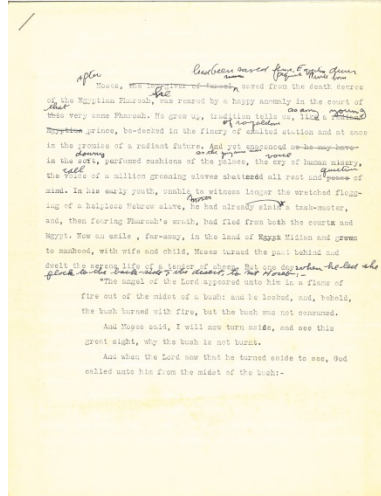




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A Finding Aid to the Abraham H. Feinberg Papers Manuscript Collection No. 85



Collection Summary

Title	Abraham H. Feinberg Papers
Dates	1926-1947
Collection Number	MS-85
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Feinberg, Abraham H., 1907-1946
Extent	4 linear feet (10 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Abraham H. Feinberg was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on August 6, 1907, to Max and Anna (Sansky) Feinberg. He was raised in an Orthodox Jewish family and as a child was taught the folklore and cultural heritage of his East European Jewish ancestors. In 1930 Feinberg graduated from the University of Cincinnati with an A.B. degree and having by this time joined with the Reform movement, followed with his graduation from Hebrew Union College and ordination as a Reform rabbi in 1932. Feinberg's rabbinical thesis was entitled, "Abravanel's Theory of Dogmas in Judaism as Reflected in his Rosh Amana."

Feinberg served as rabbi at two Reform congregations. He served first at Temple Beth El in Rockford, Illinois from 1932 to 1942 and then at Congregation Rodef Sholom in Youngstown, Ohio from 1942 until his death in 1946.

During World War II Feinberg enlisted and was accepted as a chaplain in the United States Navy. A subsequent physical examination revealed, however, that Feinberg had a perforated ear drum. He was declared physically unfit for service as a chaplain and his appointment was withdrawn. Feinberg then attempted to enlist in the United States Army Chaplaincy, but was again rejected because of his perforated ear drum.

Feinberg was a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and served as a member of the CCAR's Social Justice Committee. Also, while at Rockford, Feinberg enrolled at the University of Chicago and began working toward a doctorate in Comparative Religion. He was nearing completion of his dissertation when he became ill and died in 1946.

Abraham H. Feinberg died on February 25, 1946 at the age of 39.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of sermons, student papers, notes, correspondence, clippings and miscellaneous items.

Arrangement

Organized into five (5) series: A. Writings; B. Student Papers and Class Notes, 1926-1934; C. Correspondence, 1930-1946; D. Research Notes; E. Miscellaneous.

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Index Terms

Subjects Jews -- Illinois -- Rockford / Jews -- Ohio -- Youngstown / Rabbis
Personal Names Feinberg, Abraham H. (Abraham Haskel), 1907-1946
Corporate Names Congregation Rodef Sholom (Youngstown, Ohio) / Temple Beth El (Rockford, Illinois)
Media Prayers / Sermons

Series A. Writings

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement

The series is arranged in two (2) subseries: 1. Sermons and Addresses; 2. Prayers, Eulogies and Radio Messages.

Subseries 1. Sermons and Addresses

Extent 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The subseries is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Ac-Am.

Box 1. Folder 2. An-Ar.

Box 1. Folder 3. B.

Box 1. Folder 4. Ca-Ci.

Box 1. Folder 5. Co-Cu.

Box 1. Folder 6. D.

Box 1. Folder 7. E.

Box 1. Folder 8. F.

Box 1. Folder 9. G.

Box 1. Folder 10. H.

Box 2. Folder 1. I.

Box 2. Folder 2. J.

Box 2. Folder 3. K.

Box 2. Folder 4. L.

Box 2. Folder 5. Ma-Mi.

Box 2. Folder 6. Mo-My.

Box 2. Folder 7. N.

Box 2. Folder 8. O.

Box 2. Folder 9. P.

Box 2. Folder 10. Q.

Box 2. Folder 11. Ra-Re.

Box 2. Folder 12. Ro-Ru.

Box 3. Folder 1. Sa-Se.
Box 3. Folder 2. Sh-So.
Box 3. Folder 3. Sp-St.
Box 3. Folder 4. Su-Sz.
Box 3. Folder 5. T.
Box 3. Folder 6. U-V.
Box 3. Folder 7. Wa-Wha.
Box 3. Folder 8. Whe-Wo.
Box 3. Folder 9. Y.
Box 4. Folder 1. Untitled sermons.
Box 4. Folder 2. Untitled sermons.
Box 4. Folder 3. Untitled sermons.
Box 4. Folder 4. United Jewish Laymen's Committee sermons, 1940-1942
Box 4. Folder 5. Marriage sermons.

