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Fox News obituary, 3 July 1992.

Q: The Jewish Community is mourning the loss of a prominent leader who promoted better understanding between people of all faiths. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum died last night of heart failure at Lenox Hill Hospital. He was 66 years old. Tanenbaum was the former international affairs director for the American Jewish Committee. His relentless fight to improve relations between all religions led his admirers to dub him the foreign minister of the Jews. He may best be remembered for his 1987 trip to Rome. The Pope was facing severe criticism for meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, an accused former Nazi, and Tanenbaum flew to the Pope's aid.

MARC TANENBAUM: And we're helping to create a whole new society between Christians and Jews in this country based on mutual respect, even love and caring for one another. That's a very -- that is a very large responsibility.

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Q: Not everyone saw Tanenbaum as a preacher of better understanding. Many Orthodox Jews, outraged by Tanenbaum's relations with the Christian world, refused to call him rabbi. Tanenbaum devoted the last few years of his life

working with organizations aiding refugees in third world countries. He is survived by his wife Georgette, who is seven months pregnant with their first child, and three grown children from a previous marriage. Coming up --

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