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**A Finding Aid to the  
Alan Mayor Sokobin Papers  
Manuscript Collection No. 635**

## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Alan Mayor Sokobin Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1950-2009 (bulk 1972-1988)
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-635
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Sokobin, Alan Mayor, 1926
<b>Extent</b>	2 linear feet (2 record cartons)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

**Biographical Sketch** Alan Mayor Sokobin was born 8 March 1926 to Max Sokobin and Pauline Ferster. He grew up in New Jersey. Following the fall of Corregidor in 1942, Sokobin left home to join the Navy and served for the duration. After the war, he worked in his father's glass company. Sokobin later finished his high school education at the Rhodes School in New York City and went on to Syracuse University. He graduated from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and was ordained as a rabbi in 1955.

Sokobin's first position was at Temple Beth El of Laurelton, Long Island, New York (1955- 1957). Other positions included Temple Menorah of Bloomfield, New Jersey (1958-1960) and Temple B'nai Israel of Elmont, New York (1960-1972). Sokobin served at The Temple, Congregation Shomer Emunim, in Sylvania, Ohio from 1972-1992. Following an early retirement, Sokobin entered law school at the University of Toledo. Sokobin also served on the Committee on Justice and Peace for the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Plenum for the Synagogue Council of America. He was a trustee and member of the Board of Rabbinic Overseers for Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and a trustee for the Association of Reform Zionists of America.

Sokobin's community interests included the Labor Management Citizens Committee and the Committee of Public Relations in Toledo, Ohio. Sokobin taught a Jewish history course at the Univeresity of Toledo sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua society. He also designed a course in Comparative Jewish Law.

Sokobin wrote and self-published a book entitled: Eleh Pekudey. These are the Accounts. Autobiographical Remembrances (1993).

In 1957, Alan Mayor Sokobin married Mickey Levy. They had two children, Jonathan and Sharon. They had one grandchild in 1993, Evan Levy Speyer.

**Scope and Content** This collection consists of bound copies of sermons, addresses and eulogies. The majority of these sermons are in outline form. Each bound volume has a table of contents listing the appropriate holy day or occasion of the speech, or the subject of the eulogy. Each piece is paginated separately.

**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 Alan Mayor Sokobin Papers Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-635. Alan Mayor Sokobin Papers Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Provenance** Received from Congregation Shomer Emunim, Sylvania, Ohio, 1997.

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## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Rabbis
<b>Personal Names</b>	Sokobin, Alan Mayor, 1926-

**Corporate Names** Congregation Shomer Emunim (Sylvania, Ohio) / Temple B'nai Israel (Elmont, N.Y.) / Temple Menorah (Bloomfield, N.J.) / The Temple (Sylvania, Ohio)

**Media** Photographs / Sermons

## **Series A. General, 1950-2009**

### **Container List**

Box 1. Sermons, addresses and eulogies, 1951-1994.

Box 2. Sermons, addresses and eulogies [includes papers and other materials], 1950-2009.