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## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Martin M. Weitz Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1919-1989
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-40
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Weitz, Martin M., 1907-1992
<b>Extent</b>	4 linear feet (10 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Martin M. Weitz was born in 1907, in Denver, Colorado, the son of Joseph and Rachel (Kauffman) Weitz. He was ordained a rabbi from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1934, after seven years of study, and simultaneously received a B.A. from the University of Cincinnati. He received a Ph.D. from Burton College and Seminary in Colorado in 1956 and also studied at the Colorado State College of Education, and the Harvard Chaplain School. In 1959, he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

While at Hebrew Union College, he edited and managed the Hebrew Union College Monthly, a magazine for rabbis, was the founding editor of the Youth Leader for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and edited works for the Social Press, including Religion and Its Social Setting by Abraham Cronbach.

Upon graduation, Weitz was the first director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. In 1937, Weitz accepted his first pulpit invitation from Beth Hillel Temple at Kenosha, Wisconsin where he served for seven years before entering the United States Chaplaincy Service. While in the service, he was given a special commendation for his morale-building among all faiths. In 1946, he became rabbi of Temple B'nai Jeshurun of Des Moines, Iowa, and taught at Drake University for three years. From 1949-51, he worked at Temple Beth Israel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Under his guidance, the congregation doubled in size.

In 1951, Weitz moved to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he was a founder of the Brotherhood Council of Atlantic County for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, chairman of the Annual Institute for Mental Health, and chairman of the trustees for a community college in Southern New Jersey. He also served as editor of American publications for the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

In the summer of 1960, he was invited to visit Israel, and, on behalf of the Ventnor Foundation, to visit Cologne, Frankfurt, and Berlin. His reports on the hospitals and doctors in Israel, West Germany, and Switzerland were published in the U.S. Congressional Record on March 1 and 8, 1961.

In 1967, Weitz, who lectured at Lincoln University of Pennsylvania for thirteen years, became a full-time faculty member of the predominately black university. He previously served Beth Israel Congregation of Atlantic City for eleven years and North Shore Congregation of Syosset, New York for four more years. He became the Director of the Center of Interfaith Studies at Lincoln and worked on behalf of all faiths and creeds at Lincoln until 1974. Weitz annually led Lincoln University student tours throughout the United States and abroad.

In 1974, Weitz went to Wilmington, North Carolina as rabbi of Temple of Israel, where he also developed a resident lectureship in Judaic studies at the University of North Carolina, and was involved at the Wilmington-New Hanover Museum and Bicentennial Heritage Committee. In October of 1976, he went into semi-retirement and moved to a new home in San Diego, California, to teach at National University.

Martin M. Weitz wrote numerous books and booklets including "Timberline," a chapel book as a student at Hebrew Union College, manuals for the World Union for Progressive Judaism (1955), Life Without Strife(1957-58), Decalogues for Our Day(1962), a booklet about Lincoln University's scholarly program, Campus on a Compass(1969), and edited The Hourglass, a journal published by the Center of Interfaith Studies at Lincoln University (1969-72).

Martin M. Weitz died in 1992.

<b>Scope and Content</b>	The Martin Mishli Weitz Papers consist of correspondence which reflects Weitz's scholarly activities, rabbinical career, and activities within the American Jewish community and in the larger American community.
<b>Arrangement</b>	This collection is arranged in two (2) series: A. Correspondence, 1919-1978; B. Scrapbooks, 1928-1989.
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<b>Provenance</b>	Received from Martin Mishli Weitz, Laguna, Calif., in various installments during the years 1976-1988.
<b>Processing Information</b>	Processed by American Jewish Archives staff. Additional processing by Michelle Wirth Detroit, November 2011.  This collection was arranged and described according to minimal-processing standards. Funding, in part, for the arrangement and description of this collection was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Military chaplains / Rabbis
<b>Personal Names</b>	Weitz, Martin M. (Martin Mishli), 1907-1992
<b>Corporate Names</b>	Community Colleges of New Jersey / Congregation Beth Israel (Atlantic City, N.J.) / Lincoln University (Pa.) / National Association for the Advancement of Colored People / Temple B'nai Jeshurun (Des Moines, Iowa) / Temple Beth Hillel (Kenosha, Wis.) / Temple Beth Israel (Hot Springs, Ark.)
<b>Media</b>	Scrapbooks

### Series A. Correspondence, 1919-1978

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** This series consists of correspondence of Dr. Weitz concerning his various activities as rabbi, teacher, lecturer, and writer. There is considerable material on Weitz's work on behalf of Lincoln University's Inter-faith Studies Center and his attempts to develop community colleges in Southern New Jersey in the 1960s. Also includes Dr. Weitz's correspondence with many famous personalities in and out of the Jewish community.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged in two (2) subseries: 1. General; 2. Subject.

