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May 21, 1981

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

Dear Marc:

AMERICAN JEWISH
Although we have met several times, until your recent talk at Bet Am Shalom, I had never seen you "in action." Ordinarily I am not a letter writer, but I must express my appreciation for a truly outstanding presentation.

Perhaps it is because you are in a field so different from mine, that I found your ideas new and appealing. (Even the term, White Anglo-Saxon Hebrew I had never heard before.) However, it was your humanistic accounting of the significance that the Holocaust should have for all nations, that struck me as particularly meaningful.

I'm sorry you had to shlepp all the way to White Plains that dark Friday night, but for me it was most worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Dan Miller

memo:

FEBRUARY 23, 1981

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

This delay in acknowledging your acceptance to be the Silver Anniversary Shabbat speaker at Bet Shalom Synagogue on Friday evening, May 1, 1981 in no way reflects the enthusiasm and even excitement we feel about having you!

As the Education Chairman charged with bringing in an "outstanding speaker and personality," I was only waiting to get hold of official Synagogue letter-head with which to make my response once our Judy Banki made the connection! For whatever reason, I never got the letter-head and I am using my own humble material.

To get on to the important point of all this, I am confirming the fact that you are agreed, as it were, to come on this occasion. The honorarium that we can offer is \$350. Our service begins at 8:30, and we usually are finished at 9:15. Our expectation is that you will speak for 40 minutes, give or take a little, and then accept questions and inevitable comments. The topic should generally deal with your ideas, expectations, and even hopes about American Jewry for the next 25 years. Of course the role and influence of the Holocaust are compelling matters to be included especially on this particular night.

My wife and I would love to have you have a Shabbat dinner with us before synagogue that night. We would have one or two other couples from our congregation here as well. If this is convenient and agreeable, I will give you specific details and directions during that week before the 1st itself.

Also, under separate cover I will forward to you some background information about our Reconstructionist congregation of some 175 families and no rabbi, but a "spiritual leader"!

At your earliest convenience, please have your office send me a glossy photograph and a biographical sketch for the

David
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Philo Eng

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local newspapers, meaning papers covering White Plains, Scarsdale, and New Rochelle.

I do look forward to your participation. And I am so grateful for Judy's mitzvah in making the contact for me as she did.



Best wishes,

Irving Sloan
Irving Sloan

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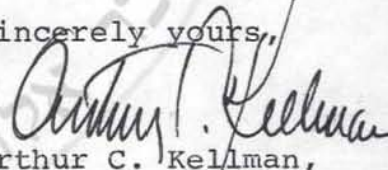
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American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

On behalf of the members of our congregation, I express our gratitude for your acceptance of our invitation to speak at our Friday evening service, May 1, 1981.

I enclose a brief biographical sketch of the congregation written by one of our founding members, Sylvia G. L. Dannett. It may give you some insight into the character of our synagogue. If you would like to discuss anything with me, you may contact me at my office in New York, i.e., 752-0140, or at my home at (914) 948-7094.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur C. Kellman,
Chairman, Silver Jubilee Committee

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Enclosure