

**A Finding Aid to the Alan D. Bennett Papers. 1937-2010.**

**Manuscript Collection No. 874**

**Creator: Bennett, Alan D.**



**The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives**

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Bennett, Alan D.
<b>Title:</b>	Alan D. Bennett Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1937-2010
<b>Quantity:</b>	8.0 linear feet (8 record cartons)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Contains records of Bennett's career in Jewish education, mainly consisting of writings, publications, and correspondence along with some sermons, addresses, minutes, and research materials.
<b>Collection Number:</b>	MS-874
<b>Language:</b>	Collection material in English.

## Biographical Sketch

Alan D. Bennett was born on February 15, 1927 and grew up in the Bronx. He attended the prestigious Bronx High School of Science. He served in the U.S. Navy's medical corps, then received his bachelor's degree from the City College of New York, and later a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

He moved to Cleveland in 1967 to serve as education director at the Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple in 1967. He was appointed the executive vice president of Cleveland's Bureau of Jewish Education in 1978, only the second Reform educator ever to head a major central agency. There, he created a department of synagogue service, inaugurated the special education department, expanded the Ratner Media and Technology Center, developed an Israel programs department and renovated the Bureau of Jewish Education building.

During his career, he had published more than 200 articles and teacher guides used in both Jewish and Christian schools. He served as the executive vice president of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education for 15 years. He also was the author of "Vision and Will," a 50-year history of the National Association of Temple educators, which was published in 2005.

Bennett's devotion to Jewish education also was manifested in trips he led to Israel. From 1968 to 1984, Bennett and his wife Florence organized high school and teacher groups on Israel study programs. In 1997, an award was named for him at the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, -- the Alan D. Bennett Staff Development Award for Israel Study.

--Adapted from "Alan D. Bennett was a nationally known Jewish educator", by Evelyn Theiss, *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland, Ohio). ([http://www.cleveland.com/obituaries/index.ssf/2010/12/alan\\_d\\_bennett\\_was\\_a\\_nationall.html](http://www.cleveland.com/obituaries/index.ssf/2010/12/alan_d_bennett_was_a_nationall.html)). Accessed September 10, 2012.

## Scope and Content Note

Contains records of Bennett's career in Jewish education, mainly consisting of writings, publications, and correspondence along with some sermons, addresses, minutes, and research materials. These records highlight his involvement with Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple (Cleveland, Ohio), the Bureau of Jewish Education (Cleveland, Ohio), and the National Association of Temple Educators, among other organizations dedicated to Jewish education.

## Arrangement Note

This collection is arranged in a single series.

## Restrictions

### Terms of Access

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## Related Material

### Related Collections

Other AJA collections related to Alan D. Bennett may be found in the AJA Online Catalog.

### Separated Material

Temple Emanuel bulletins and Mt. Zion Hebrew Congregation Bulletins (1955-1961) were sent to Klau Library.

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Alan D. Bennett Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-874. Alan D. Bennett Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Provenance

The Alan D. Bennett Papers were received from Daniel Bennett, Denver, Colo. in August, 2012.

### Processing Information

Processed by Michelle Wirth Detroit, September, 2012.

This collection was arranged and described according to minimal-processing standards. Funding, in part, for the arrangement and description of this collection was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

### Accruals and Additions

No further accruals are expected to this collection.

## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the AJA Online Catalog.

American Association for Jewish Education.

Bennett, Alan D.

Bureau of Jewish Education (Cleveland, Ohio)

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Center for Jewish Education.

Jewish education

Jewish Education Service of North America.

Jews -- Ohio -- Cleveland.

National Association of Temple Educators.

