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Sidney H. Brooks Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 642



Collection Summary

Title	Sidney H. Brooks Papers
Dates	1871-1992
Collection Number	MS-642
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Brooks, Sidney H., 1920
Extent	1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Sidney H. Brooks was born in Buffalo, New York, on 3 April 1920. He was the first child born to Sidney H. Brooks, Sr. and Irma Bertha Bing, who had been married on November 22, 1911.

He received a BA in English literature from the University of Cincinnati in 1942. Also in 1942, he received a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He received a Master of Hebrew Letters and was ordained a rabbi from Hebrew Union College, in 1946. In 1971 Hebrew Union College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree. The University of Nebraska at Omaha gave him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in 1985.

Brooks served as an assistant to Rabbi Edward N. Calisch at Temple Beth Ahabah in Richmond, Virginia during 1944-45. From 1946 to 1952, he served as rabbi of Temple Sholom in Springfield, Ohio. He was Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel in Omaha, Nebraska from 1952 to 1985. He was named Rabbi Emeritus upon his retirement in 1985.

In 1944, he married Jane Heyman of Richmond, Virginia. They have a daughter, Miriam and a son, Joel.

For more information, see Rabbi Brooks' autobiography "These Things I Remember" written in 1990, which is available in Box 2 of the collection. A resume written by Rabbi Brooks in 1991 is available in Box 3 of the collection.

Scope and Content Papers relating to Sidney Brooks rabbinical career at Temple Sholom (Springfield, Ohio) and Temple Israel (Omaha, Neb.). Includes temple historical documents, sermons, correspondence and nearprint.

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

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Corporate Names	Temple Israel (Omaha, Neb.) / Temple Sholom (Springfield, Ohio)
Media	Sermons

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