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**A Finding Aid to the  
Sidney E. Unger Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 315**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Sidney E. Unger Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1928-1971
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-315
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Unger, Sidney E., 1896-1972
<b>Extent</b>	1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

**Biographical Sketch** Sidney E. Unger was born and educated in New York City. During his two years at the City College of New York, he re-established a football team. Following World War I service, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1925 he received his B.A. degree from the University of Cincinnati and was ordained from Hebrew Union College in 1928. He later did graduate work in education and sociology.

His first pulpit was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at Congregation Rodef Shalom where he served until 1940. During World War II Unger was a major in the Army's Corps of Chaplains in the West Indies. Following the war, Unger spent one year in Charleston, South Carolina before becoming the rabbi at Temple Beth Ha Tephila in Asheville, North Carolina. Unger retired from the pulpit in 1961, and remained rabbi emeritus until his death in 1971.

Unger had a strong interest in the chaplaincy. He was a member of the Military Chaplains Association of the United States and the Army Corps of Chaplains. He served as an auxiliary chaplain for the VA hospitals in Asheville. Additionally, Unger spent several years as the chaplain for Donaldson Air Force Base in Greenville, South Carolina.

Unger also had a weekly religious radio broadcast entitled "Hear, O Israel," on a local Asheville radio station. Professionally, he was an active member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He served on both the Religious Education and Synagogue Music committees.

Unger married Evelyn Simon. They had two children: Mrs. Michael Adelston and Edwin Unger.

**Scope and Content** Sermons, lectures, and other materials relating to Unger's career and the Jewish community of Asheville, N.C.

**Terms of Access** The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

**Preferred Citation** Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Sidney E. Unger Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-315. Sidney E. Unger Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Provenance** Received from Mrs. Sidney E. Unger, Asheville, N.C., 1972.

**Processing Information** Processed by Melinda McMartin, June 2001.

## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Jews -- North Carolina -- Asheville / Rabbis
<b>Personal Names</b>	Unger, Sidney E. (Sidney Emanuel), 1896-1972
<b>Corporate Names</b>	Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila (Asheville, N.C.)
<b>Media</b>	Sermons

### **Series A. Sermons, Writings and Correspondence, 1928-1971**

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Most of the sermons were given at Temple Beth Ha Tephila in Asheville, N.C.

**Arrangement** The sermons are arranged chronologically; all other materials are arranged alphabetically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 1. Folder 1. Sermons and addresses, 1928-1944  
Box 1. Folder 2. Sermons and addresses, 1946-1952  
Box 1. Folder 3. Sermons and addresses, 1953-1955  
Box 1. Folder 4. Sermons and addresses, 1956  
Box 1. Folder 5. Sermons and addresses, 1957  
Box 1. Folder 6. Sermons and addresses, 1958  
Box 1. Folder 7. Sermons and addresses, 1959  
Box 2. Folder 1. Sermons and addresses, 1960  
Box 2. Folder 2. Sermons and addresses, 1961  
Box 2. Folder 3. Sermons and addresses, 1962-1963  
Box 2. Folder 4. Sermons and addresses, 1964, 1971  
Box 2. Folder 5. Sermons and addresses, undated  
Box 3. Folder 1. Sermons and addresses, undated  
Box 3. Folder 2. Sermons and addresses, undated  
Box 3. Folder 4. Sermons and addresses, undated  
Box 3. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1961-1964

### **Series B. Congregational Materials, 1955-1971**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Contains publications, programs and other material relating to congregational events at Temple Beth Ha Tephila in Asheville, N.C.

**Arrangement** This series is arranged alphabetically by topic.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 4. Folder 1. Temple Beth Ha Tephila (Asheville, N.C.). Bulletins, 1959-1962  
Box 4. Folder 2. Temple Beth Ha Tephila (Asheville, N.C.). Religious School curriculum, undated  
Box 4. Folder 3. Temple Beth Ha Tephila (Asheville, N.C.). Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 4. Folder 4. Miscellaneous materials, 1955, 1971