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**A Finding Aid to the
Bernard Kligfeld Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 136



Collection Summary

Title	Bernard Kligfeld Papers
Dates	1915-1981 (bulk 1940-1981)
Collection Number	MS-136
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Kligfeld, Bernard
Extent	7.6 linear feet (19 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Rabbi Kligfeld was born May 7, 1917, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Morris Kligfeld. Before entering the rabbinate, Kligfeld was active in Jewish youth movements. He was one of the founders, and for two years a director, of the Hebrew Arts Foundation. He was also student body president of both the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary as well as the Jewish Institute of Religion. In 1936-1937, he spent a year of work and study in Palestine as an Avukah Palestine Fellow. From 1942-1945, he was director of Jewish education at the Educational Alliance of New York.

In 1945, he graduated from the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City and was ordained a rabbi. For five years he served as associate rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom of Kansas City, Missouri. During this period, he co-founded the Kansas City Adult School of Jewish Studies; he also served on the board of the Kansas City Urban League. From 1950-1981, Rabbi Kligfeld was the rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Long Beach, New York.

In addition to his rabbinic and Bachelor of Arts degrees, he holds the degree of Bachelor of Jewish Pedagogy from the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts degree in Social Psychology from the Teachers College of Columbia University. Rabbi Kligfeld also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College.

Past President of the Rabbinical Council of Long Beach, and Past President of the Nassau-Suffolk Association of Rabbis, he was Chairman and advisor to various Jewish groups on experimental education, child welfare agencies, films, and family life. He is a co-founder of both the Jewish Expression of Marriage Encounter Movement, and the Long Island Interfaith Council.

Kligfeld appeared on numerous television programs on behalf of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and he was a staff member of ADL at Christian youth camps. He served as a board member of the Long Island Health and Hospital Planning Council of the United States. For many years he served as a member of the advisory committee for production of audio visual educational materials of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He was a member of the National Council for Jewish Education; and he

also served as chairman of the Committee on Child Guidance and Welfare of the Commission on Synagogue Relations.

Rabbi Kligfeld contributed to numerous national publications, including the Journal of Religion and Mental Health and the C.C.A.R. Journal, and he was on various panels dealing with intermarriage, bereavement, sexuality, and rabbinical counseling. He was in the forefront of fostering an ongoing dialogue between the rabbi and the Jewish social worker.

Rabbi Kligfeld married Julia Golshevsky on November 22, 1939. They had three children, Michael, Alisa L. (Blitz), and Adina Shlomit.

Scope and Content

The collection describes the career of Bernard Kligfeld, rabbi and co-founder of the Jewish Expression of Marriage Encounter and the Long Island Interfaith Council. Kligfeld was an active participant in the problems of intermarriage, bereavement, sexuality and rabbinical counseling. The collection consists primarily of correspondence and congregational material, but it also includes some personal items.

Arrangement

Organized into two (2) series: A. Correspondence, 1915-1981; B. Congregational Material, 1945-1981.

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Personal Names Kligfeld, Bernard

Corporate Names Long Island Interfaith Council

Media Photographs

Series A. Correspondence, 1915-1981

Extent 2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence with friends, individuals and organization, as well as newspaper clippings and photographs. The majority of the correspondence is in English, but some letters are in Yiddish or Hebrew.

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

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Box 3. Folder 1. Kansas City, Mo. - Temple Sholom, 1945-1948

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Box 3. Folder 3. Kremer, Arthur, 1977-1981

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Box 3. Folder 5. Lo, General.

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Box 4. Folder 8. Nassau-Suffolk Association of Rabbis, 1962-1971

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Box 6. Folder 15. Wise, Stephen S., 1946-1951

Box 6. Folder 16. Woodside, N.Y. - Station WWRL, 1951-1958

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Series B. Congregational Material, 1945-1981

Extent 5.2 linear feet (13 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence with congregants and marriage records, bereavement cases, as well as miscellaneous items.

Arrangement

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

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Subject Tracings

Note: The following list of subjects is a selective index to the BERNARD KLIGFELD 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 list 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., 3/20 means Box 3, Folder 20.

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