brotherly Love. All who came to the conven-tion clearly understood the gravity of the pro-blems they faced. The only thing they agreed upon in the beginning was that they would stay in session until they produced a solution. In a nine-month period they created one of the landmark documents in human history: The Constitution of documents in human history: The Constitution of the United States of America.

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day's world situation. We are faced with incredible problems, not the least of which is the fear of total human annihilation. The fact is that the Contotal numan annulation. The fact is that the Con-stitution of the United States, which was the bulwark of our security for nearly 200 years, can no longer provide for our safety in this shrunken world. We earthlings spend far more on arms—\$750 billion world-wide last year—than the total investment in food, clothing and shelter.

Because of the failure of the flawed United Na-tions Charter, wars continue in all parts of the world, and the need to deal with poverty and starvation gets a low priority.

World Federalists approach the 200th anniverworld rederants approach the zooth anniver-sary of the U.S. Constitution with a fervent hope that world leaders will look upon the 1787 ex-perience as a model for dealing with today's world. The issue today is not nuclear deterrents; it is war itself. In this global village, humanity can no longer afford the anarchy that maintains a divided world, with its attendant wars and human misery. We call for a World Federal Convention that will result in replacing today's version of the Articles of Confederation—the United Nations Charter—with a constitution of the world. A con-stitution that would abalish war. stitution that would abolish war.

Ernest Tannen is press officer for the World Association of World Federalists. He lives in South Philadelphia.

Your State Store at work: **Does Hal Holbrook deserve this?** by Joy Tomme

I was in the State Store the other day. You I was in the state store the other day. For know, the one at Wahut near Juniper. For some reason, I have always felt that there is a vaguely pejorative attitude emanating from the guys stand-ing, unsmilling and ill-humored, behind the counter there—as though they had strong feelings against sin in all its forms, starting with the original one, right straight through to matricide, with drinking falling somewhere a little right of center. There were three lines, each almost reaching to

the door. By the time I got a price list and had

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Frances W. Goldman 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue 18-C-45 Philadelphia, Principloania 19130 January 27, 1985 Dear Satti Jannen baum brother Ernie. and an still finding it hard to believe. I met 6 mie in late summer - having feel introduced by a mutual friend. Erne was my "first dake "after 2's years of widowhood - and was a very positive force in my life. We saw each other for several months - and Then parted friends because we were me " different places in time ". I am so grateful for having known him - for he was a beautiful "person. He spoke to me at length about his family and of

his great love for you and his sister. the was so very proud of you.

you don't know me - but I feel compelled to write to express my deep sympathy on the lose of your

An fact on new years Day of had friende in - and Genie was here and I heard him talking stout you with my brother. Ship very, very much - as will many people. The world was a better place because he was in it. I wish I could find the rationale to explain why people like Druis, and my hus band, who have so much to give are aut down in their prems. Perhaps, as a learned Ratti you can understand is better than I. Hope that someday & can meet you personally. Please extend my con dolences to your sandle Sencerely, Fran Goldman

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I did not hear about Ernie's passing until several weeks after it happened. Like most of us, I wanted to do something but all I could do was feel a private loss.

Ernie was my friend. We did not see each other often, but when we did, it was an important time not on a high powered business level in this overly intense communications industry but important because of the sharing that always happened.

I will miss Ernie as will so many in this broadcast business. I can only say to you something you already know, "you were blessed that this special person, Ernie Tannen, was your brother."

Sincerely,

Robert Mounty

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