Subseries 2. Prayers, Eulogies and Radio Messages, 1942, undated

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Arrangement The eulogies are arranged alphabetically by the name of the deceased.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 4. Folder 6. Prayers, undated.
Box 4. Folder 7. Eulogies, A-W.
Box 4. Folder 8. Eulogies, miscellaneous.
Box 4. Folder 9. Radio messages, 1942, undated

Series B. Student Papers and Class Notes, 1926-1934

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of papers from Feinberg's classes at the University of Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College and the University of Chicago.

Arrangement The series is arranged in two (2) subseries: 1. Student Papers; 2. Class Notes.

Subseries 1. Student Papers, 1926-1934, undated

Scope and Content Note Includes term papers along with Feinberg's 1932 rabbinical thesis, "Abravanel's Theory of Dogmas in Judaism as Reflected in his Rosh Amana."

Arrangement These papers are arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 4. Folder 10. Student papers, 1926-1934

Box 4. Folder 11. Rabbinical thesis, "Abravanel's Theory of Dogmas in Judaism as Reflected in his Rosh Amana", 1932

Box 5. Folder 1-4. Student papers, undated

Subseries 2. Class Notes, 1930-1934, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of notes from classes Fineberg attended.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by the title of the class.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 5. Folder 5. General History of Science and Religion, undated

Box 5. Folder 6. Idea of God in Great Religions, 1933-1934

Box 5. Folder 7. Introduction to the Study of Religions, undated

Box 5. Folder 8. Modern Trends in World Religions, 1934

Box 5. Folder 9. Philosophy of Art, 1930

Box 5. Folder 10. Philosophy of Religion, 1933-1934

Box 5. Folder 11. Psychology and Personality, 1931

Box 5. Folder 12. Psychology and Religion, 1930

Box 5. Folder 13. Rise of Christianity, 1933-1934

Box 5. Folder 14. Systematic Theology-Nature of Salvation, 1933

Box 6. Folder 1. Types of Religious Philosophies, undated

Series C. Correspondence, 1930-1946

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Arrangement The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or organization. Letters from the same person are arranged chronologically within the folders.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 6. Folder 2. A-L.

Box 6. Folder 3. M-W.

Box 6. Folder 4. Naval chaplaincy, 1943-1944

Box 6. Folder 5. Unidentified.

Series D. Research Notes, undated

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement

The series is arranged in two (2) subseries: 1. Angelology and Demonology; 2. General Topics.

Subseries 1. Angelology and Demonology, undated

Extent 1 linear foot (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of notes for a manuscript on the subject of Satan. At the end of the subseries there is a draft of the manuscript Feinberg wrote on this subject.

Arrangement The notes have been alphabetically arranged according to the topics given them by Feinberg.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 6. Folder 6-9. Angelology and Demonology, General.

Box 6. Folder 10. Apocalyptic and pseudepigraphic literature.

Box 6. Folder 11. Asmodeus, Ashmedai and Shamdon.

Box 6. Folder 12. Beliar-Bileaim and Lilith.

Box 6. Folder 13. Bene Elohim.

Box 7. Folder 1. Judaism, Zoroastrianism and Ahriman.

Box 7. Folder 2. Magic, Heavenly Court and miscellaneous.

Box 7. Folder 3. Origin and Evolution of Satan.

Box 7. Folder 4. Satan.

Box 7. Folder 5. Satan.

Box 7. Folder 6. Satan.

Box 7. Folder 7. Satan. Bible passages.

Box 7. Folder 8. Satan. References to Talmud.

Box 7. Folder 9. Seraphim, Cherubin, Azazel and Samael.

Box 7. Folder 10. Techniques for Control of Satan.

Box 8. Folder 1-4. Text, translations, notes.

Box 8. Folder 5-7. Miscellaneous notes.

Box 9. Folder 1. Draft of manuscript, notes, outlines.

Subseries 2. General Topics

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of notes on a variety of subjects.

Arrangement These notes have been kept in the arrangement given them by Feinberg.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 9. Folder 2-7. General Topics.

Box 10. Folder 1-3. General Topics.

Series E. Miscellaneous

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of published articles from other authors, clippings, bulletins from Congregation Rodef Sholom, Youngstown, Ohio for 1945, and other miscellaneous papers.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 10. Folder 4. Published articles.

Box 10. Folder 5. Clippings.

Box 10. Folder 6. Bulletins. Congregation Rodef Sholom, Youngstown, Ohio, 1945

Box 10. Folder 7. Miscellaneous papers.



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Subject Tracings

Note: The following list of subjects is a selective index to many of the topics and individuals in the ABRAHAM H. FEINBERG PAPERS. It is selective in that it only attempts to draw attention to the more significant items in the collection. It does not attempt to list every subject or individual nor does it try to indicate all places that a listed subject or individual appears in the collection. When used in conjunction with the Box and Folder List, the Subject Tracings should help the researcher locate topics. References are to boxes and folders: e.g., 2/5 means Box 2, Folder 5.

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