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Collection Summary

Title	Herman E. Snyder Papers
Dates	1916-1992 (bulk 1930-1970)
Collection Number	MS-598
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Snyder, Herman E. (Herman Eliot), 1901-1992
Extent	10 linear feet (25 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Herman Eliot Snyder was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, on July 7, 1901. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BA and from Hebrew Union College (HUC) with a BHL in 1926. In 1928, he was ordained Rabbi at HUC.

Snyder began his rabbinical career while still an HUC student. He served student and summer pulpits in Wausau, Wisconsin; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Owensboro, Kentucky; Binghamton, New York; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Dallas, Texas.

In 1928, he accepted the pulpit of Congregation B'rith Sholom in Springfield, Illinois, and was formally installed on August 31. Snyder served B'rith Sholom until 1946, with a leave of absence from April, 1944, to March, 1946, to serve as a chaplain during World War II. During his tenure in Springfield, Illinois, Snyder was active in many community service organizations and activities, including: the USO, Boy Scouts, Springfield Library, Springfield Open Forum, War Bond Committee, Council for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, Rotary Club, B'nai B'rith and Girl Scouts. He helped to found the Springfield Community School for Adults, the Springfield Jewish Federation, Americans

All - Immigrants All (a national organization to assist immigrants) and the Springfield Nature League. During the 1930s Snyder was chairman of the local Joint Distribution Committee to raise relief funds. Snyder actively promoted Jewish-Christian relations; he was the first Rabbi elected president of the Springfield Ministerial Association. His active interest in promoting equality in human relations led to his appointment to the Illinois State Committee on Naturalization and Americanization (a committee concerning race relations) by the Governor and to seeking equal employment practices for African Americans.

In March of 1944, Snyder was commissioned a Chaplain (Lieutenant) in the US Naval Reserve. After completion of Chaplain's Training School in Virginia, he was assigned to the Marine Corps at Camp Joseph Pendleton in Oceanside, California. In addition to his regular duties as Chaplain, Snyder conducted services at San Diego area military bases and at Santa Margarita Naval Hospital. He continued to correspond with Jewish servicemen from Springfield, Illinois, an activity begun in 1942. While on duty in California he also

maintained contact with members of Congregation Brith Sholom, both by mail and with visits to Springfield. Snyder was discharged from active duty in March of 1946, but continued to serve as an instructor at the Naval Reserve Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was discharged from the Naval Reserve in 1954, but served as a part-time chaplain for the US Air Force from 1957-1967 at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts and led a Torah Convocation (sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board) in 1954 for Jewish airmen in the Azores.

Snyder returned to Brith Sholom from his chaplain's duty in March, 1946. The following spring he was offered and accepted a new pulpit at Temple Sinai in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was formally installed on November 10, 1947. Snyder remained at Temple Sinai as Rabbi and Rabbi Emeritus until his death in 1992. He was elected Rabbi Emeritus in 1970. During the first ten years of his service in the pulpit, a new temple was built and the membership of Temple Sinai grew from about 50 families to over 500 families.

In Massachusetts Snyder continued his active involvement with numerous community service organizations. A few of his many interests included: Red Cross, United Fund, Rotary Club, Urban League, B'nai B'rith, Boy Scout Council and Jewish War Veterans. He was founder and first President of the New England Region group of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He traded or shared pulpits with Christian clergy in Springfield to promote better Jewish-Christian relations. During the 1950s and 1960s Sinai Temple and the Trinity United Methodist Church held joint "Brotherhood Week" services; and Snyder was a guest speaker at Trinity at least once a year for at least 20 years.

In addition to presenting sermons to his congregations, Snyder was a popular speaker and lecturer. For several years while in Illinois, Snyder conducted a weekly radio program "in behalf of good will

and better understanding between all people." During the war he gave speeches in support of the War Bond Drive. In 1932 and 1936 he traveled to Europe and Palestine and added accounts of his journeys to his list of lecture topics. In the 1930s his topics included democracy, Hitler, Nazism, and dictatorship. From 1931 to 1990 lecture assignments, often arranged under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, took Snyder to colleges, prep schools, civic and church groups, and organizations across the country from Maine to California.

Snyder wrote many articles for local newspapers, including editorials and letters to the editor. He also submitted articles to Jewish journals. In his later years, Snyder became a more prolific writer. In addition to newspaper and journal articles, he wrote histories of the congregations he served in Illinois and Massachusetts. And he wrote his memoirs, including descriptions of his family, his numerous activities, and the organizations he served. He also compiled a set of copies of his sermons and had them bound.

On February 11, 1934, Herman Snyder married Adele Biederman of St. Louis. Herman and Adele had four children. Herman Eliot Snyder died September 7, 1992, in Springfield, Mass. He was 91.

