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## Tanenbaum Celebrates 30 Years of Building Respect for Interreligious Understanding, and Looks Forward to 30 More

**New York, NY, March 10, 2022:** Thirty years ago, the Tanenbaum | Center for Interreligious Understanding was founded by Dr. Georgette Bennett, to build on the legacy of her late husband, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, a pioneer in the field of interreligious relations. At the time of the loss, Dr. Bennett imagined how the legacy of Rabbi Tanenbaum's work could continue reaching people directly where they were, to encourage behaviors of respect.

Tanenbaum kicked off the [30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration](#) with the first "Divinely Inspired" art auction at the Rubin Museum. In attendance were acclaimed artists and altruistic members of New York elite society, to help launch a year full of events and conversations focused on supporting and uplifting Tanenbaum's mission to promote justice and build respect for religious difference.

Tanenbaum pioneered approaches to changing the way people treat one another and to celebrating the richness of humanity's religious diversity. Through the creation of innovative resources, experiential trainings, and comprehensive solutions that foster respect for religious and nonreligious beliefs and practices, Tanenbaum has become a globally recognized thought leader on building respect for difference.

Over the next 30 years, Tanenbaum will raise the bar on what behaviors of respect can look like in schools and educational institutions, workplaces, health care institutions, and in the field of peacebuilding.

Mark Fowler, Tanenbaum's CEO shared, "Through Tanenbaum's partnerships and work, we've seen the value of people having authentic and intentional conversations around building respect for religious difference, and what that means for them in their real lives. Over the next 30 years, Tanenbaum will expand our impact and offerings to create greater opportunities for individuals and institutions to understand and practice behaviors of respect for religious difference."

As part of this year of celebration, on International Women's Day, Tanenbaum launched the 3,000 Conversation series. These conversations are an opportunity to explore together: how do we actually build respect for religious difference? And examine what's required of each of us, and how we can support each other in this endeavor.

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Tanenbaum promotes justice and builds respect for religious difference by transforming individuals and institutions to reduce prejudice, hatred and violence. More information about Tanenbaum's offerings can be found here: <https://tanenbaum.org/>

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