#### Subseries 1. General, 1919-1977

**Extent** 1 linear foot (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

**Arrangement** The subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject.

## **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 1. Folder 1. A-L General.
- Box 1. Folder 2. Abbell, Maxwell, 1956 June
- Box 1. Folder 3. Allman, David B., 1962-1971
- Box 1. Folder 4. American Civil Liberties Union, 1931 March-June
- Box 1. Folder 5. Baron, Joseph L., 1937-1956
- Box 1. Folder 6. Bemporad, Jack, 1968-1969
- Box 1. Folder 7. Ben-Yaakov, Yissaker, 1968-1971
- Box 1. Folder 8. Besser, Saul P., 1969 August-November
- Box 1. Folder 9. Binstock, Louis, 1928-1936, 1964-1969
- Box 1. Folder 10. Block, Irving J., 1968 July-August
- Box 1. Folder 11. Blumenfield, Samuel M., 1954-1965
- Box 1. Folder 12. Brickner, Balfour, 1958, 1968-1969
- Box 1. Folder 13. Brooke, Edward, 1967 October
- Box 1. Folder 14. Case, Clifford P., 1955-1974
- Box 1. Folder 15. Clark, Joseph, 1967 October
- Box 1. Folder 16. Clinchy, Everett R., 1968-1971
- Box 1. Folder 17. Cohen, Alfred M., 1937 July-October
- Box 1. Folder 18. Cohen, Henry, 1930-1942
- Box 1. Folder 19. Cook, Samuel, 1968-1971
- Box 1. Folder 20. Cronbach, Abraham, 1930-1965
- Box 1. Folder 21. Davidson, Jerome K., 1967-1971
- Box 1. Folder 22. Drooz, Herbert E., 1968-1970
- Box 1. Folder 23. Du Pont, Henry B., 1968 April-September
- Box 1. Folder 24. Eichhorn, David Max, 1961-1971
- Box 1. Folder 25. Eisendrath, Maurice N., 1957-1964
- Box 1. Folder 26. Eisenhower, Dwight D., 1953 September
- Box 1. Folder 27. Eisenhower, Milton S., 1968 January-February
- Box 1. Folder 28. Elk, Max, 1955-1968
- Box 1. Folder 29. Englander, Henry, 1926-1933
- Box 1. Folder 30. Farmer, James, 1969-1970
- Box 1. Folder 31. Feinberg, Abraham H., 1940-1942
- Box 1. Folder 32. Feinstein, Ruth and Monte, 1965-1966
- Box 1. Folder 33. Fromm, Erich, 1964-1967
- Box 1. Folder 34. Gitin, Seymour, 1965-1970
- Box 1. Folder 35. Gittelsohn, Roland B., 1966-1971
- Box 1. Folder 36. Glueck, Nelson, 1942, 1951-1971
- Box 1. Folder 37. Goldberg, Arthur J., 1961-1977

Box 1. Folder 38. Goldberg, Norman M., 1970-1973

Box 1. Folder 39. Golden, Harry, 1955-1974

Box 1. Folder 40. Goldman, Solomon, 1936-1940

Box 1. Folder 41. Gordis, Robert, 1969 May-June

Box 1. Folder 42. Gottlieb, Leo R., 1962-1969

Box 1. Folder 43. Gottschalk, Alfred, 1963-1971

Box 1. Folder 44. Greilsammer, Marcel, 1955-19968

Box 1. Folder 45. Gruber, Heinrich, 1966-1970

Box 1. Folder 46. Gustavson, Rubin, 1968-1972

Box 1. Folder 47. Gutmann, Harry K., 1968-1970

Box 1. Folder 48. Haberman, Joshua O., 1968-1970

Box 2. Folder 1. Hakim, Maximos V., 1968 March-November

Box 2. Folder 2. Hughes, Richard J., 1962-1965

Box 2. Folder 3. Humphrey, Hubert H., 1962 July

Box 2. Folder 4. Israel, Edward L., 1931-1940

Box 2. Folder 5. Isserman, Ferdinand M., 1955 June-October

Box 2. Folder 6. Jacobson, David, 1968-1975

Box 2. Folder 7. Javits, Jacob K., 1964-1965

Box 2. Folder 8. Jick, Leon A., 1969 February-March

Box 2. Folder 9. Kahn, Benjamin M., 1968, 1976

Box 2. Folder 10. Kahn, Robert I., 1968-1969

Box 2. Folder 11. Kallen, Horace M., 1931-1972

Box 2. Folder 12. Kaplan, Kivie, 1965-1971

Box 2. Folder 13. Kaplan, Mordecai M., 1932-1934

Box 2. Folder 14. Katz, A. Raymond, 1937-1971

Box 2. Folder 15. Kavago, Joseph, 1968 February-March

Box 2. Folder 16. Kennedy, John F., 1960-1963

Box 2. Folder 17. Kennedy, Robert F., 1964-1967

Box 2. Folder 18. King, Thomas M., 1953-1969

Box 2. Folder 19. Kleinberg, Maurice S., 1969 April-October

Box 2. Folder 20. Kotsuji, Abraham S., 1963 July-August

Box 2. Folder 21. Korn, Bertram W., 1959-1969

Box 2. Folder 22. Lamm, Hans, 1968-1969

Box 2. Folder 23. Lebow, Sylvan, 1968-19970

Box 2. Folder 24. Lee, Oscar J., 1968-1972

Box 2. Folder 25. Lelyveld, Arthur J., March 1970

Box 2. Folder 26. Levy, Theodore, 1967-1971

Box 2. Folder 27. Liebman, Joshua Loth, 1939-1948

Box 2. Folder 28. M-Z, General.