Scope and Content	The collection documents the career of Herman E. Snyder as rabbi, chaplain and author. It includes correspondence, sermons, speeches, writings, notes, research materials, military records, news articles, awards, photographs and personal items.
Arrangement	Organized into six (6) series: A. Sermons, Speeches, and Writings; B. Correspondence; C. Congregational Pulpits and Chaplaincy; D. Research Materials; E. Personal Papers and Miscellaneous; F. Photographs.
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Index Terms

Subjects	Jews -- Illinois -- Springfield / Jews -- Massachusetts -- Springfield / Rabbis / World War, 1939-1945 -- Chaplains
Personal Names	Snyder, Herman E. (Herman Eliot), 1901-1992
Corporate Names	Congregation B'rith Sholom (Springfield, Ill.) / Temple Sinai (Springfield, Mass.)
Media	Photographs / Sermons

Series A. Sermons, Speeches, and Writings, 1925-1990

Extent 4.6 linear feet (11.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of titled and untitled sermons, speeches, radio talks, articles, school notes and term papers, draft sermons, miscellaneous writings and lists of sermon/article topics.

Arrangement The series is divided into seven (7) subseries: 1. Titled Sermons; 2. Sermon Collection; 3. Special Sermons and Speeches; 4. Untitled and Draft Sermons; 5. Articles; 6. Miscellaneous Writings; 7. Sermon/Article Lists, Ideas and Drafts.

Subseries 1. Titled Sermons, 1926-1984 (bulk 1930s-1960s)

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The subseries is arranged in alphabetical order by the first word in the title, or by the name of a special day (Hanukkah, Mother's Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, etc.).

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. A-Am.
Box 1. Folder 2. An-Aw.
Box 1. Folder 3. B.
Box 1. Folder 4. C.
Box 1. Folder 5. D.
Box 1. Folder 6. E.
Box 1. Folder 7. F.
Box 1. Folder 8. G.
Box 2. Folder 1. H.
Box 2. Folder 2. Hanukah.
Box 2. Folder 3. I.
Box 2. Folder 4. Isaac M. Wise.
Box 2. Folder 5. Je.
Box 2. Folder 6. Joint Distribution Committee, 1931-1940
Box 2. Folder 7. Jo-Ju.
Box 2. Folder 8. K.
Box 2. Folder 9. L.
Box 3. Folder 1. M.
Box 3. Folder 2. N.
Box 3. Folder 3. O.
Box 3. Folder 4. P.
Box 3. Folder 5. Q.
Box 3. Folder 6. Ra-Re.
Box 3. Folder 7. Ri-Ru.
Box 3. Folder 8. Sa-Si.
Box 4. Folder 1. So-Sy.
Box 4. Folder 2. T.
Box 4. Folder 3. U.
Box 4. Folder 4. V.
Box 4. Folder 5. Wa-Whi.
Box 4. Folder 6. Who-Wo.
Box 4. Folder 7. X-Y-Z.

Subseries 2. Sermon Collection, 1926-1985 (bulk 1930s-1960s)

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of sermons copied and compiled by Rabbi Snyder from the original sermons, of which the majority are now filed in sub-series 1 or 3. Volumes 1-8 have been bound. Each of the volumes is prefaced by a list of contents.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 4. Folder 8. Sermon collection, Vol. 1.
- Box 5. Folder 1. Sermon collection, Vol. 2.
- Box 5. Folder 2. Sermon collection, Vol. 3.
- Box 5. Folder 3. Sermon collection, Vol. 4.
- Box 6. Folder 1. Sermon collection, Vol. 5.
- Box 6. Folder 2. Sermon collection, Vol. 6.
- Box 6. Folder 3. Sermon collection, Vol. 7.
- Box 6. Folder 4. Sermon collection, Vol. 8.
- Box 6. Folder 5. Sermon collection, Vol. 9 (unbound).

Subseries 3. Special Sermons and Speeches, 1931-1990 (bulk 1930s-1970s)

