A Finding Aid to the
Julius Mark Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 917
Collection Summary

Title
Julius Mark Papers

Dates
1918-1977, bulk dates 1922-1968

Collection Number
MS-917

Repository
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

Creator
Mark, Julius, 1898-1977

Extent
8.3 linear feet (16 Hollinger boxes, 1 small Hollinger box, 1 oversized box, 90 reel-to-reel tapes, 1 cassette tape)

Language of the Material
English, French, Hebrew

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Julius Mark was born on December 8, 1898 (November 26 according to the Julian Calendar), in Libau, Russia (today Liepāja, Latvia), the son of merchant David Mark and Ida Tanur. He immigrated with his family to America in 1906, settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, and changed his birthday to December 25. He attended the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College (HUC), and later took classes at the University of Chicago. As a rabbinical student at HUC, he served as a student rabbi in, among other places, Corpus Christi, Texas in 1918, Beth Ahabah Congregation in Muskogee, Oklahoma (1919-1920), and Anshe Chesed Congregation in Bay City, Michigan (1921-1922). Following his ordination, he also served as a temporary rabbi for Congregation B’nai Israel in Little Rock, Arkansas in the summer of 1922.

After Mark was ordained in 1922, he became rabbi of Temple Beth El in South Bend, Indiana. He also served as a part-time rabbi of Congregation Ahavath Sholom in Ligonier, Indiana, travelling there once a week to lead Friday night services. He then became rabbi of Congregation Ohabai Sholom (also known as the Vine Street Temple) in Nashville, Tennessee in 1926. He served as rabbi there for the next 22 years. He became senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in New York City, New York in 1948, serving as rabbi there until 1968, when he retired and became rabbi emeritus. He also served as Visiting Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology for HUC-JIR’s New York campus from 1949 to 1963.

In 1942, Mark became a chaplain with the United States Naval Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant. He attended the Chaplain School in Norfolk, Virginia from July to August of that year, and in September he was sent to USNTC in Great Lakes, Illinois. He was stationed there until April 1944, when he was sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and served as assistant fleet chaplain under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. While stationed in Pearl Harbor, he travelled to various naval installations all over the Pacific. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in January 1945 and was discharged in October 1945.

Mark began delivering sermons over the radio in the mid-1920s, and in both Nashville and New York he regularly delivered sermons and addresses through that medium. He had a radio program called “Religion in a Changing World” on WSM from 1936 to 1948. He travelled abroad on multiple occasions over the years and would talk about his travels in newspaper articles, sermons, and speeches. His sermons covered a wide range of topics, from major world events to books he recently read. Some of his sermons were published in the Congressional Review. He wrote several books over the years, including Reaching for the Moon in 1959.

Mark was chairperson of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Commission on Justice and Peace from 1946 to 1948. He was also an executive board member of the CCAR, a governing board member of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, president of the Synagogue Council of America from 1961 to 1963, executive committee member of the United States Commission for UNESCO, a contributing editor to the Nashville Jewish newspaper The Observer, a life trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, one of three convenors of the 1963 National Conference on Religion and Race in Chicago, and a director of the 1964-1965 New York World’s Fair. He received honorary degrees from Cumberland University in 1936, HUC in 1949, the University of Tampa in 1955, and Long Island University in 1967.
In 1924, Mark married Margaret Corinne Baer (1904-1990) of Mishawaka, Indiana. They had two children, Dr. James Berthold David Mark of Palo Alto, California and Peggy Joy Heller of Madison, New Jersey.

Mark died in New York on September 8, 1977. He was buried in Salem Fields Cemetery.

