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Murray Polner Papers

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Collection Summary

Title  Murray Polner Papers
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Creator Polner, Murray [Collector]
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Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Murray Polner is an author and editor of books and periodicals on social history, public policy, and Jewish concerns (he also teaches at a number of colleges and universities). He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. Since that time, he has become a prolific author and outspoken advocate for pacifism and conscientious objection to war. He has a special interest in Jewish participation in the peace movement and in ensuring that the views of the peace movement are included in the dialogue and thought of Jews.


Murray Polner has been a member of FOR: the Fellowship of Reconciliation, since 1968 and has served as editor of its magazine Fellowship: A Magazine of Peacemaking.

Scope and Content
Consists of papers and research materials collected by Murray Polner in preparation for writing his monograph, Rabbi: the American Experience, which was published in 1977.

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