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Alexander D. Goode Papers
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Collection Summary

Title
Alexander D. Goode Papers

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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 6. Paper. "The Organization of Jewish Life in Palestine During the Jabneh Period.", 1936
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Box 3. Folder --. Two cassette tapes by Paul Dittrick.
Box 3. Folder 1. Manuscript. The Cavalcade of Democracy chapters 1-3, 1942
Box 3. Folder 2. Manuscript. The Cavalcade of Democracy chapters 4-6, 1942
Box 3. Folder 3. Manuscript. The Cavalcade of Democracy chapters 7-8, 1942
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Box 4. Folder 2. Bound volume of student papers.