Scope and Content
The Julius Mark Papers contains material from over 60 years of his life and rabbinical career, from his first sermons as a student rabbi to a recording of his funeral service. Most of the collection consists of his sermons and addresses as well as correspondence he received regarding important life events. The collection also includes papers from when he was chairperson of the CCAR Commission on Justice and Peace; certificates; photographs; audio recordings of events he was involved in; scrapbooks; print blocks; and other papers. The collection also contains some papers from his wife Margaret as well as sermons guest speakers gave at Temple Emanu-El.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged in five (5) series:

Series A. Sermons and Addresses
Series B. Correspondence
Series C. Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Commission on Justice and Peace
Series D. General Papers
Series E. Audio-Visual Material
Series F. Oversized Material

Terms of Access
The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply

Preferred Citation
Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Julius Mark Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms
Subjects

Media
Photographs / Scrapbooks / Audiocassettes / Sermons / Audiotapes

Series A. Sermons and Addresses, 1918-1970, undated
Extent
3.6 linear feet (9.25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note
This series consists of various sermons and addresses Mark delivered over 50 years of his career, including sermons he gave to congregations for Sabbath and holidays, speeches he gave for various events, and scripts from radio broadcasts he delivered. The series also includes indexes to the sermons and addresses, although the index is not an accurate list of all sermons in the collection or their location in the collection.
Arrangement

This series is arranged into two (2) subseries:

Subseries 1: Student, Temple Beth El (South Bend, Ind.), and Congregation Ohabai Sholom (Nashville, Tenn.) Sermons

Subseries 2: Temple Emanu-El (New York, N.Y.) Sermons

Subseries 1. Student, Temple Beth El (South Bend, Ind.), and Congregation Ohabai Sholom (Nashville, Tenn.) Sermons, 1918-1948, undated
Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)
Scope and Content Note: This subseries includes sermons and addresses Mark gave from 1918 to 1948 (the bulk of which covers 1922 to 1937) and scripts from radio broadcasts he gave from 1936 to 1948.
Arrangement This subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject, except for the miscellaneous sermons and sermon index, which are last in the subseries.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Armistice, 1922-1936
Box 1. Folder 2. Brotherhood Week, 1927-1929
Box 1. Folder 3. Confirmation, 1922-1936, undated
Box 1. Folder 4. Hanukkah, 1921-1935
Box 1. Folder 5. Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday, 1923-1937
Box 1. Folder 6. Memorial Day, 1924-1934
Box 1. Folder 7. Mother's Day, 1923-1936
Box 1. Folder 8. Passover, 1924-1933
Box 1. Folder 9. Purim, 1922-1937
Box 1. Folder 10. Radio broadcasts, 1936
Box 1. Folder 11. Radio broadcasts, 1937
Box 1. Folder 12. Radio broadcasts, 1939
Box 1. Folder 13. Radio broadcasts, 1940
Box 1. Folder 14. Radio broadcasts, 1941
Box 1. Folder 15. Radio broadcasts, 1942
Box 1. Folder 16. Radio broadcasts, 1946
Box 1. Folder 17. Radio broadcasts, 1947
Box 2. Folder 1. Radio broadcasts, 1948
Box 2. Folder 2. Radio broadcasts, "Broadcasts by Julius Mark", 1940 December 29-1941 March 30

Extent  2.1 linear feet (5.25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note: This subseries consists of sermons and addresses Mark gave as senior rabbi and rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in New York City from 1948 to 1970.

Arrangement This subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject, except for the miscellaneous sermons and sermon index, which are last in the subseries.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 5. Folder 1. Anniversaries, Julius Mark [Includes related papers], 1957-1963
Box 5. Folder 2. Anniversaries, other, 1952-1967
Box 5. Folder 4. Conferences and conventions, 1951-1963
Box 5. Folder 5. Confirmations, 1956-1968
Box 5. Folder 6. Dinners and dedicatory services, 1955-1964
Box 5. Folder 7. Family worship services, 1954-1967
Box 5. Folder 8. Friday night, 1948-1957
Box 5. Folder 9. Friday night, 1958-1962
Box 5. Folder 10. Friday night, 1963-1968
Box 6. Folder 7. Memorial services and tributes, 1954-1968
Box 6. Folder 8. Men's Club, 1954-1964
Box 7. Folder 2. Rosh Hashanah broadcast programs [Includes correspondence], 1949-1965
Box 7. Folder 3. Rosh Hashanah eve sermons, 1956-1966
Box 7. Folder 4. Rosh Hashanah morning sermons, 1948-1967
Box 7. Folder 5. Shabbat HaGadol, 1952-1966
Box 7. Folder 7. Shabbat morning, 1951
Box 7. Folder 8. Shabbat morning, 1952
Box 7. Folder 9. Shabbat morning, 1953
Box 7. Folder 10. Shabbat morning, 1954
Box 7. Folder 11. Shabbat morning, 1955
Series B. Correspondence, 1922-1968, undated

