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Collection Summary

Title	Alexander D. Goode Papers
Dates	1931-1957
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Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Temple Beth Israel (York, Pa.) Goode, Alexander D., 1911-1943
Extent	1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Alexander D. Goode was born in New York City in 1911. He spent his childhood in Washington, D.C., attending public schools there. In 1929 he enrolled at the University of Cincinnati, receiving a Bachelor's degree in 1933. He then entered the Hebrew Union College, also in Cincinnati, to study for the rabbinate and was ordained in 1937. In 1935 Goode married Theresa Flax of Cincinnati. They had one daughter, Rosalie B. Following his ordination Goode served as the rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in York, Pa., while simultaneously studying for a Ph.D. in theology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1939 Goode remained in York until the start of the second World War when he enlisted in the Army as a chaplain. After being stationed in Washington, D.C. for a time Goode was assigned to the SS Dorchester, a transport ship carrying 900 soldiers to Greenland. On February 3, 1943 the Dorchester was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine and sank. Goode gave his life jacket to another soldier on the ship, as did the three other chaplains on board (two Protestant ministers and a Catholic priest). As the ship went down the four chaplains stood on the deck, linked arms and prayed together.

Scope and Content

Commendations, 1943-1957; sermons, student papers, articles, research papers, 1931-1942; manuscript for a book on democracy, 1942; bound volume of notes, sermons and writings, 1938-1941; The Temple Letter, a newsletter of Temple Beth Israel, York, Pa., 1937-1942; and two cassette tapes on Goode's life and service in chaplaincy by Paul Dittrick.

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Personal Names	Goode, Alexander D. (Alexander David), 1911-1943
Media	Audiocassettes / Newsletters / Sermons

Series A. General, 1931-1957

Box and Folder Listing

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- Box 2. Folder 8. Paper. "A History of Jewish Philanthropy in America until the Civil War", 1932
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- Box 3. Folder --. Two cassette tapes by Paul Dittrick.
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- Box 4. Folder 3. Student paper. "A Pragmatic View of Peace.", 1931
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