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**A Finding Aid to the  
Steven L. Jacobs Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 57**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Steven L. Jacobs Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1965-1995
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-57
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Jacobs, Steven L., 1947
<b>Extent</b>	2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Steven Leonard Jacobs was born in Baltimore, Maryland in January, 1947. He received his bachelor of arts degree in education from Pennsylvania State University in 1969. He then enrolled at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, where he first earned a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters in 1972 and then was ordained in 1974. He received a Doctor of Hebrew Letters from the same in 1990. In 1999, he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) from the Los Angeles campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Following his ordination in 1974, he took his first rabbinical job at Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Alabama, where he stayed for two years. In 1976, he moved to Temple Shalom in Dallas, Texas for a short stint as associate rabbi and Director of Education. From 1977-1984, Jacobs served as the rabbi for Spring Hill Avenue Temple (Congregation Sha'ari Shomayim) in Mobile, Alabama. He returned to Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Alabama in 1984, where he served as rabbi until 1990. Jacobs subsequently moved to Temple B'nai Sholom in Huntsville, Alabama and then in 2001, to Temple Emanu-El in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

In addition to rabbinical work, Jacobs has pursued an interest in scholarship and education. His research primarily covers Biblical Studies, translation and interpretation, including the Dead Sea Scrolls; as well as Holocaust and Genocide Studies. He has taught at several universities including: the University of Alabama, Martin Methodist College, Calhoun Community College, Samford University, Spring Hill College, Birmingham-Southern College, and most recently as the Aaron Aronov Chair of Judaic Studies at the University of Alabama since 2001.

### Scope and Content

Papers consisting of correspondence, reports, and newspaper clippings reflecting Jacobs' rabbinic career and interests in Jewish education in the communities of Cincinnati, Ohio, Birmingham, Alabama, and Dallas, Texas. Additionally, there are board minutes, correspondence, and services reflecting Jacobs' rabbinic career at Temple B'nai Sholom in Huntsville, Alabama.

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### Provenance

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### Processing Information

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## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Jewish religious education / Jews -- Alabama -- Birmingham / Jews -- Alabama -- Huntsville / Jews -- Alabama -- Mobile / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Jews -- Texas -- Dallas / Rabbis
<b>Personal Names</b>	Jacobs, Steven L., 1947-
<b>Corporate Names</b>	Central Conference of American Rabbis. Southeast section / Congregation Sha'arai Shomayim (Mobile, Ala.) / Temple B'nai Sholom (Huntsville, Ala.) / Temple Emanu-El (Birmingham, Ala.) / Temple Sholom (Dallas, Tex.)
<b>Media</b>	Wills

## Series A. General, 1965-1995

### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1-9. Birmingham, Alabama, 1972-1976
- Box 2. Folder 1-2. Birmingham, Alabama, 1975-1976
- Box 2. Folder 3-7. Dallas, Texas, 1972-1977
- Box 3. Folder 1-3. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1965-1977
- Box 3. Folder 4. Jacobs family. Wills, 1975
- Box 3. Folder 5-6. Central Conference of American Rabbis. Southeast section, 1974-1977
- Box 4. Folder 1. Huntsville, Alabama. Temple B'nai Sholom. Board minutes, 1990-1995
- Box 4. Folder 2. Huntsville, Alabama. Temple B'nai Sholom. Constitution, 1988
- Box 4. Folder 3. Huntsville, Alabama. Temple B'nai Sholom. High Holy Days, 1990
- Box 4. Folder 4. Huntsville, Alabama. Temple B'nai Sholom. General correspondence, 1990
- Box 5. Folder 1-3. Huntsville, Alabama. Temple B'nai Sholom. General correspondence, 1991-1993
- Box 6. Folder 1-3. Huntsville, Alabama. Temple B'nai Sholom. General correspondence, 1993-1995
- Box 7. Folder 1-4. Huntsville, Alabama. Temple B'nai Sholom. Services, 1991-1995