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Richard C. Hertz Papers

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Collection Summary

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Administrative Information

Richard C. Hertz was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1938 and was ordained as a rabbi by Hebrew Union College in 1942. In 1948 Hertz received a Ph.D. in religious education from Northwestern University.

He began his rabbinic career at North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, Illinois as assistant rabbi in 1942. From 1943 until early 1946, Hertz served as a military chaplain at Fort Ord, California, earning the rank of captain. He returned to the Glencoe congregation after the war until moving on to Chicago Sinai Congregation in 1947 as assistant rabbi. In 1953 Hertz became the senior rabbi at Temple Beth El in Detroit, Michigan where he stayed for the remainder of his career. Hertz led the congregation through many difficult years in Detroit, including times of civil unrest. He was instrumental in the planning and fund-raising of the new temple in the suburb of Birmingham. Hertz was quite proud of the new temple and considered it one of his finest legacies to future generations.

Hertz was often a spokesman for the Detroit and the American Jewish community. He hosted a local television program Open Doors, appeared on national news stations and on the Voice of America and Message of Israel. Hertz wrote six books, including Prescription for a Heartache and What Counts Most in Life, and had several sermons published. He also wrote many articles, commentaries, and book reviews for prominent newspapers and magazines such as Life and Ebony.

Hertz taught at the University of Detroit, Mercy for many years. Though a Catholic university Hertz was heartened by the knowledge that he was reaching many people that knew little or nothing about Judaism. Hertz was one of the first to teach in the new field of Jewish Studies. Classes he taught include the Holocaust, Introduction to Judaism, Biblical Studies, and Modern European Jewish History. When Hertz retired as senior rabbi of Temple Beth El in 1982, an endowed chair in Jewish Studies was established in his honor at the University.

Throughout his years in Detroit Hertz became known as a leader in the fight for worldwide social justice. Hertz visited the Soviet Union in 1959 on a secret mission for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Eisenhower was preparing for a summit with Nikita Khruschev and wanted a true report regarding the treatment of Jews there. This trip was considered by Hertz to be one of his most important missions. Upon his return to Detroit Hertz remained actively involved in the Soviet Jewry movement.

Interfaith relations were prominent among Hertz's activities. In 1963 Hertz was the first rabbi to be received in a private audience by Pope Paul VI. In 1974, under auspices of the American Jewish Committee and the National Council of Churches, Hertz was one of twenty-four Jewish and Christian leaders who traveled to Israel and the Arab states to study refugee problems and explore peace alternatives. Hertz often took part in interfaith services, such as the traditional Thanksgiving Day services in Detroit. In 1995 he was given the Dove Award for his interfaith work by the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies.

Hertz was quite active on boards and committees and was the vice president of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, past president of the Wranglers Ministerial Association, member of the Economic Club of Detroit, and the Michigan Advisory Committee of the United States Civil Rights Commission. He was always concerned with the conditions facing the poor, the underprivileged and minority groups. Hertz was often criticized for speaking out on issues close to his heart, though these criticisms did not sway his determination to use his prominent position to help those he saw as disenfranchised.

Hertz died in 1999. He was survived by his wife Renda and his three children, Nadine Urben, Ruth Joyaux, and Bradford Hertz.
Rabbi Richard C. Hertz was a congregational rabbi, chaplain, educator, and activist interested in a variety of social, political, and Jewish causes. His papers contain correspondence and manuscripts reflecting his professional activity as a pulpit rabbi, his work as a Jewish chaplain during World War II, his teaching on both the university and congregational level, and his involvement with Jewish communal life both locally and nationally including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis.

The papers also contain materials pertaining to his activities on behalf of numerous social causes he espoused such as civil rights, fair housing, and economic justice. Included are records relating to his service on the Michigan Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Civil Rights in the 1980's.

Of special note in the collection are Hertz's records and papers associated with a trip he made to Russia in 1959 to investigate and report on the condition of Soviet Jewry. These papers consist of correspondence, a trip diary, newscuttings, and writings. Hertz's interest in Soviet Jewry continued after his 1959 trip, and the papers also document his work with the Central Conference of American Rabbis' Committee on Jews in the Soviet Orbit and other groups advocating for Soviet Jewry.

The collection is arranged into nine (9) series: A. Sermons; B. Chaplaincy; C. Correspondence; D. Civil Rights; E. Soviet Jewry; F. Academic Materials; G. Writings and Addresses; H. Travel Diaries; I. Photographs.

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Series A. Sermons, 1942-1993

Series A is a complete set of the typescript sermons of Rabbi Hertz. Rabbi Hertz's views on Jewish issues, world, national and local politics, as well as the State of Israel, social problems and current controversies can be seen through these sermons. The sermon index at the beginning of the series is a chronological listing of each sermon that includes title and date. The sermons span his entire rabbinic career from his early assistant rabbi positions in the Chicago area and his chaplaincy during World War II, to his final pulpit as senior rabbi of Temple Beth El in Detroit.

