

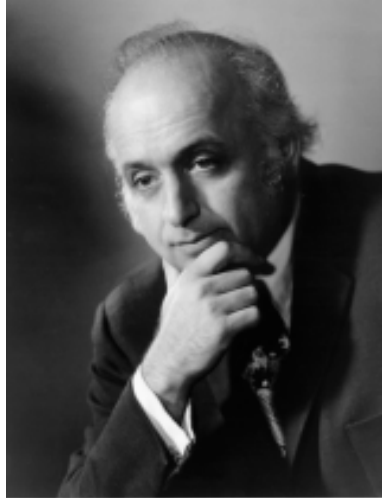


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**A Finding Aid to the  
Alexander Moshe Schindler Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 630**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Alexander Moshe Schindler Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1961-1996 (bulk 1973-1995)
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-630
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Schindler, Alexander Moshe, 1925-2000
<b>Extent</b>	10.4 linear feet (26 Hollinger boxes)

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Alexander Moshe Schindler was born in 1925, in Munich, the son of Eliezer and Sali (Hoyda) Schindler. His family left Germany in 1932 to escape the Nazis and after brief stays in Italy and France, settled in the United States. Schindler attended the City College of New York but left school to fight in World War II. While in the service Schindler received the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

After the war Schindler returned to school and eventually studied for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he was ordained in 1953. Following ordination Schindler served at Temple Emanuel in Worcester, Massachusetts while also heading the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Clark University in Worcester -- as well as serving at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

From 1963-1967 Schindler served as director of education of the Commission of Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. In 1967 he was appointed vice-president of the UAHC and in June 1972 was selected to succeed Maurice N. Eisendrath as president. Schindler was inducted as president of the UAHC on November 12, 1973, remaining in this position until his retirement in 1996.

As president of the UAHC Schindler quickly became a leading voice in American Jewish life. He worked tirelessly advocating social justice, human rights, and liberal causes in both the Jewish and secular communities. A lifelong Zionist, Schindler worked closely with religious and political leaders as well as with members of the Israeli government on issues of peace, security, and Jewish rights in Israel and throughout the world.

Schindler served on numerous boards and committees throughout his career. From 1976-1978 Schindler served as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the first Reform Jewish leader to be elected to this position. In 1950 Schindler authored *From Discrimination to Extermination*, which examined anti-Jewish policies of the Nazi regime from 1933-1945. He was literary editor of *The CCAR Journal* and was also founding editor of *Dimensions*, a quarterly journal of Jewish thought.

In 1956 Schindler married Rhea Rosenblum. They had five children. Alexander M. Schindler died on November 15, 2000 at the age of 75.

### Scope and Content

Alexander M. Schindler, throughout his life and career, was a leading voice in the issues and concerns of his time. A classic liberal, Schindler advocated for both Jewish and secular causes -- ranging from Israel, to the environment, gender and equality issues, civil rights, interfaith dialogue, gay rights, the peace movement, Soviet Jewry, and many others.

As a result of his advocacy and concern, this collection, while documenting the life and activities of Alexander M. Schindler, also contains contemporary perspective on many, if not most, of the key social and cultural issues facing American Jewry and American society from the 1960s to the 1990s.

The collection also reflects the organization and functioning of American Jewish life during this time, particularly relating to the American Reform Jewish movement and its institutions -- namely, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations -- as well as the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three (3) series: A. Union of American Hebrew Congregations; B. Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; C. Speeches and Eulogies.

### Terms of Access

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## Index Terms

**Personal Names** Schindler, Alexander Moshe, 1925-2000  
**Corporate Names** Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations / Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
**Media** Sermons

## Series A. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1961-1996

**Extent** 7.6 linear feet (19 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Contains files pertaining to persons, issues, and organizations that Schindler and the UAHC dealt with during his presidency. Also included in this series are files pertaining to internal and organizational functions of the UAHC. A few materials in this series pre-date Schindler's term as president, going back to the tenure of Maurice N. Eisendrath.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically by subject, organization, or correspondent.

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## **Series B. Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, 1962-1996**

**Extent** 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, as described in the Encyclopaedia Judaica, was organized in 1955 "out of a growing concern for unified action by major American Jewish organizations to help strengthen peace and stability in the Middle East." Today, the Conference has approximately 25 member organizations and has expanded its mission to increase communication and cooperative action for the Jewish people in Israel and the world over. Alexander Schindler served as chair of the Conference from 1976-1978. The series spans the years 1962-1996, but the bulk of the series contains files during Schindler's term as chair.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically by subject, organization or correspondent.

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**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of speeches given by Schindler.

**Arrangement** The speeches are arranged chronologically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

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