Extent 1.3 linear feet (3.25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of Mark's correspondence, the bulk of which is related to specific events in Mark's life and from when he served as a chaplain in the Navy.

Arrangement This series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 10. Folder 3. South Bend, Indiana and Nashville, Tennessee, 1922-1941

Box 10. Folder 4. Tenth anniversary, Congregation Ohabai Sholom (Nashville, Tenn.). A-K, 1936

Box 10. Folder 5. Tenth anniversary, Congregation Ohabai Sholom (Nashville, Tenn.). L-Z, 1936

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note
This series consists of papers related to Mark’s service as chairperson of the CCAR’s Commission on Justice and Peace from 1946 to 1948, including correspondence, reports and statements, and papers from two Institutes the Commission organized under Mark

Arrangement
This subseries is organized alphabetically, except for the miscellaneous papers, which are last in the series.

Box and Folder Listing
Box 13. Folder 5. A-F, correspondence, 1946-1948
Box 13. Folder 12. Fram, Leon, correspondence, 1946-1948
Series D. General Papers, 1923-1971, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note
This series consists of various papers from Mark’s life, including articles and statements he wrote, papers from his military service as a chaplain during World War II, material from some of his life events, and certificates he received. It also includes papers from his wife Margaret and sermons and addresses other people gave at Temple Emanu-El as guest speakers.

Arrangement This series is organized chronologically, except for the miscellaneous papers, which are last in the series.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 15. Folder 1. Mark, Margaret, 1923-1967, undated

Box 15. Folder 2. Europe, Palestine, and Russia tour articles [Includes schedule of tour in Moscow and Leningrad], 1930

Box 15. Folder 3. Germany and England tour articles, 1933

Box 15. Folder 4. US Navy, 1942-1945, undated

Box 15. Folder 5. Twentieth anniversary, Congregation Ohabai Sholom (Nashville, Tenn.), 1946


Box 15. Folder 10. Articles and writings, 1963-1966, undated


Box 15. Folder 12. Miscellaneous, 1941-1967, undated


Extent 0.6 linear feet (1 Hollinger box, 1 small Hollinger box, 90 reel-to-reel tapes, 1 cassette tape)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of photographs of Mark and recordings of events he spoke at or was otherwise involved in.
This series is arranged into two (2) subseries:

**Subseries 1: Photographs**

**Subseries 2: Audio Recordings**

**Subseries 1. Photographs, 1944-1975, undated**

**Extent** 0.6 linear feet (1 Hollinger box, 1 small Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note:** This subseries consists of photographs that document decades of Mark’s life, including his military service as a chaplain in the Pacific, his twenty years of service as senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El, marriages he performed, events he participated in, and a tour of Japan and the Pacific islands in 1954.

**Arrangement** This subseries is organized chronologically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 15. Folder 13. US Navy, 1944-1945

Box 16. Folder 1. New York, 1948-1952

Box 16. Folder 2. Weddings, 1949-1966


Box 16. Folder 4. Far East tour, 1956 February


Box 17. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, undated

**Subseries 2. Audio Recordings, 1953-1977, undated**

**Extent** 90 reel-to-reel tapes, 1 cassette tape

**Scope and Content Note:** This subseries consists of reel-to-reel tapes of events Mark spoke at or was otherwise involved in as senior rabbi and rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, as well as guest speakers at Temple Emanu-El. It also includes a cassette tape from his funeral in 1977. The tapes have not been tested for quality, and the names are based on what Julius Mark wrote on the boxes.