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of sermons and speeches written for special occasions, such as the High Holy Days, life cycle ceremonies, memorial services; for special occasions at Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Sinai; for joint services or pulpit exchanges with Christian churches; for service organization meetings; for War Bond Drive rallies; and for the radio program "Today's Forum." Also included is publicity and correspondence concerning the radio shows, invocations and miscellaneous speeches.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 7. Folder 1. Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah sermons, 1940-1968, undated
- Box 7. Folder 2. Bar mitzvah and wedding sermons, 1941-1974, undated
- Box 7. Folder 3. Funeral sermons, A-H (alphabetical by name of the deceased).
- Box 7. Folder 4. Funeral sermons, I-W (alphabetical by name of the deceased).
- Box 7. Folder 5. Funerals - general information, 1960, undated
- Box 7. Folder 6. Memorial sermons, general and for celebrities, 1931-1986, undated
- Box 7. Folder 7. Special sermons and talks at Temple B'rith Sholom, 1938-1990
- Box 7. Folder 8. Special sermons at Temple Sinai, 1947-1984
- Box 8. Folder 1. Old First Church (Springfield, Mass.), 1952-1955, undated
- Box 8. Folder 2. Trinity Methodist Church/Temple Sinai Joint Services, 1954-1975,, undated
- Box 8. Folder 3. Trinity Methodist Church bulletins for recorded sermons (see AJA Tape Recording Nos. 1543 and 1550), 1963, 1969
- Box 8. Folder 4. Masonic Lodge speeches, 1931-1987
- Box 8. Folder 5. Rotary Club speeches and newsletter (edited by Snyder),

1932-1989

Box 8. Folder 6. Springfield [Ill.] Ministerial Association - speeches, correspondence and miscellaneous, 1940-1983

Box 8. Folder 7. Sermons, articles and War Bond Drive talks by Chaplain Snyder,, 1944-1945

Box 8. Folder 8. Radio talks on "Today's Forum, 1938-1942

Box 8. Folder 9. Publicity and correspondence re: radio shows, 1940-1944, undated

Box 8. Folder 10. Invocations and prayers, 1949-1986, undated

Box 8. Folder 11. Miscellaneous speeches, 1931-1977, undated

Subseries 4. Untitled and Draft Sermons, 1929-1981, undated

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of untitled sermons or drafts for sermons, many of which are undated.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 9. Folder 1. Untitled sermons, 1930-1942, undated

Box 9. Folder 2. Untitled sermons, 1946-1959, undated

Box 9. Folder 3. Untitled sermons, 1960-1969, undated

Box 9. Folder 4. Untitled sermons, 1970-1981, undated

Box 9. Folder 5. Untitled and draft sermons, 1929-1938, undated

Subseries 5. Articles, 1933-1990, undated (bulk 1980s)

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of articles and papers written by Rabbi Snyder. More than one version of the same article may be found under differing titles. In some cases (i.e. Folders 9/7 and 10/2) several versions were filed together under one title.

Arrangement The subseries is alphabetically arranged.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 9. Folder 6. A-C.

Box 9. Folder 7. "Bankruptcy of 'Jewish' Education", 1986

Box 9. Folder 8. Bar/Bat Mitzvah, late1980s

Box 9. Folder 9. B'nai B'rith, 1963, undated

Box 9. Folder 10. Church and State - article and notes, 1984-1986

Box 10. Folder 1. "Conflict between Paganism and Judaism in Christianity.", late1980s

Box 10. Folder 2. Converting Jews to Judaism, late1980s

Box 10. Folder 3. D-I.

Box 10. Folder 4. Jew-Jews.

Box 10. Folder 5. Judaism.

Box 10. Folder 6. L-Q.

Box 10. Folder 7. R-T.

Box 10. Folder 8. U-Z.

Subseries 6. Miscellaneous Writings, 1925-1987, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of untitled articles, series of newspaper articles, articles for the Temple Sinai bulletin, a history of the Jews in Springfield, Mass., questions pertaining to Judaism asked by persons (often college students) at the end of a lecture or speech by Rabbi Snyder, and school notes and term papers from Snyder's training at the University of Chicago and Hebrew Union College.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 10. Folder 9. Untitled articles and series, 1948-1987, undated

Box 10. Folder 10. Temple Sinai bulletin articles, 1948-1985, undated

Box 10. Folder 11. History of Jews in Springfield, Mass. (1865-1915), 1979

Box 10. Folder 12. Questions asked regarding Judaism and "Ask the Rabbi" article, 1934-1987

Box 11. Folder 1. Term paper, "The Significance of Dying and Rising Divinities," University of Chicago, 1925

Box 11. Folder 2. Term papers from HUC classes, 1925-1926

Box 11. Folder 3. Homiletics class notes and sample sermons, 1925-1927

Box 11. Folder 4. Writings and notes from HUC classes, March-April

Box 11. Folder 5. History I class notes (Dr. Mann), 1924 December-1925 May

Box 11. Folder 6. History III class notes (Dr. Mann), 1926 October-1927 May

Subseries 7. Sermon/Article Lists, Ideas and Drafts, 1927-1987, undated (bulk 1930s-1970s)

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of lists of sermon and article titles, notes and research materials containing ideas for sermons or articles, incomplete sermons and preliminary drafts of sermons.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 11. Folder 7. Sermon lists, 1936-1975

Box 11. Folder 8. Sermon lists and ideas, 1948-1949

Box 11. Folder 9. Sermon and article lists and ideas, 1951-1953

Box 11. Folder 10. Sermon ideas, 1927-1987, undated

Box 11. Folder 11. Sermon ideas and drafts, 1928-1943, undated

Box 12. Folder 1. Sermons and ideas, 1961

Box 12. Folder 2. Sermon/editorial notes, 1973-1976

Series B. Correspondence, 1916-1992

Extent 1.8 linear feet (4.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence with individuals and organizations dealing with Snyder's education and career as a rabbi, his service to the community, his speaking engagements and miscellaneous.