United States. National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

## Box Folder Listing

### Series A. Papers. 1937-2010.

- 1 1 Writings and notes. 1957-1999.
- 1 2 Miscellaneous Presentations. 1952-2004.
- 1 3 Miscellaneous Activities. 1952-2005.
- 1 4 Brief Statements - Reviews - Columns - Etc. 1960-1993.
- 1 5 Sermons - Torah Commentary. 1956-2006.
- 1 6 Sermons - Miscellaneous. 1953-2007.
- 1 7 Miscellaneous Reports & Statements. 1958-2008.
- 1 8 "Precious Letters." 1952-1959.
- 1 9 "Precious Letters." 1960-1961.
- 1 10 "Precious Letters." 1962-1963.
- 1 11 "Precious Letters." 1964-1965.
- 1 12 "Precious Letters." 1966-1967.
- 1 13 "Precious Letters." 1968-1969.
- 1 14 "Precious Letters." 1970-1973.
- 1 15 "Precious Letters." 1974-1977.
- 1 16 "Precious Letters." 1978-1979.
- 1 17 "Precious Letters." 1980-1982.
- 1 18 "Precious Letters." 1983-1985.
- 1 19 "Precious Letters." 1986-1989.
- 1 20 "Precious Letters." 1990-1999.
- 1 21 "Precious Letters." 2000-2005.
- 1 22 "Precious Letters." 2006-2008.
- 1 23 "Precious Letters." 2009-2010.
- 2 1 Addresses: Education. 1950s-1990s.
- 2 2 Published writings. 1946-1959.
- 2 3 Published writings. 1960-1969.
- 2 4 Published writings. 1970-1974.
- 2 5 Searching for Me (with Sally Wertheim). 1971.
- 2 6 Published writings. 1975-1976.
- 2 7 Published writings. 1977-1979.
- 2 8 Published writings. 1980-1989.
- 2 9 Published writings. 1990-1994.
- 2 10 Published writings. 1995-1998.
- 2 11 Published writings. 1999-2007.
- 2 12 Published writings. 2008.
- 2 13 Vision & Will: Publication Matters. 2003-2004.
- 2 14 Vision & Will: Readers. 2003-2004.
- 2 15 Vision & Will: E. Freeman Sample Chapters. 2003-2004.
- 2 16 Vision & Will: Photo. 2003-2004.
- 2 17 Vision & Will: Miscellaneous Topics A-Z. 2003-2004.
- 3 1 American Association for Jewish Education (AAJE)/Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA). 1979-1982.
- 3 2 Professional/Organizational. 1954-1981.
- 3 3 Bureau Directors Fellowship. 1980-1992.
- 3 4 Center for Jewish Education (CJE) Constitutional Revision. 1979-1984.
- 3 5 Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA)/"Agenda". 1990s.
- 3 6 Center for Jewish Education (CJE)/Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA). 1983-1993.
- 3 7 Center for Jewish Education (CJE) Reports. 1990-1993.
- 3 8 University of Minnesota. 1945-1949.

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- 3 9 Zoology - University of Minnesota. 1948.
- 3 10 Thesis. 1951.
- 3 11 Academic records. 1937-1969.
- 3 12 Letters & Telegrams of Congratulations: Testimonial Dinner Alan D. Bennett. March 23, 1960.
- 3 13 Great Neck (N.Y.). 1967.
- 3 14 Cleveland. 1967.
- 3 15 The Bureau of Jewish Education 65th Annual Meeting: A. H. Friedland Award to Alan D. Bennett. September 16, 1990.
- 3 16 Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) Cleveland scrapbook. 1990.
- 4 1 Career Matters. 1950-1999.  
[Includes Mt. Zion - Emanuel - Fairmount - Bureau of Jewish Education - Hires - Job Descriptions - Negotiations - Searches.]
- 4 2 Ishpeming, Michigan. 1951-1960.
- 4 3 Jewish Chautauqua Society. 1957-1960.
- 4 4 Human Relations: Saint Paul/Great Neck. 1958-1967.  
[Includes work - Addresses - Letters - Press. Includes letter from Hubert H. Humphrey, 1960.]
- 4 5 25th Anniversary. 1975.
- 4 6 Books in Review columns. 1952-1963.
- 4 7 Scrapbook- Saint Paul. 1955-1963.
- 4 8 The Governor's First Conference on Rehabilitation. May 26, 1960.
- 4 9 In Appreciation scrapbook. May 1963.
- 4 10 Scholar Endowment: National Association of Temple Educators (NATE). 2004-2005.
- 4 11 Scholar Weekend. April 28-29, 2006.
- 4 12 Professional Organizations: Activities. 1968-1987.
- 4 13 Shaliach & American Advisory Council to the Joint Authority on Jewish/Zionist Education (AAC/AZJE). 1987-1993.
- 4 14 Israel and miscellaneous. 1967-2002.
- 4 15 COMMUNITIES - America Cleveland. Undated.
- 4 16 Anshe Chesed Continuing Education Committee. 1973-1993.
- 4 17 Doctorate. 2001-2004.
- 4 18 Retirement. 1992.
- 4 19 Recognitions. 1963-2000.
- 5 1 Reform Judaism's Confirmation Debate. 1960-1978.
- 5 2 Reform Day School Debate. 1963-1985.
- 5 3 Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Commission on Jewish Education. 1970s-2001.
- 5 4 Keeping Posted/Reform Judaism. 1980s-1990s.
- 5 5 Union of American Hebrew Congregations - Correspondence. 1951-1993.
- 5 6 Educational Research Survey Nos. 1-6. 1957-1968.
- 5 7 Ziknay National Association of Temple Educators (NATE): (1) Historical (2) Correspondence. 1993-2009.
- 5 8 Israel and American Jewry - 1967 and Beyond. Undated.
- 5 9 Ziknay National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) Newsletters. 1992-2009.
- 5 10 Reform Jewish Educator (R.J.E.). 1979-1999.
- 5 11 Reform Jewish Educator (R.J.E.). 2000-2010.
- 5 12 Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) - Reg'l. Adm. 1993-1998.
- 5 13 Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) - National. 1995-1998.
- 5 14 Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) - Program Ideas, Issues. 1994-1998.
- 5 15 Zionism/Reform. 1983-1997.
- 5 16 Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA): Jerusalem 3000 Committee Work and 31st World Zionist Congress, Jerusalem. 1987-1996.
- 5 17 Union of American Hebrew Congregations Israel Curriculum Task Force. 1977-1984.

