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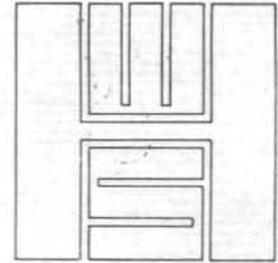
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P.O. Box 441

February 18, 1981

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

We would like to confirm your positive reply to speak at our symposium "Religion, Politics and the New American Morality." The objective of this symposium is to elucidate and question the notion of a New Morality. Each speaker will be presenting a unique perspective on the topic. We are enclosing a tentative schedule and would appreciate the title of your talk as soon as possible. This will help facilitate our intentions for publicity.

Your travel arrangements are as follows:

- March 27--American Flight #463, leave LaGuardia 12:45 p.m.,  
arrive Rochester 1:46 p.m.
- March 28--American Flight #608, leave Rochester 4:45 p.m.,  
arrive LaGuardia 5:45 p.m.

Please pick up your airline tickets at the airport. If there are any difficulties, please contact us immediately (315-781-2426). Transportation will be waiting for you at the airport.

We would also like to confirm our arrangements for an honorarium of \$800 for your participation in this symposium. We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Eric Kamisher*

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*Amy Starobin*

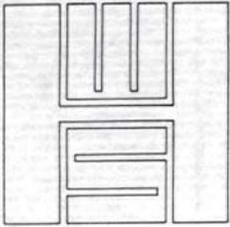
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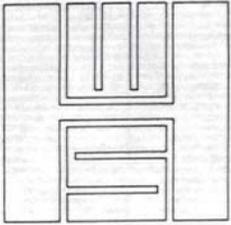
January 8, 1981

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum,

Enclosed is a copy of the formal letter concerning our symposium. Although with some individuals we included a "suggested topic", the basic letter remained the same for each. We are hopeful that this will elicit enough response to make the symposium enlightening and constructive for all involved.

The symposium has been scheduled for the last weekend in March (Thurs. through Saturday) in order that we do not conflict with your plans for the second weekend in April. We have stated in the letter that this date was tentative, merely as a precautionary measure.

We are extremely grateful to you for the time and effort you have spent helping others and elucidating issues that concern us all. It will be a great honor to have you as the key-note speaker of our symposium. Our principal objective



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is to penetrate the casual and apathetic attitude of our peers. The topic we have chosen is salient and urgent. We know of no individual more devoted to a clear understanding of this topic than yourself. Thank you for being part of our effort. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. Please include any requests you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Kamisher



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Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum  
American Jewish Committee

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

During recent months many issues have filtered through the media that suggest a radical change in popular American thought. The dominant issue that manifests itself in nearly every aspect of today's society (politics, culture, religion, business) is undoubtedly the fundamental reevaluation of morality in our American democracy. Our objective is to create a forum wherein the principle components of this topic can be elucidated. This spring we will be conducting a symposium dealing with "Religion, Politics and the New American Morality."

It has been brought to our attention that you have contributed a great deal of thought, time and effort to this issue. Consequently, on behalf of a coalition of students and faculty who are working on the formation of this symposium, we would like to invite you to participate. We are hopeful that with a positive response from you we will be able to maintain the high caliber of our endeavor.

Our colleges are located in the picturesque Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York. We are situated 45 minutes from three major New York metropolitan areas (Ithaca, Rochester, Syracuse). In the past our symposia have drawn audiences from each of these areas. Consequently, we can assure you that the value of this symposium lies not only in the exposition of a serious issue, but also in the number of individuals that will be confronted with this topic. We believe, as we hope you do, that for true understanding of any contemporary issue, it is imperative that we go beyond the mass media and deal rigorously with the issue at hand. To do this our approach will be multifaceted, presenting both sides of the issue in a three-day series of lectures, leading to a panel discussion.

At the present time we have already had a very positive response from the faculty and administration of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Although they will be giving us a great deal of support, we would like to emphasize

that this is a student initiated and administered function. Although at this time our financial standing is indeterminate, we can guarantee that airfare, accommodations and meals, plus a reasonable honorarium will be granted. We have tentatively scheduled the symposium for the final weekend in March, although it is very possible that this date may be changed to the second week in April. We would like to know your availability for either of these dates so we can finalize your particular role in this symposium.

Very sincerely yours,



Eric Kamisher

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