Arrangement The series is divided into three (3) subseries: 1. Individuals, Organizations, and Topics; 2. Correspondence Regarding Speaking Engagements; 3. Miscellaneous Correspondence.

Subseries 1. Individuals, Organizations, and Topics, 1916-1992 (bulk 1930s-1980s)

Extent 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence and miscellaneous material received from or sent to individuals or organizations. The brochures, flyers and other documents were generated by several sources and may have been sent to Snyder from various sources. Some of the materials were produced by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Arrangement The materials are arranged alphabetically by the name of the individual or organization, or by a topic heading.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 12. Folder 4. American Council for Judaism/American Jewish Conference, 1940-1987

Box 12. Folder 5. American Jewish Committee, regarding anti-semitism, 1943-1944,1987

Box 12. Folder 6. Americans All - Immigrants All, Springfield, Ill., 1943

Box 12. Folder 7. Anti-Defamation League (ADL) - correspondence and miscellaneous, 1934-1948,1982

Box 12. Folder 8. ADL lecture tour in Colorado, 1941 February

Box 12. Folder 9. Anti-semitism - pamphlets and miscellaneous (including by ADL), 1942-1970

Box 12. Folder 10. Anti-semitism and religious persecution in Germany, Poland, and Russia, 1929-1939

Box 13. Folder 1. B'nai B'rith, 1918-1935

Box 13. Folder 2. B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 1948-1965

Box 13. Folder 3. [S.] Burlington, Vermont, congregation [Sinai Temple?], (Virginia and Arthur Greenblott), 1965-1969

Box 13. Folder 4. CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) - correspondence and miscellaneous, 1948-1992

Box 13. Folder 5. CCAR - regarding Jewish ceremonial forms, 1951-1985, undated

Box 13. Folder 6. CCAR Commission on Church and State, 1948-1955

Box 13. Folder 7. CCAR Commission on Church and State, 1956

Box 13. Folder 8. CCAR Committee on the Unaffiliated, 1950-1983

Box 13. Folder 9. CCAR - Journal of Reform Judaism, 1984-1988

Box 13. Folder 10. CCAR New England Region (NER, successor to ENECLR), 1959-1985

Box 13. Folder 11. CCAR - Retired Rabbis and Pension Board, 1945-1984

Box 13. Folder 12. Cohen, Jim (Paris, France), 1982

Box 13. Folder 13. Cohon, Samuel S. (HUC professor), 1930-1949

Box 13. Folder 14. Driftmier, Theodore (Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass.),, 1956-1992

Box 13. Folder 15. Eichhorn, David Max (rabbi), 1932-1968

Box 13. Folder 16. Engel, A. Lehman (musician), 1929-1930

Box 13. Folder 17. Folkman, Jerome D. (rabbi),, 1990

Box 13. Folder 18. Foreign Policy Association of the Connecticut Valley, 1947-1956

Box 13. Folder 19. Freehof, Solomon B. (rabbi), 1946-1970

Box 13. Folder 20. Glueck, Nelson (HUC president) and Helen, 1947-1971

Box 13. Folder 21. Griffin, James A. (bishop in Springfield, Ill.), 1929-1940

Box 14. Folder 1. HUC (Hebrew Union College) - admission application and student pulpits, 1920-1928

Box 14. Folder 2. HUC - miscellaneous correspondence, 1936-1991

Box 14. Folder 3. HUC-JIR (Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion) Alumni Overseers - minutes, 1961-1965

Box 14. Folder 4. HUC-JIR Herman E. Snyder Alumni Prize, 1969-1983

Box 14. Folder 5. Hermann, Klaus J. (professor, Quebec), 1992, undated

Box 14. Folder 6. Holmes, John Haynes (Christian minister), 1933-1943

Box 14. Folder 7. Holocaust Memorial Day proposal to CCAR, 1955-1985

Box 14. Folder 8. Holocaust observance, 1985-1988

Box 14. Folder 9. Horner, Henry (governor of Ill.), 1934-1983

Box 14. Folder 10. Illinois Federation of Jewish Youth, 1942

Box 14. Folder 11. Institute of Jewish Studies, Springfield, Ill., 1936-1940

Box 14. Folder 12. Jewish Agency for Palestine - history, 1929

Box 14. Folder 13. Joint Distribution Committee campaigns, 1931-1940

Box 14. Folder 14. Joint Distribution Committee - regarding refugees, 1937-1946

Box 14. Folder 15. Juvenile Delinquency Commission, Springfield, Mass, 1955 April-1957 May