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- 5 18 Correspondence Israel & Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA). 1986-1994.  
5 19 Reform Judaism Curricula. 1950-1976; Undated.  
6 1 Sisterhood. 1958-1961.  
6 2 Workshop Notes. 1950s-1980s.  
6 3 Children's Stories. 1947-1950; 1963-1967.  
6 4 Book Projects. 1960-1982.  
    [Includes 1. Midrash (& AJL) (1982) 2. Israel - Children's Travel (1980) 3. Jew and  
    Gentile (& Maller) (1960)]  
6 5 Teaching in the Intermediate Grades. 1970.  
    [Unpublished]  
6 6 Israel Today Revision. 1980.  
    [Unpublished; not required in new UAHC curriculum]  
6 7 Tough Choices. 1995.  
    [Unpublished]  
6 8 Jewish Educator Services Program (J.E.S.P.), 1995-1998.  
6 9 Archaeology. 1992.  
6 10 Bible. 1958-1997.  
6 11 Comparative Judaism. 1989-1995.  
6 12 Reform: Bible. 1995-1999.  
6 13 Reform: History, Development. 1971-2001.  
6 14 Reform: Prayer, Worship. 2001-2002.  
6 15 Reform: Theology. 1988-2000.  
6 16 Reform: Practices, Holidays, Tzedakah. 1995-1998.  
6 17 Judaism/Christianity, Jewish History. 1957-1997.  
6 18 Miscellaneous General. Undated.  
6 19 Education. 1959-1973.  
6 20 Exploration into Jewish Values (PTA Home Study). 1969.  
6 21 Gilmour Courses. 1973-1977.  
6 22 Zionism & Israel Including Reform. 1988-1998.  
6 23 Correspondence re: publications. 2005-2010.  
6 24 Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple (ACFT) Education Board: Historical Data. 2000-2009.  
6 25 Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple (ACFT). 2005-2010.  
6 26 Libbie. 2006-2010.  
7 1 Constitution: Mission Statement. 1958-2010.  
7 2 Founding Conference + No. 2. 1956.  
7 3 Fiftieth Conference (& 40th). 1994-2005.  
7 4 Fundraising - Endowments - Investments. 1995-2008.  
7 5 Inter-organizational. 1955-2002.  
7 6 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE): Long Range Planning. 1978-1988.  
7 7 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE): Long Range Planning. 1998-2000.  
7 8 Membership. 1955-2003.  
7 9 Miscellaneous Correspondence. 1963-2010.  
7 10 Name Change. 1988-1990.  
7 11 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) News/Listserv. 2004-2008.  
7 12 Organizational. 1978-2005.  
7 13 Policy Handbook. 1955-2010.  
7 14 Placement Outreach. 1953-2005.  
7 15 Professional Development, Recruitment. 1960-2002.  
7 16 Projects. 1972-2001.  
7 17 Resolutions. 1962-1984.  
7 18 Mid-West Region. 1955.  
7 19 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) News. 1955-1961.  
7 20 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) News. 1962-1975.  
7 21 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) News. 1976-1989.



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- 7 22 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) News. 1990.
- 7 23 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) Board Minutes. 1957-1963.
- 7 24 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) Board. 1964-1969.
- 7 25 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) Board. 1970-1974.
- 7 26 Minutes. 1975-1980.
- 7 27 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) Board Minutes. 1981-1991.
- 7 28 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) Board. 1992-1999.
- 7 29 Minutes. 2000.
- 8 1 Anniversary Volumes. 1954-1994.
- 8 2 Programs. 1955-1965.
- 8 3 Programs. 1966-1980.
- 8 4 Programs. 1981-1992.
- 8 5 Programs. 1993-2003.
- 8 6 Programs. 2004.
- 8 7 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) Lilmod: Ad Book & Membership Directory. 2003-2004.