Box 2. Folder 29. Marcus, Jacob Rader, 1967-1973

Box 2. Folder 30. Maximon, Shalom B., 1931-1933

Box 2. Folder 31. Milligan, Charles S., 1967-1971

Box 2. Folder 32. Morgenstern, Julian, 1925-1971

Box 2. Folder 33. Moses, Albert, 1962-1972

Box 2. Folder 34. Oko, Adolph S., 1929-1931

Box 2. Folder 35. Olan, Levi A., 1968

Box 2. Folder 36. Ottinger, Richard L., 1966-19974

Box 2. Folder 37. Perilman, Nathan A., 1968 March-May

Box 2. Folder 38. Polish, David, 1964-1971

Box 2. Folder 29. Pollack, Herman, 1967 February

Box 3. Folder 1. Postal, Bernard, 1967-1970

Box 3. Folder 2. Raab, Robert, 1957-1968

Box 3. Folder 3. Read, Hilton S., 1960-1969

Box 3. Folder 4. Rueckriegel, Helmut, 1963

Box 3. Folder 5. Sachar, Abram L., 1959-1969

Box 3. Folder 6. Salas, Abram E., 1968-1973

Box 3. Folder 7. Samuels, Robert L., 1969-1971

Box 3. Folder 8. Sanders, Mrs. Gilbert, 1956-1972

Box 3. Folder 9. Schechter, Philip E., 1968-1969

Box 3. Folder 10. Schweiker, Richard, 1969-1971

Box 3. Folder 11. Scott, Hugh, 1967-1971

Box 3. Folder 12. Shor, David P., 1962, 1968

Box 3. Folder 13. Shoulson, Abraham B., 1956 July-October

Box 3. Folder 14. Silver, Samuel M., 1967, 1967-1971

Box 3. Folder 15. Siskin, Edgar E., 1971 May

Box 3. Folder 16. Sobel, Ronald B., 1968 June-December

Box 3. Folder 17. Sobel, Samuel, 1968-1969

Box 3. Folder 18. Starr, Earl S., 1969-1970

Box 3. Folder 19. Stern, Harry J., 1968-1969

Box 3. Folder 20. Talbert, E. L., 1931-1935

Box 3. Folder 21. Truman, Harry S., 1919, 1958-1963

Box 3. Folder 22. Vorspan, Albert, 1954-1969

Box 3. Folder 23. Wachman, Marvin, 1966-1971

Box 3. Folder 24. Waller, Herbert S., 1964-1970

Box 3. Folder 25. Watkins, G. Robert, 1967

Box 3. Folder 26. Wax, James A., 1954-1969

Box 3. Folder 27. Weinstein, Jacob J., 1928-1935

Box 3. Folder 28. Wise, Stephen S., 1937 December

Box 3. Folder 29. Wolff, Lester, 1965-1967

Box 3. Folder 30. Yadin, Yigael, 1971 December

Box 3. Folder 31. Yeger, Moshe, 1969-1970

Box 3. Folder 32. Zigmond, Maurice L., 1928-1932, 1957-1971

## **Subseries 2. Subject, 1932-1969**

**Extent** 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

**Arrangement** The subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 3. Folder 33. American Medical Association, 1964-1965

Box 3. Folder 34. Atlantic City, New Jersey. Beth Israel Congregation, 1965

Box 3. Folder 35. Atlantic City, New Jersey. Beth Israel Congregation. 70th anniversary, 1960-1961

Box 3. Folder 36. B'nai B'rith, 1932-1935

Box 3. Folder 37. Glueck, Nelson. Victory in the Deseret, 1969

Box 3. Folder 38. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Founders Day, 1958

Box 3. Folder 39. World Union for Progressive Judaism, 1954-1966

## **Series B. Scrapbooks, 1928-1989**

**Extent** 2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** This series consists of pages from scrapbooks compiled by Weitz on various communities and events he was involved with throughout his career. Included are photographs, correspondence, news clippings, brochures, etc. Topics include congregations he served, colleges where he taught, and public events he was involved in. There is considerable material on his time as a chaplain from 1943-1946.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 4. Folder Atlantic City, New Jersey; Atlantic Community College; Chaplaincy, 1943-1971

Box 5. Folder Atlantic City, New Jersey; Atlantic Community College; Chaplaincy, 1931-1988

Box 6. Folder Des Moines, Iowa, 1932-1948

Box 7. Folder Gruber, Heinrich; Hot Springs, Arkansas, 1949-1962

Box 8. Folder Hot Springs, Arkansas; Kenosha, Wisconsin, 1938-1950

Box 9. Folder Lincoln University; Los Angeles, California; Miscellaneous, 1928-1989

Box 10. Folder Mission to Berlin; Trinidad, Colorado; Venta Prieta, Mexico, 1964-1966