Box 14. Folder 16. Juvenile Delinquency Commission, Springfield, Mass, 1957 June-1968

Box 14. Folder 17. Kaplan, Joseph (scientist and speaker), 1958-1963

Box 14. Folder 18. Korn, Bertram W. (rabbi and chaplain), 1945-1958,1983

Box 14. Folder 19. Lincoln Library, Springfield, Ill., 1940-1947

Box 15. Folder 1. Magee, J. Ralph (Methodist bishop, Chicago), 1947

Box 15. Folder 2. Maguire, Joseph F. (bishop of Springfield, Mass.), 1980-1990

Box 15. Folder 3. Marcus, Jacob R. and American Jewish Archives, 1947-1991

- Box 15. Folder 4. Masonic Lodge - correspondence and articles, 1980-1985
- Box 15. Folder 5. Menorah Society, University of Cincinnati, 1925
- Box 15. Folder 6. Mercy Hospital Fund Raising Committee, Springfield, Mass., 1971
- Box 15. Folder 7. Morgenstern, Julian (HUC president), 1930-1971
- Box 15. Folder 8. NCCJ (National Conference of Christians and Jews) - award speech, and miscellaneous, 1935-1988
- Box 15. Folder 9. National Jewish Welfare Board, 1937-1964
- Box 15. Folder 10. Peace Heroes Memorial Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1927-1941
- Box 15. Folder 11. Petuchowski, Jakob J. (HUC professor), 1966-1991
- Box 15. Folder 12. Raisin, Max (rabbi), 1947-1948
- Box 15. Folder 13. Rhodes, Nicholas E. and Kaye, 1961-1963
- Box 15. Folder 14. Robinson, John I. (attorney, Springfield, Mass.), biographical material, 1916-1973
- Box 15. Folder 15. Rosenberg, Ludwig (Chicago, Ill.), 1942-1943
- Box 15. Folder 16. Rotary Club - correspondence and miscellaneous, 1929-1989
- Box 15. Folder 17. Sachs, Mary (Harrisburg, Pa.), 1927-1958
- Box 15. Folder 18. Schwarz, Leo (lecturer), 1941-1947, 1983
- Box 15. Folder 19. Service Bureau for Colored Children of Sangamon County, Springfield, Ill., 1938-1947
- Box 15. Folder 20. Silver, Abba Hillel (rabbi), 1945, 1962
- Box 15. Folder 21. Sobel, Samuel (rabbi and chaplain), 1946-1986
- Box 15. Folder 22. Springfield (Ill.) Committee for Resettlement of Refugees, 1940-1941
- Box 15. Folder 23. Springfield (Ill.) Town Meeting of the Air, 1939-1940
- Box 15. Folder 24. Springfield (Mass.) College, 1968-1985
- Box 15. Folder 25. Temple Israel, Tulsa, Okla., 1935
- Box 15. Folder 26. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1929-1986
- Box 15. Folder 27. United China Relief - pamphlets, 1943
- Box 15. Folder 28. United States Congressmen and Senators, 1935-1991
- Box 15. Folder 29. Wagner, Hughes and Trinity Methodist Church, Springfield, Mass., 1965-1975
- Box 15. Folder 30. Weldon, Christopher J. (chaplain, bishop of Springfield, Mass.), 1958-1981
- Box 15. Folder 31. Wise, Stephen S. (rabbi), 1932-1934, undated
- Box 15. Folder 32. WUPJ (World Union for Progressive Judaism) - services in Rome and Paris, 1953-1971
- Box 15. Folder 33. Ziffer, Walter (Bangor Theological Seminary), 1985-1992
- Box 15. Folder 34. Zoll, Leonard S. (rabbi), 1965-1970

Subseries 2. Correspondence Regarding Speaking Engagements, 1931-1990 (bulk 1950s-1960s)

