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### GERARD WEINSTOCK

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> The Harvard Club of New York City Sunday, March 1, 1981

### ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Nocturne

Ottorino Respighi

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RECOLLECTIONS

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

Bertram Gold

Beth K. Smith Edward A. Smith

Kurt Preuss

INTERLUDE

Passacaille

G. F. Handel-Beon

RECOLLECTIONS

John W. Herz Dean Henry Rosovsky

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Krister Stendahl

POSTLUDE

La Melodieuse

Louis-Claude Daquin

EMILY OPPENHEIMER, Harpist



#### February 20, 1981

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Enclosed is a copy of the order of service for the March 1 memorial service for Gerard Weinstock.

Each participant will speak about their recollections in the context of either personal or organizational association with Gerry. In so doing, the family hopes that there will be perspectives incapsulating his frienships, business associations and communal activities.

In an effort to keep the service reasonably brief would you kindly limit your remarks to three minutes.

With thanks.

Cordially,

D. C. Varisco

Associate Dean for Development Harvard Graduate School of Education

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
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MORTON YARMON, Director of Public Relations

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6...A memorial service for Gerard Weinstock, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Jewish Committee, and Chairman of AJC's Task Forces on the '80s, will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 1, at 2'o'clock, at the Harvard Club of New York City, 27 West 44th Street.

Among those who will pay tribute to him will be Bertram H. Gold, Executive Vice President of the AJC, and Dr. Henry Rosovsky, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University.

Mr. Weinstock, who died on January 22, was a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and had served as National Chairman of the program that established the Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies in 1978.

He also served on the Harvard University Overseers Committee for University Resources, and was a member of the Committee to Nominate Harvard Overseers and Alumni Association Directors.

In his many years as a leader of the American Jewish Committee, he held many key posts. He was a member of AJC's Board of Governors, and had been National Treasurer, Chairman of the Committee on the Middle East, and President of the Westchester Chapter.

Mr. Weinstock was President of the Basic Foods Division of Mallinckrodt, Inc., Englewood, N.J., manufacturers of baking ingredients and equipment.

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### GERARD WEINSTOCK

December 21, 1979

Marc:

The attached copy is self-explanatory.

I'd like to discuss it with you next week or the week after.

It's easiest to reach me at the office - 800-631-1672 or 201-567-1600.

Happy New Year.

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 December 12, 1979

Mr. Gerard Weinstock Mallinckrodt-Basic Food Division Fifty-three Bancker Street Englewood, New Jersey 07631

Dear Gerry:

It was good of you to take the time to meet with Krister and me this afternoon. I very much enjoyed both the lunch and the opportunity to talk with you at greater length than in our brief conversation in Henry's office.

The need we discussed is one which not only Krister and I but also our faculty as a whole consider a critical one for the Divinity School. We want to be able to provide sustained attention to Judaism within our curriculum because we see a grounding in Jewish thought and practice as indispensable to the education of the future ministers and other religious leaders who are our students. To educate Christians for ministry in contemporary America without assuring that they have an informed acquaintance with Jewish traditions is, in short, to prepare them inadequately.

It is worth noting that all of the relatively few Jewish students at the Divinity School over the years have also identified this as a need--not only for Gentiles but also for Jewish students who do not have the linguistic training requisite for specialized work in Judaica in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. In this respect, our students are representative of both Jewish and non-Jewish students in the College who have interest in Judaism and want to pursue rigorous study of its traditions but who do not intend to become specialists in Jewish studies as an academic concentration. (As you can imagine, the establishment of an undergraduate Concentration in Comparative Religion has accentuated this need in the College.)

That there are parallel needs in the College and the Divinity School is illustrated in the mix of enrollments in the courses which Rabbi Marc Saperstein is offering this fall. (As I think you know, Marc who studied with Isadore Twersky for his Ph.D., is on a one-year appointment as a Lecturer is Jewish Studies in the Divinity School; 70% of this appointment is on Divinity School funds, with the other 30% coming from the Ziprik Foundation through the intercession of Gerson Cohen.) Marc is teaching four courses this year: a two semester sequence on Post-Biblical Hebrew Literature in translation; a course on The Cycles of Jewish

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Life; and an Introduction to Jewish Law. All four courses are cross-listed with the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. So far, the enrollments have been about evenly divided between Divinity School students and others (from F.A.S. and the School of Education).

As Krister and I indicated in our conversation today, the goal of our faculty is to establish a continuing appointment in Jewish traditions at the Divinity School. We realize that any sharp distinction between Jewish religion on the one hand and Jewish literature and history and philosophy on the other is in the end untenable. But our interest is in addressing the as yet unmet need for non-specialist study of Jewish thought and practice in what might be called their religious forms. As you know very well, the best assurance of a continuing appointment is an endowed fund to support it. And that is our long-term objective.

We would, of course, be delighted if we could attain that long-term objective in a single stride. So we would appreciate your advice on the best approach, be it by establishing a committee of concerned persons, Jewish and Christian, or otherwise. We do recognize, however, that a transitional step or two may be necessary.

The minimal step--but a critical one if momentum is to be maintained -- is to continue the present annual appointment of a Divinity School junior faculty member in Jewish Studies. Even that small step is not without difficulty, given the growing deficit in the Divinity School budget. But the Professorial Committee (our appointments committee, which includes all tenured faculty) has voted overwhelmingly to continue this position if at all possible. I am now exploring various combinations of resources from Divinity School balances in restricted funds and possible Faculty of Arts and Sciences support for an offering in the Core Curriculum. But if more ambitious plans prove not to be feasible for implementation by the 1980-81 academic year, it would certainly be a great help to have contributions to cover all or part of this annual appointment for another The cost involved here is about \$25,000, if fringe benefits are included. If we are able to arrange another one-year appointment, we very much hope we will be able to persuade Marc Saperstein to remain, not only because of his. great effectiveness with both College and Divinity School students and faculty but also because of his good rapport with faculty at the Center for Jewish Studies.

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A less modest transitional step in the direction of a fully endowed position would be a five-year junior faculty appointment. Any such appointment would require a national search and should in my view and in the view of our faculty include extensive and careful collaboration with both the Center for Jewish Studies and the undergraduate Concentration in Comparative Religion. The cost in this case would be about \$150,000 over the five-year period.

It goes without saying that our preference is for the full stride to an endowed chair rather than for either of the transitional steps. But we will be grateful for any help you can provide us in securing support for any of the alternatives.

Thank you again for meeting with Krister and meand for your willingness to work with us in our efforts to meet this need of our students and faculty and, by example and extension, to establish the place of Jewish Studies in Christian theological education in this country and beyond.

I look forward to hearing from you as to how you think we should proceed from here.

Sincerely,

George Rupp

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HARRY STARR, Honorary Chairman WILLIAM LEE FROST, Campaign Treasurer

April 10, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Marc:

Dom and I want to thank you for the amount of time you spent with us, your suggestions and your extremely complimentary estimate of the importance of the Center.

For the first you have our appreciation, for the second we are translating your suggestions into activity and for the third we are more than pleased to know that you feel that the Center will prove to be perhaps, the most important vehicle in communicating the Jewish experience, history and philosophy to the non-Jewish American community.

Hope to see you soon.

As ever