A Finding Aid to the
Jacob P. Rudin Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 142
Collection Summary

Title: Jacob P. Rudin Papers, 1910-2007
Collection Number: MS-142
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Rudin, Jacob P. (Jacob Philip), 1902-1982
Extent: 3.5 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes and 1 oversize box)
Language of the Material: English and Hebrew

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Jacob Philip Rudin was born on September 5, 1902 to Russian Jewish immigrants in Malden, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard in 1924 and in 1926 married Elsie Audrey Katz. He was ordained at the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1928. He then went on to assist Stephen S. Wise at the Free Synagogue in New York. From 1930 until his death he served as rabbi at Temple Beth-El in Great Neck, New York. During World War II he enlisted as a Navy chaplain and was stationed in the Pacific theater and the Aleutian Islands. He worked with numerous organizations such as the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Synagogue Council of America, and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. During the Vietnam War, he observed the Vietnamese elections in 1967. In 1981 he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Jacob P. Rudin passed away on September 10, 1982 at 80 years old.

Scope and Content
Consists of correspondence, plays, student compositions, clippings, and other materials relating to Rudin's rabbinic career at Temple Beth-El, Great Neck, N.Y., and his activities as a chaplain during World War II and afterwards. The accrual to his papers largely consists of letters written by Stephen S. Wise, sermons, photographs, general correspondence, personal documents from his birth, marriage, and death; newspaper clippings, material related to his service as a chaplain during World War II, and from his rabbinate at Temple Beth-El in Great Neck, New York.

Arrangement

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[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-142. Jacob P. Rudin Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provenance
The Jacob P. Rudin Papers were received from Stephen Rudin, Manhasset, N.Y., and Mrs. Jack Stern, Jr., 1980. Accrual received from Stephen Rudin, Manhasset, New York, December 2017.

Processing Information
Processed by American Jewish Archives staff. Accrual processed by Julianna Witt, February 2019.

Index Terms
Series A. General, 1920-1959, undated

Extent   0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Contains material related to Rudin's service as a chaplain during World War II. This includes photographs, letters, prayer books, correspondence, and writings.

Arrangement  Arranged in original order.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. General and unidentified correspondence, B—W, 1924-1943
Box 1. Folder 2. Chaplaincy. Book rights, undated
Box 1. Folder 3. Chaplaincy. Chaplains school, 1942
Box 1. Folder 4. Chaplaincy. Correspondence with soldiers and parents, 1942-1946, undated
Box 1. Folder 5. Chaplaincy (Dutch Harbor, Alaska), 1943
Box 1. Folder 6. Chaplaincy (First Naval District, Boston, Mass.), 1945
Box 1. Folder 7. Chaplaincy (Fourteenth Naval District, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii), 1943-1945, undated
Box 1. Folder 8. Chaplaincy. Holiday services, 1944-1945, undated
Box 1. Folder 11. Chaplaincy. Open letter to the congregation, 1941-1945
Box 1. Folder 12. Chaplaincy. Photographs, 1929-1945
Box 1. Folder 13. Chaplaincy. Photographs, 1943-1944
Box 1. Folder 15. Chaplaincy. Round robin letters, 1942-1943
Box 1. Folder 16. Chaplaincy (Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, Calif.), 1942-1943
Box 2. Folder 1. Palliere, Aime. United States trip, 1929-1930
Box 2. Folder 2. Saturday Evening Post, open letter to parents, 1942-1943
Box 2. Folder 3. Founder's Day address, 1954 March 12
Box 2. Folder 4. Clippings, 1943-1945
Box 2. Folder 5. "The Aleutian Story", undated
Box 2. Folder 6. "Prelude to Marriage", undated
Box 2. Folder 7. "Tempest in a Teapot", undated
Box 2. Folder 8. "They Die Laughing", undated
Box 2. Folder 9. Miscellaneous plays, undated
Box 2. Folder 10. Student compositions, 1920-1924, undated
Box 2. Folder 11. Miscellaneous, 1959, undated
Series B. Accrual, 1924-2007, undated

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains material relating to Rudin's early education, military career, and work as rabbi of Temple Beth-El. Includes correspondence, sermons, personal documents, and material related to his involvement with the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Arrangement Arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 3. Folder 1. Aleutian Islands Campaign. Notes, 1943-1944
Box 3. Folder 2. Awards, 1946-1971
Box 3. Folder 5. College education and ordination, 1924-1969
Box 3. Folder 6. Community response to Jacob Rudin's death, 1982
Box 3. Folder 7. Correspondence. General, 1933-1961
Box 3. Folder 10. Last will and testament, 1941-1942
Box 3. Folder 11. "Meditation" copyright documentation, 2002
Box 4. Folder 2. Sermons and open letters, 1941-1968, undated
Box 4. Folder 6. World War II documents, 1942-1945
Box 4. Folder 7. Writings, 1944-1957, undated


Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of letters written by Stephen S. Wise to Rudin and other individuals on various topics. See index for Stephen Rudin's arrangement of the letters.

Arrangement Series arranged in original order.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 5. Folder 1. Correspondence, undated
Box 5. Folder 2. Correspondence, undated
Box 5. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1910-1919
Box 5. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1921-1924
Box 5. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1927-1933
Box 5. Folder 6. Correspondence, 1934-1935
Box 5. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1936-1938
Box 5. Folder 8. Correspondence, 1939
Box 5. Folder 9. Correspondence, 1940-1944
Box 5. Folder 10. Correspondence, 1946-1948
Box 5. Folder 11. Correspondence, 1930-1942, undated
Box 5. Folder 12. Correspondence, 1943
Box 5. Folder 13. Correspondence, 1944-1948

**Series D. Oversize Materials, 1910-1969**

**Extent** 1.5 linear feet (1 oversize box)

**Scope and Content Note** Includes a photograph of Rudin with Lyndon B. Johnson, a scrapbook detailing his early life, and award books.

**Arrangement** Arranged alphabetically.

**Box and Folder Listing**