A Finding Aid to the
Joseph L. Ginsberg Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 622
Collection Summary

Title Joseph L. Ginsberg Papers
Dates 1939-1979
Collection Number MS-622
Repository The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator Ginsberg, Joseph L., 1911-1990
Extent 2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Joseph Lewis Ginsberg was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1911. He graduated from the University of Louisville in 1932 and was ordained as a rabbi at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1937. From 1937-1940 Ginsberg was a graduate instructor at HUC. In 1940 he became Assistant Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, Texas. During this time, from 1943 to 1946, Ginsberg served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army. In 1947 Ginsberg was elected Rabbi at Temple Anshai Emeth in Peoria, Illinois. He remained in Peoria until 1963 when he moved to Highland Park, Illinois to become Rabbi at the Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism. Ginsberg retired from this position in 1973 and was named Rabbi Emeritus. After his retirement, Ginsberg was invited to fill the pulpit at Touro Synagogue in New Orleans during the illness of Rabbi Leo Bergman. After this, Ginsberg served as part-time Rabbi of Temple Adas Israel, Sag Harbor, Long Island from 1975 to 1982. He also served as Dean and faculty member for the School for Prospective Converts to Judaism for the Long Island Association of Reform Rabbis from 1976 to 1982.

Ginsberg was involved in numerous communal organizations and activities throughout his career. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. In 1962 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Joseph L. Ginsberg died in 1990.

Scope and Content

Collection documenting the rabbinic career of Joseph L. Ginsberg. Consists primarily of sermons, together with scattered correspondence and some prayers.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Joseph L. Ginsberg Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Provenance

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Processing Information

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Index Terms

Subjects Rabbis
Personal Names Ginsberg, Joseph L. (Joseph Lewis), 1911-1990
Corporate Names Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism (Highland Park, Ill.) / Temple Anshai Emeth (Peoria, Ill.)
Media Sermons

Series A. General, 1939-1979
Arrangement  As much as possible, effort was made to retain the original order of the materials as created and maintained by Rabbi Ginsberg.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. High Holiday sermons, 1939-1944
Box 1. Folder 2. High Holiday sermons, 1948-1954
Box 1. Folder 3. High Holiday sermons, 1955-1959
Box 1. Folder 4. High Holiday sermons, 1960-1963
Box 2. Folder 1. High Holiday sermons, 1965-1969
Box 2. Folder 3. High Holiday sermons, 1976-1979
Box 2. Folder 4. Sermons [intermarriage], undated
Box 2. Folder 5. Sermons [Passover], undated
Box 3. Folder 1. Sermons [Reform Judaism], undated
Box 3. Folder 2. Sermons, 1946-1948
Box 3. Folder 3. Sermons, 1949-1950
Box 3. Folder 4. Sermons, 1951-1952
Box 4. Folder 1. Sermons, 1953-1955
Box 5. Folder 1. Sermons, 1963-1965
Box 5. Folder 2. Sermons, 1970-1975
Box 6. Folder 3. Prayers, undated
Box 6. Folder 4. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion [Doctor of Divinity degree], 1962