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Sheldon Ezring Papers

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**Administrative Information**

**Biographical Sketch**

Sheldon Ezring was born 12 October 1947 to Cantor Abraham Ezring and his wife in New York City. Following his graduation from the University of Illinois in 1969, Ezring entered Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and was ordained in 1974. His student pulpits included Temple Israel (Marion, Ohio) and Congregation Beth El (Dubuque, Iowa). Among activities during his student days were employment at the American Jewish Archives and duties as a prison chaplain.

Sheldon Ezring assumed the pulpit of Temple Sholom in New Milford, Connecticut in 1974. He left in 1979 to assume the pulpit of Congregation Beth El, Charlottesville, Virginia, serving as the first fulltime Rabbi of the congregation in 100 years! Rabbi Ezring also oversaw a period of growth and marked the congregation's centennial celebrations. Ezring served as the advisor for the regional Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth on the Commonwealth of Virginia's State Advisory board on aging. He hosted a radio show entitled "From the Rabbi's Study" and worked closely with Dan Alexander, Hillel advisor for the University of Virginia. In addition to rabbinic duties, Ezring acted as a visiting faculty member in the Religious Studies Department of the University of Virginia.


Sheldon Ezring married Irene Trudy Goldberg in 1969. They have two children, Adam and Jennifer.

**Scope and Content**

Papers document the early career of Sheldon Ezring including; correspondence, project files, congregational interaction, community interaction, individual services (i.e. bar mitzvah/funeral), student records from Hebrew Union College-Jewish institute of religion; photographs and MAFTY organizational functions.

**Arrangement**

Organized into four (4) series: A. Correspondence/Subject Files; B. Sermons, Speeches and Writings; C. Congregational Materials; D. Miscellaneous.

**Terms of Access**

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

**Preferred Citation**

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

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-643. Sheldon Ezring Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Provenance**

Received from Sheldon Ezring, Elkins Park, Pa., 1980-1983.

**Processing Information**


**Index Terms**

- **Subjects**: Jews -- Connecticut -- New Milford / Jews -- Virginia -- Charlottesville / Rabbis
- **Personal Names**: Ezring, Sheldon, 1947- / Jacobs, Steven L., 1947- / Soltz, Ned J., 1949-
- **Corporate Names**: Congregation Beth El (Charlottesville, Va.) / Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Cincinnati Campus / Mid Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth / Temple Beth El (Dubuque, Iowa) / Temple Sholom (New Milford, Conn.)
- **Media**: Photographs
Series A. Correspondence/Subject Files, 1969-1983

Extent 4 linear feet (10 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains correspondence both with individuals and organizations. Ephemeral material attached to correspondence, such as programs, has not been removed.

Arrangement Materials are arranged chronologically within an alphabetical framework.

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 2. Folder 9. Center, Daniel, 1974-1976
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Box 6. Folder 1. Mid Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth (MAFTY), 1981 December-1982 February
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Box 8. Folder 17. Selin, Alan and Judy, 1975-1978
Box 8. Folder 20. Seltzer, Sanford, 1974-1982
Box 9. Folder 1. Si-Sz.
Box 9. Folder 15. T.
Box 9. Folder 17. Tarlow, Peter, 1976
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Box 10. Folder 6. Weicker, Lowell, Jr., 1975
Box 10. Folder 8. Wein, Alan and Robin, 1975
Box 10. Folder 17. Wolf, Alfred, 1975-1979
Box 10. Folder 18. World Union for Progressive Judaism, 1980
Box 10. Folder 20. X, Y.
Box 10. Folder 21. Youth Group, undated
Box 10. Folder 22. Z.

**Series B. Sermons, Speeches and Writings, 1971-1983**

**Extent** 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** One box contains material from sermons about individuals: sermons given at bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings and funerals. These are arranged alphabetically by name. There is one folder of miscellaneous mostly undated sermons and a folder of assignments from an HUC Homiletics/Sermons class. There are also notes and chapters for Ezring’s rabbinic thesis.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 11. Folder 1. Hebrew Union College Homiletics and Sermons course, 1973-1974
Box 11. Folder 2. Sermons. Individuals, A-F.
Box 11. Folder 3. Sermons. Individuals, G-J.
Box 11. Folder 4. Sermons. Individuals, K-M.
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Box 12. Folder 1. Sermons. Individuals, S.
Box 12. Folder 2. Sermons. Individuals, T-Z.
Box 12. Folder 5. Rabbinic thesis notes, undated
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Box 12. Folder 7. Shabbat textbook, undated

Series C. Congregational Records, 1971-1983

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)
Scope and Content Note Materials include miscellaneous publications, fact sheets, board minutes and ephemera.
Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically according to Ezring’s career. Within each congregation, the files are arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 13. Folder 3. Temple Israel (Marion, Ohio), 1973-1974
Box 13. Folder 4. Temple Sholom (New Milford, Conn.) Board of Trustees, 1974-1976
Box 13. Folder 5. Temple Sholom (New Milford, Conn.) Board of Trustees, 1977-1979
Box 14. Folder 2. Beth El (Charlottesville, Va.) centennial, 1982
Box 14. Folder 3. Beth El (Charlottesville, Va.) centennial service, 1982
Box 14. Folder 4. Beth El (Charlottesville, Va.) fact sheet/information, undated

Series D. Miscellaneous, 1971-1982

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)
Scope and Content Note There is one folder of newspaper clippings about Ezring’s rabbinical career and one folder of photographs. Most photographs are not dated.

Box and Folder Listing
