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**A Finding Aid to the
Morton Mayer Berman Papers
Manuscript Collection No. 314**



Collection Summary

Title	Morton M. Berman Papers
Dates	1929-1976
Collection Number	MS-314
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Berman, Morton Mayer, 1899-1986
Extent	0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Morton Mayer Berman was born August 23, 1899 to Morris and Rose Berman in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Yale University in 1921 with a bachelor's degree and was ordained by the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1926. After ordination he continued his studies in Jerusalem, Berlin and France. From 1927-1929 Berman served as Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Davenport, Iowa, and from 1929-1937 as assistant rabbi of Free Synagogue in New York City. From 1937 until his death he served Temple Isaiah Israel in Chicago, becoming rabbi emeritus in 1957. Berman served as a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve beginning in 1943. He was an active participant in several organizations, notably the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the board of governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (beginning in 1948). Morton M. Berman died in 1986.

Scope and Content Correspondence and reports pertaining to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and to the merger of Hebrew Union College and Jewish Institute of Religion; together with a transcript of an oral history interview, "History of Temple Isaiah Israel of Chicago, 1852-1952" and other writings by Berman.

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Index Terms

Subjects	Jews -- Illinois -- Chicago / Rabbis
Personal Names	Berman, Morton Mayer, 1899-1986
Corporate Names	Congregation Temple Isaiah Israel (Chicago, Ill.) / Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Board of Governors / Jewish Institute of Religion (New York, N.Y.) / Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Series A. General, 1929-1976

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion merger, 1941, 1947-1951

Box 1. Folder 2. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion merger, 1953-1957

Box 1. Folder 3. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1946-1953

Box 1. Folder 4. Oral history interview, 1964

Box 1. Folder 5. Miscellaneous, 1949-1957

Box 1. Folder 6. "The History of Temple Isaiah Israel, Chicago, 1852-1952.", 1957

Box 1. Folder 7. "The Six Day War.", 1967

Box 1. Folder 8. Miscellaneous writings, 1929-1976

Box 9. Folder 1.