

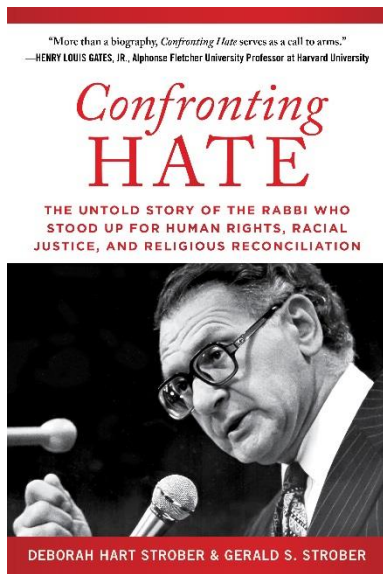
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The first-ever biography of Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum!

CONFRONTING HATE

The Untold Story of the Rabbi Who Stood Up for Human Rights, Racial Justice, and Religious Reconciliation

By **Deborah Hart Strober & Gerald S. Strober**



At a time in which ethnic, racial, ideological and religious conflict characterizes contemporary life, Skyhorse Publishing is releasing an important new work that serves as a road map to transcending and resolving differences. As our nation—and world—is ever more refracted by intolerance and its often-deadly aftermath, this work is a timely and relevant must-read.

In this ground-breaking biography, Gerald and Deborah Strober draw from original source materials and exhaustive interviews to detail the iconic life and career of Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, a seminal 20th century figure in interfaith and race relations in the US and around the world. From his position as Director of Interreligious Affairs at the American Jewish Committee, Rabbi Tanenbaum was deeply involved in the historic Vatican II Council, which promulgated a landmark encyclical on Catholic-Jewish relations. Rabbi Tanenbaum also was one of the few Jewish leaders who worked closely with Reverend Billy Graham and other evangelical leaders. Inspired by his tradition's ethic of social justice, he worked tirelessly as a civil rights activist and helped lead the Soviet Jewry liberation movement.

Confronting Hate details Rabbi Tanenbaum's remarkable career and interactions with such cultural luminaries as Norman Lear, Don Hewitt, and Franco Zeffirelli; civil rights legends such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jesse Jackson; as well as several US presidents, from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George H.W. Bush. This astutely-observed book leaves no stone unturned in the effort to document and detail the public and private aspects of the life of "the human rights rabbi." Above all, its authors bring to light the immense international influence and relevance that Rabbi Tanenbaum has for today's world, more than twenty-five years after his passing.

About the Authors:

Deborah Hart Strober is a professional writer who served as a cultural columnist and general assignment reporter with the *New York Jewish Week*. She is the coauthor with her husband Gerald Strober of eleven published books.

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Advance Praise for *Confronting Hate*:

“In this compelling and important volume, Deborah Hart Strober and Gerald S. Strober meticulously unfold the fascinating life and groundbreaking career of Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, an iconic religious figure in the 20th century who played key roles in Jewish-Christian reconciliation, the civil rights struggle, the liberation of Soviet Jews, and political opposition to racial or ethnic injustice world-wide. More than a biography, *Confronting Hate* serves as a call to arms, inspiring and informing those who seek social justice in today’s troubled world.”

--Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University

“From his support of my parents and the Civil Rights Movement, to other causes of righteousness, the life examples of Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum as depicted in *Confronting Hate*, reflect a global leader concerned about *justice* for humankind and one who understood the significance of *reconciliation* in the pursuit of justice. His life exemplars in working together across different races, nationalities and religions to fight injustice reflect an understanding of what my father stated in his letter to religious leaders from the Birmingham jail: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” In light of the divisiveness and inhumanity that is reported daily, it is clear that mankind is still grappling with this truth. Struggle is a never-ending process, but the life examples in this book are a tangible resource to help leaders in this generation and in generations to come in their pursuit of justice and freedom.”

--Rev. Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO, The King Center

“This book tells a remarkable historical story that everyone should know. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum is a man to be remembered, and this is a book that will haunt your memory, long after you have turned its pages.”

--Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg, President Emeritus, CLAL: the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership; and author of *For the Sake of Heaven and Earth: the New Encounter of Judaism and Christianity*

“There is no one in my memory quite like Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum. He was a man of peace and fellowship with the fiery heart of a warrior who would fight to the death for his beliefs. I could express this quality a thousand ways, but they would all add up to the unique man and giant among us who was Marc Tanenbaum. Hate had no more fierce an enemy than Marc.”

--Norman Lear

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“Confronting Hate vividly conveys the extraordinary impact of Marc Tanenbaum’s distinguished and influential career as well as his larger-than-life persona. In capturing Tanenbaum’s groundbreaking, pioneering role in the field of interfaith relations, as well as his immense diplomatic and coalition building skills, Deborah and Gerald Strober illuminate the traits that drove his achievements in seminal events of American and international history in the second half of the 20th century.”

--Rabbi David Saperstein, former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom and Director Emeritus, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

“Marc Tanenbaum shared his wisdom and his warmth while he lived. He spoke with a voice that allowed us to be inspired by his Journey with us. This eloquent and candid biography captures the man, his work, and his humanity.”

--Liv Ullmann

“As this book amply documents, my friend, Marc, stood tall as a man of faith, peace and compassion who envisioned and labored for a better world through inter-religious cooperation. He was a blessing to his family, friends and the Jewish people.”

--Rabbi Arthur Schneier

“Though we have come to take for granted the healing of the Christian-Jewish wound, this compelling and inspiring biography of an American Jewish hero reminds us of how hard-won that achievement has been. As we face growing challenges to Jewish well-being in the 21st century, one sorely misses the wisdom, compassion and quiet determination of Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum.”

--Yossi Klein Halevi, senior fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem

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