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Collection Summary

Title	Julian B. Feibelman Papers
Dates	1904-1980 (bulk 1950-1970)
Collection Number	MS-94
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Feibelman, Julian Beck, 1897-1980
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Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Julian Beck Feibelman was born in Jackson, Mississippi on March 23, 1897 to Abraham and Eva (Beck) Feibelman. He spent his childhood in Jackson, attending school there, graduating from Millsaps College in Jackson in 1918 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Following his graduation, Feibelman enlisted in the Army and served 15 months at Camp Shelby, Mississippi during World War I.

After leaving the Army, Feibelman matriculated at the University of Mississippi Law School but shortly thereafter decided to enter the rabbinate and transferred to Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1920. He was ordained in 1926 and went to Philadelphia to become assistant rabbi at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel where he remained for ten years. While in Philadelphia Feibelman attended the University of Pennsylvania and earned a Master of Arts degree and a Ph.D.

In September, 1936 Feibelman came to New Orleans to become rabbi at Temple Sinai. He remained there until his retirement in 1967 when he was elected rabbi emeritus.

Feibelman was deeply involved in community affairs in New Orleans, working for better interfaith relations between Christians and Jews and for greater friendship and brotherhood among all persons.

During World War II, Feibelman was Chairman of the Home Service Committee and the Camp and Hospital Committee of the New Orleans Red Cross Chapter and he served as a volunteer Field Director for the Red Cross in New Orleans camps.

In 1947 he was a representative of the First World Conference on Anti-Semitism in Seeligsburg, Switzerland, which was organized by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Feibelman served as president of many organizations, including the Louisiana Society for Mental Health, the Louisiana Association for Mental Hygiene, the Family Service Society, the Rotary Club and the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College. He served on the executive boards of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the New Orleans Urban League (of which he was a charter member), the Boy Scouts of America, the Foreign Policy Association, the Veterans Information Center, the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center. In addition, he was a member of the editorial board of the Jewish Publication Society.

Feibelman was a lecturer at Tulane University in the field of World Religion. He was also Religious Director of the Southwestern Division of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Feibelman was active in efforts to achieve integration in New Orleans Schools and he was responsible for the first integrated meeting in New Orleans in 1949 when he invited Dr. Ralph Bunche, then Director of the United Nations Trusteeship Division, to speak at Temple Sinai after Bunche had been denied an auditorium in the city.

Feibelman received many awards during his lifetime, including an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Millsaps College in 1946 and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1955. He also received the Weiss Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1967, the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League in 1974, the Annual Medal for Distinguished Service from St. Mary's Dominican College in 1967 and the Times-Picayune Loving Cup Award in 1968. In addition, he received citations from the Goodwill Industries and the Boy Scouts of America, who awarded him the Silver Beaver Award in 1951.

Feibelman was the author, in 1980, of his memoirs, *The Making of a Rabbi*. He also was

editor of the New Orleans Jewish Ledger from 1940-1944.

On October 20, 1938, Feibelman married Mary Anne Fellman. They had one son, Julian, Jr.

Julian B. Feibelman died on October 10, 1980, in New Orleans at the age of 83.

Scope and Content	The collection consists of correspondence, sermons, photographs, congregational materials, writings and personal items relating to Feibelman's rabbinic career.
Arrangement	Organized into five (5) series: A. Correspondence, 1913-1980; B. Sermons and Addresses, 1924-1978; C. Congregational Records, 1909-1977; D. Scholarship, 1918-1963; E. Personal, 1904-1980.
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Index Terms

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Personal Names	Feibelman, Julian Beck, 1897-1980
Corporate Names	Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel (Philadelphia, Pa.) / Temple Sinai (New Orleans, La.)
Media	Photographs / Sermons

Series A. Correspondence, 1913-1980

Extent 5.2 linear feet (13 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence and some minutes, reports and newsclippings.

Arrangement The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or organization. Letters are arranged chronologically within each folder.

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Extent 2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of sermons and addresses and sermon notes, eulogies and prayers.

Arrangement The sermons and addresses are arranged alphabetically according to title, the sermon notes are in no specific order and the eulogies are arranged alphabetically by the name of the deceased. The prayers are arranged chronologically.

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Extent 2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)

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The series is divided into two (2) subseries: 1. Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel (Philadelphia, Pa.); 2. Temple Sinai (New Orleans, La.).

Subseries 1. Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel (Philadelphia, Pa.), 1918-1937, undated

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of materials relating to the congregation and to Feibelman's ten years there as assistant rabbi.

Arrangement The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or subject.