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence inviting or thanking Snyder for speaking at club meetings and colleges throughout the United States. Many of the lectures were given under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 16. Folder 1. Speaking engagements (general), 1931-1990
- Box 16. Folder 2. Eaglebrook School (Deerfield, Mass.), 1967-1970
- Box 16. Folder 3. Deerfield Academy (Deerfield, Mass.), 1951, 1967
- Box 16. Folder 4. MacDuffie School for Girls (Springfield, Mass.?), 1964, 1967
- Box 16. Folder 5. Mount Hermon School (Mt. Hermon, Mass.), 1967, 1978
- Box 16. Folder 6. Mount Holyoke College for Girls (South Hadley, Mass.), 1953-1986
- Box 16. Folder 7. Suffield Academy (Suffield, Conn.), 1965-1968
- Box 16. Folder 8. Jewish Chautauqua Society (general), 1937-1960
- Box 16. Folder 9. Bangor Theological Seminary (Bangor, Me.), 1948
- Box 16. Folder 10. Bennington College (Bennington, Vt.), 1960
- Box 16. Folder 11. Colby Junior College (New London, N.H.), 1949-1960
- Box 16. Folder 12. Maine Christian Association at University of Maine (Orono, Me.), 1948
- Box 16. Folder 13. Skidmore College (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), 1963
- Box 16. Folder 14. Vermont Junior College (Montpelier, Vt.), 1952-1960

Subseries 3. Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1929-1992

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of small amounts of correspondence with numerous individuals.

Arrangement The letters in the first three folders are arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 16. Folder 15. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1929-1959
- Box 16. Folder 16. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1960-1978
- Box 16. Folder 17. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1981-1992
- Box 16. Folder 18. Miscellaneous correspondence, undated
- Box 16. Folder 19. Letters to Rabbi Snyder from Rabbi Morris S. Lazon concerning personal matters, January 22, 1978; and from Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson regarding the Columbus Platform, New York, N.Y., 1937 July 1
- Box 16. Folder 20. Personal anecdotes regarding Charney Vladeck Eduard Benes, Ambassador William E. Dodd, and Lord Halifax (in letters to Jacob R. Marcus), Longmeadow, Mass., 1980 November 18, 1982 March 10

Series C. Congregational Pulpits and Chaplaincy, 1928-1992

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, histories, bulletins, constitution, reports, programs and miscellaneous pertaining to the three congregations Rabbi Snyder served and his service as a chaplain.

Arrangement The series is divided into four (4) subseries: 1. Temple Emanu-El (Dallas, Tex.); 2. Temple B'rith Sholom (Springfield, Ill.); 3. Sinai Temple (Springfield, Mass.); 4. Chaplaincy.

Subseries 1. Temple Emanu-El (Dallas, Tex.), 1928-1929

Scope and Content Note Consists of one folder of correspondence pertaining to Snyder's student pulpit at Temple Emanu-El in 1928.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 17. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1928-1929

Subseries 2. Temple B'rith Sholom (Springfield, Ill.), 1928-1988 (bulk 1930s-1940s)

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, histories, bulletins, programs and miscellaneous material pertaining to Snyder's service at Temple B'rith Sholom.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 17. Folder 2. Correspondence and miscellaneous, 1928-1988

Box 17. Folder 3. Histories of Temple B'rith Sholom, 1935-[1985?]

Box 17. Folder 4. Memorial building campaign, 1945

Box 17. Folder 5. Temple B'rith Sholom Bulletins, 1928 December-1931 March

Subseries 3. Sinai Temple (Springfield, Mass.), 1947-1991 (bulk 1947-1970s)

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of a constitution, correspondence, histories, annual meeting reports, bulletins, programs and miscellaneous pertaining to Snyder's service to Sinai Temple, including materials concerning the invitation to become rabbi at Sinai, moving to Massachusetts, the annual Institute on Judaism (an inter-religion educational program), and celebrations of Snyder's installation and anniversaries.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 17. Folder 6. Constitution and cemetery bylaws, undated

Box 17. Folder 7. Correspondence, chiefly regarding Snyders' move to Massachusetts, 1947

Box 17. Folder 8. Correspondence and miscellaneous, 1948-1986

Box 17. Folder 9. Institute on Judaism, 1947-1986

Box 17. Folder 10. Histories of Sinai Temple, 1948-1983

Box 17. Folder 11. Snyder's annual meeting reports, 1954-1970

Box 17. Folder 12. Sinai Temple Bulletins, 1947-1951

Box 17. Folder 13. Snyder's installation and anniversaries, 1947-1991

Subseries 4. Chaplaincy, 1934-1992 (bulk 1942-1946)

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of service records, correspondence, reports, bulletins and miscellaneous pertaining to Snyder's Navy chaplaincy during World War II, and his ministry for the U.S. Air Force in the Azores (1953-1954) and at Westover Air Force Base, Mass. (1957-1967). Also included are correspondence and miscellaneous materials concerning his activities in the Jewish War Veterans and correspondence with Jewish servicemen from Springfield, Ill.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 18. Folder 1. U.S. Navy - official records, 1944-1946

Box 18. Folder 2. U.S. Navy - Officer Service Record File No.373534 USN, 1944-1955

Box 18. Folder 3. U.S. Navy Chaplain - correspondence, reports, and miscellaneous, 1944-1947

