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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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Arrangement	This collection is arranged in four series: Series A. General, 1920-1959, undated; Series B. Accrual, 1924-2007, undated; Series C. Stephen S. Wise Letters, 1910-1948, undated; and Series D. Oversize Materials, 1910-1969.
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Preferred Citation	<p>Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Jacob P. Rudin Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:</p> <p>[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-142. Jacob P. Rudin Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.</p>
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

Subjects	Jews -- New York (State) -- Great Neck / Military chaplains / Rabbis / Vietnam War, 1961-1975 / World War, 1939-1945
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Personal Names Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973 / Rudin, Jacob P. (Jacob Philip), 1902-1982 / Wise, Stephen S. (Stephen Samuel), 1874-1949

Corporate Names Central Conference of American Rabbis / Temple Beth-El (Great Neck, N.Y.)

Media Photographs

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 9. Chaplaincy. Naval orders, 1942-1944

Box 1. Folder 10. Chaplaincy. Naval orders, 1945-1950, 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 14. Chaplaincy. Prayerbook, 1944-1945

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 3. Birth and death records, 1927, 1951, 1982
- Box 3. Folder 4. Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1957-1978
- 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 8. Correspondence. Oscar Schizgall, 1942-1943, 1998
- Box 3. Folder 9. Elise Rudin Ceremonial Museum (Great Neck, N.Y.), 1958-1959, 2007
- Box 3. Folder 10. Last will and testament, 1941-1942
- Box 3. Folder 11. "Meditation" copyright documentation, 2002
- Box 3. Folder 12. Newspaper clippings, 1967-1982
- Box 4. Folder 1. Sermons, 1970-1984
- Box 4. Folder 2. Sermons and open letters, 1941-1968, undated
- Box 4. Folder 3. Temple Beth-El (Great Neck, N.Y.). General, 1932, 1948
- Box 4. Folder 4. Temple Beth-El (Great Neck, N.Y.). Histories, 1978, 2004
- Box 4. Folder 5. Vietnam, 1967
- Box 4. Folder 6. World War II documents, 1942-1945
- Box 4. Folder 7. Writings, 1944-1957, undated

Series C. Stephen S. Wise Letters, 1910-1948, 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

Box X-9. Folder 1. Awards, 1924, 1946, 1967
Box X-9. Folder 2. Dedication book, 1950, 1954
Box X-9. Folder 3. Gold Medallion award book, 1969
Box X-9. Folder 4. Photographs, 1967 September
Box X-9. Folder 5. Scrapbook, 1910-1946