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Extent 1.8 linear feet (4.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of materials relating to the congregation and to Feibelman's activities during his forty-four years there as rabbi and rabbi emeritus.

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Box 23. Folder 5. Sisterhood, 1936-1941, 1951-1968, undated
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Box 23. Folder 7. Steeg, Moise S. [president], 1964-1970, undated
Box 23. Folder 8. Temple Sinai 95th anniversary, 1964-1965
Box 23. Folder 9. Youth Group, 1954-1965, undated
Box 24. Folder 1. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1918-1975, undated

Series D. Scholarship, 1918-1963

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement

The series is arranged in two (2) subseries: 1. Student Papers; 2. Miscellaneous Writings.

Subseries 1. Student Papers, 1924-1941, undated

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of examinations, notes, and term papers from Feibelman's student years.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 25. Folder 1. Notes [R-Z].

Box 25. Folder 2. Notes [fragments-Theology, Homiletics, Apocalyptic literature].

Box 25. Folder 3-4. Notes [miscellaneous].

Box 25. Folder 5. University of Pennsylvania [Graduate Studies], 1929-1941

Box 25. Folder 6-7. University of Pennsylvania [Sociology notes], 1935, undated

Box 26. Folder 1-2. University of Pennsylvania [Sociology notes], undated

Box 26. Folder 3. University of Pennsylvania [Sociology articles], undated

Box 26. Folder 4. Term papers [A-H], 1924-1935, undated

Box 26. Folder 5. Term papers [I-S], 1925-1933, undated

Subseries 2. Miscellaneous Writings, 1918-1963, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of fiction, editorials, poetry and other miscellaneous writings by Feibelman. Also included in this series is a file of writings by persons other than Feibelman

Arrangement The subseries is arranged alphabetically by the name of the author.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 26. Folder 6. Fiction [A-S, untitled].

Box 27. Folder 1-2. The Jewish Ledger [editorials by JBF], 1940-1946

Box 27. Folder 3-5. Miscellaneous writings [H-T, untitled].

Box 27. Folder 6. Poetry [A-U, untitled].

Box 27. Folder 7-10. Reminiscences, undated

Box 27. Folder 11. "Whither Shall I Flee?" [correspondence], 1954-1955

Box 27. Folder 12. Writings by others [C-T], 1918-1963

Box 28. Folder 1-2. Unidentified manuscripts, undated

Series E. Personal, 1904-1980

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of items relating to Feibelman's personal life and to some of his activities. Of particular interest in this series are the two oral history interviews given by Feibelman and the files on segregation, which chronicle the efforts of Feibelman and others in pressing for integration of schools in New Orleans and the South.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 28. Folder 3. Address book, undated
- Box 28. Folder 4. Awards, certificates, 1946-1970, undated
- Box 28. Folder 5. Biographical material.
- Box 28. Folder 6-7. Clippings.
- Box 28. Folder 8. Genealogical and historical documents.
- Box 28. Folder 9. Life insurance.
- Box 28. Folder 10. Marriages performed, 1936-1970, undated
- Box 28. Folder 11. Obituaries, 1980
- Box 28. Folder 12. Oral history interview [transcript, correspondence-Memphis State University].
- Box 28. Folder 13. Oral history interview [transcript, correspondence-University of Southern Mississippi].
- Box 28. Folder 14. Photographs.
- Box 29. Folder 1-2. Positions considered, 1923-1936, undated
- Box 29. Folder 3. Research materials [regarding Judah Touro, New Orleans].
- Box 29. Folder 4. Research materials [regarding Gershon Kursheedt].
- Box 29. Folder 5. Segregation, 1949-1960
- Box 29. Folder 6. Segregation, 1961-1963, undated
- Box 30. Folder 1. Segregation [articles, pamphlets], 1954-1963
- Box 30. Folder 2. Segregation [articles, pamphlets], undated
- Box 30. Folder 3. Segregation [clippings], undated
- Box 30. Folder 4. Times-Picayune Loving Cup Award, 1968
- Box 30. Folder 5-8. Times-Picayune Loving Cup Award [congratulatory letters, A-K].
- Box 31. Folder 1-4. Times-Picayune Loving Cup Award [congratulatory letters, L-Z, unidentified].
- Box 31. Folder 5. Personal miscellaneous, 1904-1957, undated
- Box 31. Folder 6. Miscellaneous.
- Box 31. Folder 7. Myers, William [Execution of], 1927-1951



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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 JULIAN B. FEIBELMAN 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., 2/2 means Box 2, folder 2.

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Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion	4/19; 8/12, 15; 10/15
Heller, James G.	1/7
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Korn, Bertram W.	29/3
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