

Unite

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

This column should have long ago saluted Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, one of the most eloquent voices American Jewry has.

High staff member of the American Jewish Committee, Rabbi Tanenbaum has been the spearhead of more ecumenical events than anyone in the U.S.

This brainy and personable rabbi is persona grata with the Catholics and the Protestants, with the Vatican and with Billy Graham. He has brought together and held together the Christian evangelicals and the liberals, the Jews and even the Mohammedans in a nonstop series of conferences and seminars.

A commentator for Westinghouse Radio, Rabbi Tanenbaum keeps millions up to date on what is the latest in the heart-warming moves being made for interreligious understanding. And what a superb orator!

As an ardent admirer I regret that this first column of mine about him offers a demurrer to what he recently said.

What he recently said, on one of his broadcasts, is that it would be inadvisable for the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League and other defense agencies to merge.

I think, to the contrary, that it would be wonderful if they did, just as I think it's time for Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Jewish groups to gather under one umbrella.

Tanenbaum heard that the so-called defense agencies are currently talking amalgamation. He objects because he thinks each outfit has a distinctive approach to the important cause of displaying the truth about the Jew.

I agree with that, but I believe that the special nuance of each agency could just as well be conveyed under one banner. We don't have two American Congresses. We have one, in which each political party operates in its own way.

I admire what the AJCommittee does, but it could just as well do it under the aegis of a combined agency. I admire what the Congress and the ADL do, but nothing would be lost (and much money would be gained) if they did it within the confines of an overall T of J (Truth about Judaism) entity. I also believe that such an over-all group could have a Veterans Department that would do what the splendid Jewish War Veterans are doing now, and a Labor Department which would carry on what is now being done by the excellent Jewish Labor Committee.

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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS KOSHER SLAUGHTERS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The right of Jews to slaughter animals according to shechita (Jewish ritual law) has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court affirmed without opinion the decision of a three-judge Federal District Court which had declared that Jewish ritual slaughter employing the hoisting and shackling method for positioning an animal prior to the "throat cut" was a "humane" process and that the provision of the Federal Humane Slaughter Law permitting such procedure was constitutional. The provision had been challenged by three organizations and nine individuals claiming to be concerned with "humane" treatment.

Briefs supporting the right of shechita were filed by the National Jewish Committee on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) on behalf of three national Orthodox Jewish organizations and the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.



DR. HILLEL E. SILVERMAN, RABBI, SINAI TEMPLE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., HAS BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE RABBINICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE UJA.

A federal income tax seminar, designed to help individuals, small business people and the professional persons prepare their income tax returns begins November 12 at UNLV.

The cancer research and study of the relationship of herbicides to birth defects by UNLV Professor, Dr. Leonard Storm, has been aided by a \$1,500 grant from the United Commercial Travelers Benevolent Foundation, Inc.

Norman S. Gould, Ph. D., has joined the staff of the Las Vegas Mental Health Center as director of the outpatient department, responsible for the administration, development and implementation of all programs.

The Las Vegas Recreation Department's Doolittle Center Pee Wees Game Room will be open Saturdays, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., for children 7 to 12 years of age. 386-6374.

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