**Arrangement** This subseries is organized alphabetically.

**Box and Folder Listing**
Box TR-4209. Candlelight carol service, St. George's Church, 1963 December 22

Box TR-4210. Concert, 1961 April 16

Box TR-4211. Concert, Fifth Annual Music Festival, 1963 April 7

Box TR-4212. Concert, 1964 May 3

Box TR-4213. Concert, reel 1, 1967 April 16

Box TR-4214. Concert, reel 2, 1967 April 16

Box TR-4215. Confirmation, reel 1, 1965 June 6

Box TR-4216. Confirmation, reel 2, 1965 June 6

Box TR-4217. Consecration service, 1962 October 21

Box TR-4218. Dedication, Leon Lowenstein Auditorium and School, 1964 April 19

Box TR-4219. Family and consecration services, 1965 October 17

Box TR-4220. Family worship service, "Short Ways and Long", 1968 January 28

Box TR-4221. Fowler, Margaret E., selected poetry, 1955

Box TR-4222. Friday evening service, 1956 June 22

Box TR-4223. Funeral, Charles M. Hiesiger, 1957 May 12

Box TR-4224. Funeral, Frank L. Weil, 1957 November 12

Box TR-4225. Funeral, Jacob Cohn, 1956 December 11

Box C-9266. Funeral, Julius Mark [two copies], 1977 September 11

Box TR-4226. Funeral, Martha E. Moses, 1957 April 28

Box TR-4227. Funeral, Mildred Blumenthal, 1970 July 30

Box TR-4228. Funeral, Mrs. Joel, 1968 October 18

Box TR-4229. Funeral, "no. III", 1955-1956

Box TR-4230. Funeral, Ruth Leith, 1968 September 18

Box TR-4231. Funeral, Samuel H. Goldenson, 1962 September 2

Box TR-4232. Gala dinner and dance, 1959 December 15


Box TR-4234. Guest sermon, Joseph M. Proskauer, undated


Box TR-4236. Hanukkah service, undated

Box TR-4237. Hanukkah service, 550 AM broadcast, 1966 December 8

Box TR-4238. Hanukkah service, broadcast, 1967 December 26

Box TR-4239. Hanukkah service, WQXR broadcast, 1956 November 28
Box TR-4240. HUC-JIR address, 1959 June 9
Box TR-4241. HUC-JIR address, 1961 June 18
Box TR-4242. Judaean's meeting, 1960 April 3
Box TR-4243. Leon Lowenstein award dinner, 1966 January 20
Box TR-4244. "Meetings (testimonials), No. II, Men's Club Meetings and Helen S. Schulkind Testimonial Luncheon", 1955-1956
Box TR-4245. Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary, "Circle the Globe with Julius Mark", 1964 November 10
Box TR-4246. Men's Club meeting, 1962 November 27
Box TR-4247. Message of Israel, Lehman memorial, 1963 December 15
Box TR-4248. Message of Israel, WABC, 1956
Box TR-4249. New Year's greetings, 1966
Box TR-4250. Parent-teacher meeting, 1958 April 16
Box TR-4251. Passover service, 1957 April 15
Box TR-4251a. Passover service, broadcast, 1960 April 11
Box TR-4251b. Passover service, broadcast, 1962 April 18
Box TR-4252. Passover service, WQXR program, 1966 April 4
Box TR-4253. Radio New York, 1967 April 24
Box TR-4254. Religious Heritage of America awards banquet, 1969 June 19
Box TR-4255. Retirement dinner speeches, reel 1, 1968 December 16
Box TR-4256. Retirement dinner speeches, reel 2, 1968 December 16
Box TR-4257. Rosh Hashanah eve, reel 1, 1955 September 16
Box TR-4258. Rosh Hashanah eve, reel 2, 1955 September 16
Box TR-4259. Rosh Hashanah eve, reel 3, Nathan I. Perilman sermon, "The Time and Place to Begin", 1955 September 16
Box TR-4260. Rosh Hashanah morning, "Reaching For The Moon", 1958 September 15
Box TR-4261. Rosh Hashanah morning, reel 1, 1955 September 17
Box TR-4262. Rosh Hashanah morning, reel 2, 1955 September 17
Box TR-4263. Rosh Hashanah morning, reel 3, 1955 September 17
Box TR-4264. Rosh Hashanah morning, reel 4, 1955 September 17
Box TR-4265. Rosh Hashanah morning, reel 5, Julius Mark sermon, "A Year of Wonders", 1955 September 17
Box TR-4266. Saturday service, "175 Years of Religious Freedom", 1966 December 17
Box TR-4267. Saturday service, broadcast, 1965 December 18
Box TR-4268. Saturday service, closing hymn, 1964 March 28