Box 18. Folder 4. U.S. Navy Chaplain - monthly reports and chapel bulletins (Camp Pendleton), 1945-1946

Box 18. Folder 5. Correspondence with servicemen from Springfield, Ill., 1934,1942-1945 April

Box 18. Folder 6. Correspondence with servicemen from Springfield, Ill., 1945 May-1948

Box 18. Folder 7. Jewish War Veterans - correspondence and miscellaneous, 1942-1992

Box 18. Folder 8. U.S. Air Force/NJWB (National Jewish Welfare Board) Torah Convocation, Azores, 1953-1954

Box 18. Folder 9. U.S. Air Force - Westover Air Force Base, Mass., 1957-1967

Series D. Research Materials, 1927-1971

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of articles, books, speeches, pamphlets, sermons, poetry and notecards. Topics included World War II, Holocaust, human rights and relations, ethics, mixed marriage, Judaism and Hebrew Union College.

Arrangement The series is divided into two (2) subseries: 1. World War II; 2. Research Materials.

Subseries 1. World War II, 1927-1971

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of articles, books and a bibliography pertaining to the Holocaust, Nazi anti-Semitism, events in Europe from 1936-1943, Father Coughlin's views and Jewish

soldiers and chaplains.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 19. Folder 1. Special Day of Prayer for Nazi Victims, 1943 May 2
- Box 19. Folder 2. Articles regarding nazis and anti-semitism, 1936-1947
- Box 19. Folder 3. Current events news articles, 1939
- Box 19. Folder 4. Current events news articles, 1940
- Box 19. Folder 5. Book regarding Father Coughlin, Shrine of the Silver Dollar, 1940
- Box 19. Folder 6. Articles and bibliography regarding war in Europe, 19,411,943
- Box 19. Folder 7. NJWB book regarding Jewish soldiers, Fighting for America, 1944
- Box 19. Folder 8. Article regarding Jewish chaplains, "The Symbol of Liberation", 1944 December

Subseries 2. Research Materials, 1927-1971 (bulk 1930s-1950s)

Extent 1 linear foot (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of speeches and sermons (by Christian clergy, rabbis, and others; mostly as printed pamphlets), pamphlets (containing essays on various subjects, including Black-Jewish relations, mixed marriage, Judaism, and rabbinical ethics), a Sabbath prayer service, poetry and notes and quotations on 3x5 notecards.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 19. Folder 9. HUC Founder's Day addresses, 1945-1956
- Box 19. Folder 10. "Message of Israel" and "Town Hall Discussions" speeches, 1949-1951, undated
- Box 19. Folder 11. Pamphlet, "Code of Ethics," reprinted from CCAR Yearbook, 1940
- Box 20. Folder 1. Pamphlets regarding Black-Jewish relations and civil rights, 1955-1971
- Box 20. Folder 2. Sisterhood Sabbath prayer service, "The Words of My Mouth," by Shirley A. Kleinman, 1955
- Box 20. Folder 3. Pamphlets regarding mixed marriage, 1944, 1961
- Box 20. Folder 4. Research materials - miscellaneous pamphlets, 1927-1960
- Box 20. Folder 5. Pamphlet series, "Popular Studies in Judaism," by UAHC, undated
- Box 20. Folder 6. Sermons, "The Community Pulpit Series," by John Haynes Holmes and guests, 1929-1932
- Box 20. Folder 7. Sermons, "The Community Pulpit Series," by John Haynes Holmes and guests, 1933-1942
- Box 20. Folder 8. Inspirational poetry and articles, 1933-1952, undated
- Box 20. Folder 9. Sermon "Texts and Pretexts" notecards, undated
- Box 21. Folder 3x5 notecards, undated

Series E. Personal Papers and Miscellaneous, 1917-1992

Extent 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of biographical sketches and articles, memoirs, family history and genealogy, family correspondence, materials (correspondence, receipts, itineraries) pertaining to family trips, anniversary greetings, appointment calendars, awards and ration books.

Arrangement The series is divided into five (5) subseries: 1. Biographies and Memoirs; 2. Anniversary and Retirement Greetings and Testimonials; 3. Engagement/Pocket Appointment Calendars; 4. Family Correspondence, Genealogy and Trips; 5. Miscellaneous.

