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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Interreligious Affairs Director  
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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am writing to invite you to be Keynote Speaker at an Interfaith Seminar for the Clergy of the Greater Boca Raton Area to be held sometime in the Fall. It is our understanding that you will be in Florida at that time for your annual speaking engagement in the Greater Miami Area. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if and when you can be with us.

The topic for the Seminar will be the Oberammergau Passion Play. We have received a most informative booklet that you published on the subject of the Play's anti-Semitism. I believe it is very important that this material reach the Christian Clergy Community here. At least one of the members of our Clergy community attended the Oberammergau Passion Play, and at our last ministeriam we debated the anti-Semitic slurs of the Play. . .hence, the importance of a Clergy Seminar based on this topic.

I urge you to give serious consideration to this invitation to be Keynote Speaker at this particular Seminar as Boca Raton is a community which had a past history of anti-Semitism, a history which we are working diligently to overcome through a number of ecumenical activities; and furthermore, Boca Raton is the home of the international evangelical fundamentalist Christian movement known as "Bibletown International."

I look forward to hearing from you - affirmatively - at your earliest convenience. L'Shona Tova!

Sincerely,

Merle E. Singer  
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