The series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1. Folder 1. Sermon index, 1942-1993
Box 1. Folder 2. Sermons, 1942 September-November
Box 1. Folder 3. Sermons, 1943 January-June
Box 1. Folder 4. Sermons, 1943 September - 1944 April
Box 1. Folder 5. Sermons, 1944 May-November
Box 1. Folder 6. Sermons, 1945 January-April
Box 1. Folder 7. Sermons, 1945 May-August
Box 1. Folder 8. Sermons, 1945 September-December
Box 2. Folder 1. Sermons, 1946 January-May
Box 2. Folder 2. Sermons, 1946 December - 1947 May
Box 2. Folder 3. Sermons, 1947 September - 1948 May
Box 2. Folder 4. Sermons, 1948 September - 1949 January
Box 2. Folder 5. Sermons, 1949 February-May
Box 2. Folder 7. Sermons, 1950 September - 1951 January
Box 3. Folder 1. Sermons, 1951 February-May
Box 3. Folder 2. Sermons, 1951 September - 1952 January
Box 3. Folder 3. Sermons, 1952 February-May
Box 3. Folder 4. Sermons, 1952 September - 1953 February
Box 4. Folder 1. Sermons, 1953 April-September
Box 4. Folder 2. Sermons, 1953 September-November
Box 4. Folder 4. Sermons, 1954 April-June
Box 4. Folder 5. Sermons, 1954 September-November
Box 5. Folder 1. Sermons, 1955 September-December
Box 5. Folder 2. Sermons, 1956 January-June
Box 5. Folder 3. Sermons, 1956 September-December
Box 5. Folder 4. Sermons, 1957 January-June
Box 5. Folder 5. Sermons, 1957 September-December
Box 6. Folder 1. Sermons, 1958 September-December
Box 6. Folder 2. Sermons, 1959 January-June
Box 6. Folder 3. Sermons, 1959 October-December
Box 6. Folder 5. Sermons, 1960 September-December
Box 7. Folder 1. Sermons, 1961 September-November
Box 7. Folder 2. Sermons, 1961 December - 1962 May
Box 7. Folder 3. Sermons, 1962 September-October
Series B. Chaplaincy, 1943-1946

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Series B consists of records pertaining to Hertz’s service as a chaplain stationed at Fort Ord, California, during World War II. Papers include camp newsletters, photographs, correspondence with other chaplains as well as congregants in the Salinas, California area, correspondence with the Jewish Welfare Board that includes monthly reports containing statistics and information about Jewish activities at Fort Ord, and records of High Holy Day and Seder services. Records that reflect Hertz’s later work with the Central Conference of American Rabbis Committee on Chaplaincy are included in Series C (Correspondence), and his sermons during his chaplaincy are included in Series A (Sermons).
Box and Folder Listing

Box 13. Folder 1. Chapel Notes (Fort Ord, Calif.) [newsletter], 1944
Box 13. Folder 2. Schmooze Sheet for Chaplains [newsletter], 1945-1946
Box 13. Folder 3. Seder (Fort Ord, Calif.), 1944
Box 13. Folder 4. Photographs (Fort Ord, Calif.), 1944-1945
Box 13. Folder 5. High Holy Days, 1943-1945
Box 13. Folder 7. Jewish Welfare Board (Salinas, Calif.), 1944-1945
Box 14. Folder 2. Killed in action, 1944-1945
Box 14. Folder 3. Form letters, 1944-1945
Box 14. Folder 4. "Chaplains Who Serve" [radio broadcast], 1944
Box 14. Folder 5. Correspondence with chaplains, 1943-1945
Box 14. Folder 6. Correspondence from congregants, 1944
Box 14. Folder 7. Correspondence from congregants, 1945
Box 14. Folder 8. Correspondence, general, 1944-1945
Box 14. Folder 9. Salinas, California, congregation, 1944-1946
Box 14. Folder 10. Chaplain's school, Harvard University, 1943-1944

Series C. Correspondence, 1946-1990

Extent 10 linear feet (25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The bulk of the papers reflect Hertz's activities as Senior Rabbi of Detroit's Temple Beth El (1953-1993), although there are some materials that deal with his two assistant rabbi positions at North Shore congregation Israel in Glencoe, Illinois (1942-1946), and Temple Sinai in Chicago (1947-1953). The files also document his participation in the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Board of Alumni Overseers, the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis, the Jewish Chautauqua Society, and various Detroit-area civic, educational and interfaith organizations.

