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Harry Kaplan Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 54



Collection Summary

Title	Harry Kaplan Papers
Dates	1924-1970
Collection Number	MS-54
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Kaplan, Harry, 1901-1969
Extent	2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Harry Kaplan was born on October 6, 1901 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was educated in the public schools of Minneapolis. In 1923 he graduated from the University of Minnesota, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Sociology and Community Organization. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Minneapolis Talmud Torah, a nationally known Hebrew School.

He was ordained as rabbi from the Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City, in 1927, while also receiving a Master of Hebrew Literature, cum laude. He took postgraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, at Ohio State University, and at the Geneva, Switzerland Institute of International Studies.

From 1926 to 1935 he was Rabbi at Temple Anshe Amunim in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. From 1935 until his death in 1969 he was Ohio State University Hillel Director. In addition he was Midwest Regional Director for the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and a member of the National Hillel Cabinet. He was also a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and a Rotarian. He was a past President of the Jewish Teachers' Association of the New England Liberal Schools, of the Pittsfield Council of Social Agencies, and of the Alumni Association of the Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rabbi Kaplan's articles appeared in Religious Education, The National Jewish Monthly, and The Commentator.

Rabbi Kaplan was honored in 1953 with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Hebrew Union-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1955 Ohio State University gave him an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Harry Kaplan died on February 7, 1969. He was survived by his wife, Theresa, and four children.

Scope and Content

The collection covers Harry Kaplan's relationship with Stephen S. Wise, his work as a congregational rabbi, and as a Hillel director. The collection includes correspondence, newsclippings, sermons, lectures, and printed materials.

Arrangement

Organized into two (2) series: A. General, 1924-1970; B. Lectures and Sermons.

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Corporate Names B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation (Ohio State University) / Jewish Institute of Religion (New York, N.Y.) / Temple Anshe Amunim (Pittsfield, Mass.)
Media Sermons

Series A. General, 1924-1970

Extent 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note It includes correspondence with Stephen S. Wise, as well as with U.S. servicemen during World War II. Also included are papers dealing with the Jewish Institute of Religion's Alumni association, Temple Anshe Amunim, the Ohio State Hillel, the Hillel War Service Department, the Hillel Refugee Fund, as well as Kaplan's work with them.

Arrangement The series is alphabetically arranged.

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Box 4. Folder 1. Wise, Stephen S., 1924-1937

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Series B. Lectures and Sermons, 1928-1968, undated

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Covers Kaplan's career from the late 1920s at Temple Anshe Amunim into the mid-1960s at the Ohio State Hillel. Included are lectures, addresses, papers, sermons, and notes dealing with numerous religious, social, and historical questions.

Arrangement There are three folders of general lectures and sermons followed by sermons and lectures on a particular topic, which are alphabetically arranged by topic.

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