A Finding Aid to the
Sidney E. Unger Papers

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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.

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

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Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila (Asheville, N.C.)
Sermons

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

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.

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Series B. Congregational Materials, 1955-1971

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Arrangement  This series is arranged alphabetically by topic.

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