Subseries 1. Biographies and Memoirs, 1917-1992 (bulk 1980s-1992)

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of biographical sketches (includes sketch for Adele Snyder) and news articles, memoirs, and a diary describing Rabbi Snyder's career, trips to Europe in the 1930s, childhood and family history.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 22. Folder 1. Biographical sketches (Herman and Adele Snyder), 1944-1986, undated

Box 22. Folder 2. Biographical news articles, 1931-1987

Box 22. Folder 3. Miscellaneous biographical material, 1917-1985

Box 22. Folder 4. Memoirs (autographed and bound copy), Longmeadow, Mass., 1982 December

Box 22. Folder 5. Memoirs (bound copy), Longmeadow, Mass., 1992

Box 22. Folder 6. Memoirs - Springfield, Ill. (1928-1947), 1982

Box 22. Folder 7. Memoirs - Trips to Europe (Germany), 1932, 1936

Box 22. Folder 8. Diary (family history and memoirs), 1945-1946

Box 22. Folder 9. Miscellaneous memoirs, undated

Subseries 2. Anniversary and Retirement Greetings and Testimonials, 1957, 1968, 1970

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of letters and greeting cards congratulating Snyder on his 30th and 40th anniversaries in the rabbinate and his retirement from Sinai Temple.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 23. Folder 1. 30th anniversary greetings, 1957

Box 23. Folder 2. 30th anniversary greetings, 1957

Box 23. Folder 3. 40th anniversary greetings, 1968

Box 23. Folder 4. 40th anniversary greetings, 1968

Box 23. Folder 5. 40th anniversary greetings (sent to Sinai Temple), 1968

Box 23. Folder 6. Retirement dinner - invitations and replies, 1970 August-September

Box 23. Folder 7. Retirement dinner - guest list, 1970 September 13

Box 23. Folder 8. Retirement dinner - testimonials, 1970 August-September

Box 23. Folder 9. Retirement dinner - congratulatory messages, 1970 September

Subseries 3. Engagement/Pocket Appointment Calendars, 1954-1992 (bulk 1970-1992)

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains two sets (one pocket size, one larger size) of appointment books with notations indicating Snyder's activities

Box and Folder Listing

Box 24. Folder Engagement calendars, 1958-1992

Box 24. Folder Pocket appointment calendars, 1954-1992

Subseries 4. Family Correspondence, Genealogy and Trips, 1927-1991

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, family history, itineraries and miscellaneous. Included is correspondence with family and close family friends, wedding congratulations (1934), genealogical information and material pertaining to family trips and Snyder's trips

to Europe in the 1930s.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 25. Folder 1. Auer, Debbie and Paul, 1974-1988, undated

Box 25. Folder 2. Friedland/Godfrey family, 1992

Box 25. Folder 3. Herzog family (Fritz and Helen?), 1971-1991

Box 25. Folder 4. Rothschild/Ettinghausen family to Adele, 1929

Box 25. Folder 5. Snyder family - correspondence and miscellaneous, 1927-1991

Box 25. Folder 6. Wulf family of South Africa, 1975-1990

Box 25. Folder 7. Genealogy, "Grandpa Fisher Wolfson's Family.", undated

Box 25. Folder 8. Wedding greetings, 1934

Box 25. Folder 9. Trips to Europe, 1932

Box 25. Folder 10. Miscellaneous trips, 1934-1977

Box 25. Folder 11. Trip with Adele and Jane to Britain, France and India, 1964

Subseries 5. Miscellaneous, 1930-1990

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, awards, news articles, World War II ration books, and miscellaneous pertaining to awards and honors given to Snyder, his retirement agreement, World War II rationing and miscellaneous.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 25. Folder 12. Awards and honors - correspondence and miscellaneous, 1946-1987

Box 25. Folder 13. World War II ration books; and Office of Price Administration correspondence, undated

Box 25. Folder 14. Retirement agreement, 1969-1987

Box 25. Folder 15. Miscellaneous, 1930-1990

Series F. Photographs, 1929-1992

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of photographs of Herman and Adele Snyder, friends and acquaintances, Hebrew Union College faculty and student body (1930) and Sinai Temple. One folder (Folder 25/6) contains photocopies of photographs.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 25. Folder 16. Snyder, Herman E. and Adele, 1959-1989

Box 25. Folder 17. Snyder, Herman E. and Sinai Temple (xerox copies), 1947-1970, undated

Box 25. Folder 18. Driftmier, Theodore, 1989

Box 25. Folder 19. Friedland/Godfrey family, 1992

Box 25. Folder 20. HUC (Hebrew Union College) faculty and student body (American Israelite article), 1930 July 4

Box 25. Folder 21. Jewish War Veterans at Abraham Lincoln Monument, Ill., 1947 February 12

Box 25. Folder 22. Magee, J. Ralph, 1947

Box 25. Folder 23. Maguire, Joseph F. with Herman E. Snyder, 1990

Box 25. Folder 24. Snyder, Adele (subjects unidentified), 1929

Box 25. Folder 25. Ziffer, Walter, 1985-1986

Box 25. Folder 26. Miscellaneous family, friends and unidentified, 1985-1990