Box TR-4269. Saturday service, "I Shall Not Die, But Live", 1956 July 14


Box TR-4271. Saturday service, "The Source.", 1966 January 22

Box TR-4272. Sermons, "It Is Not Easy To Give In", 1956 November 22

Box TR-4273. Sermons, "Life and the World", undated

Box TR-4274. Sermons, "no. VII", 1953

Box TR-4275. Temple Israel (Saint Louis, Mo.), building fund campaign dinner, 1958 October 16

Box TR-4276. Tenth anniversary dinner, 1958 December 8

Box TR-4277. Tenth anniversary service, 1958 October 25

Box TR-4278. Thanksgiving, "There Is So Much For Which We Should Be Thankful", 1969 November 28

Box TR-4279. WCBC Program, "Make Up Your Mind", 1955 November 2

Box TR-4280. WNBC-TV Program, 1962 February 11

Box TR-4281. Wedding, Perlman-Ellis ceremony, undated

Box TR-4282. Women's Auxiliary, 1964 April 16

Box TR-4283. Yom Kippur eve, broadcast, 1959 October 11

Box TR-4284. Yom Kippur eve, broadcast, 1964 September 15

Box TR-4285. Yom Kippur eve, broadcast, 1965 October 5

Box TR-4286. Yom Kippur eve, cello solo, "Kol Nidre," appeal, 1953 September 18

Box TR-4287. Yom Kippur eve, reel 1, 1955 September 25

Box TR-4288. Yom Kippur eve, reel 2, 1955 September 25

Box TR-4289. Yom Kippur eve, reel 3, appeal, 1955 September 25

Box TR-4290. Yom Kippur eve, reel 4, sermon, "God’s Forbearance and Man’s Recalcitrance", 1955 September 25

Box TR-4291. Yom Kippur eve, WQXR broadcast, 1956 September 14

Box TR-4292. Yom Kippur eve, WQXR broadcast, Samuel Schulman benediction, 1953 September 18

Box TR-4293. Yom Kippur morning, concluding service, 1964 September 16

Box TR-4294. Yom Kippur morning, memorial service, 1965 October 6

Box TR-4295. Yom Kippur morning, memorial service and sermon, "Comfort Through Alleviation", 1958 September 24

Box TR-4296. Yom Kippur morning, reel 9, 1955 September 26

Box TR-4297. Yom Kippur morning, reel 10, memorial service, 1955 September 26
Series F. Oversized Material, 1922-1968, undated

Extent Oversized Material

Scope and Content Note This series consists of oversized material related to Mark, including scrapbooks he and his wife Margaret made in South Bend and Nashville, certificates he received, and print blocks of him and Margaret.

Arrangement This series is organized chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box X-486. Folder 1. Scrapbook, South Bend, Ind., 1922-1926
Box X-486. Folder 2. Scrapbook, Nashville, Tenn., 1930-1948
Box X-486. Folder 3. Honorary HUC degree, 1949
Box X-486. Folder 5. Print blocks, Julius Mark and Margaret Mark, undated