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

Box and Folder Listing

Box 15. Folder 1. Abrams, Charles, 1956
Box 15. Folder 2. Allied Jewish School Board (Chicago, Ill.), 1952
Box 15. Folder 3. American Council for Judaism, 1956
Box 15. Folder 4. American Jewish Archives, 1950-1953
Box 15. Folder 5. American Jewish Committee, 1950
Box 15. Folder 6. American Jewish Committee, Russell Woods Project, 1958
Box 15. Folder 7. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1948
Box 15. Folder 10. Baron, Joseph L., 1943-1946
Box 15. Folder 12. Bar/bat mitzvah standards and procedures, 1975
Box 15. Folder 13. Bar/bat mitzvah correspondence, 1953-1965
Box 15. Folder 15. Becker Amendment, 1964
Box 15. Folder 16. Berry, Harold and Lewis, 1975
Box 15. Folder 17. Berman, Morton, 1952
Box 15. Folder 18. Beth El 125th anniversary, 1975
Box 16. Folder 1. Biographical, 1946-1953
Box 16. Folder 6. Board of Jewish Education, 1951
Box 16. Folder 7. Board of Jewish Education, 1952
Box 16. Folder 9. Brokan, Lawrence, 1952
Box 17. Folder 1. Campsite for temple, 1957-1963
Box 17. Folder 2. Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, 1974-1977
Box 17. Folder 3. Cedarbaum, David, 1947-1948
Box 17. Folder 4. Cemetery Committee, 1950
Box 17. Folder 5. Center synagogue inquiries, 1952
Box 18. Folder 1. Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Distribution of Union Prayerbooks, 1950-1952
Box 18. Folder 2. Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Mixed Marriage,
1965-1967
Box 18. Folder 5. Central Conference of American Rabbis, concerned members, undated
Box 18. Folder 7. Central Conference of American Rabbis, general correspondence, 1949-1953
Box 19. Folder 2. Central Conference of American Rabbis, Joint Commission on Social Action, 1965 June
Box 19. Folder 7. Chaplaincy procurement at HUC-JIR, 1966
Box 19. Folder 8. Chaplain's retreat, Germany, 1973
Box 20. Folder 1. Chicago Federation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1949
Box 20. Folder 3. Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues, 1948
Box 20. Folder 4. Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues, 1949-1952
Box 20. Folder 5. Chicago Rabbinical Association, 1946-1948
Box 20. Folder 7. Chicago Rabbinical Association, Kallah, 1951
Box 21. Folder 3. Citizen's Committee on Displaced Persons, 1947-1950
Box 22. Folder 1. Community Center Committee, 1950-1952
Box 22. Folder 2. Committee for Honest Elections, 1962
Box 22. Folder 3. Committee on Ceremonies, 1959-1960
Box 22. Folder 6. Cronbach, Abraham, 80th birthday, 1962
Box 23. Folder 1. Davidovic, Emil, 1959-1971
Box 23. Folder 2. Dial-a-Prayer, undated
Box 23. Folder 3. Displaced persons bill, 1948-1949
Box 23. Folder 5. Detroit Institute of Technology, 1954-1976
Box 23. Folder 7. Detroit Zionist Federation, 1975-1978
Box 24. Folder 1. Egelson, Louis, 1947-1953
Box 24. Folder 2. Eisendrath, Maurice, 1945-1951
Box 24. Folder 5. Experimental services, 1971
Box 24. Folder 6. Fan mail, 1960-1967
Box 24. Folder 8. Ford Motor Company Service Award, 1963
Box 24. Folder 10. Focus Hope, 1975
Box 24. Folder 11. Fourth Tuesday, 1975-1978
Box 24. Folder 13. Fragrance garden for the blind.
Box 24. Folder 15. Freehof, Solomon B. responsa, 1972
Box 24. Folder 16. French consulate, 1975
Box 24. Folder 17. Gershenson, Aaron H., 1977
Box 25. Folder 2. Gottesman, Mabel, 1978
Box 25. Folder 4. Governor’s Ethical and Moral Panel, 1965
Box 25. Folder 5. Governor’s Ethical and Moral Panel, 1966-1968
Box 25. Folder 6. Great Lakes Biennial (UAHC), 1958
Box 25. Folder 7. Greater Detroit Motion Picture Council, 1954-1970
Box 25. Folder 9. Greenblatt, Peter, 1971
Box 25. Folder 10. Gribbs, Roman S., 1971
Box 25. Folder 11. Gun control, 1968
Box 26. Folder 2. General correspondence (B), 1947-1953
Box 26. Folder 3. General correspondence (C), 1952
Box 26. Folder 4. General correspondence (D), 1950-1952
Box 26. Folder 5. Handleman, Phillip, 1970
Box 26. Folder 8. Harris, Steven, 1972
Box 26. Folder 9. Harvard University, 1958-1959
Box 27. Folder 1. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Board of Governors, 1969-1979
Box 27. Folder 2. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, centennial, 1975
Box 27. Folder 3. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, chapel address, 1970
Box 27. Folder 4. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Englander lecture, 1965-1966
Box 27. Folder 5. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, homecoming services, 1968-1973
Box 27. Folder 6. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem, 1974-1976
Box 28. Folder 2. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbinic Board of Alumni Overseers, 1970
Box 28. Folder 3. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbinic Board of Alumni Overseers, 1971
Box 28. Folder 5. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbinic Board of
Alumni Overseers, 1977-1978


Box 28. Folder 11. Hertz, Richard C. 10th anniversary, 1963


Box 28. Folder 13. Hertz, Richard C. Installation at Temple Beth El, 1953


Box 29. Folder 2. Haberman, Joshua, 1958

Box 29. Folder 3. Imerman, Stanley Memorial Fund, 1977-1978

Box 29. Folder 4. Institute for Jewish Planning and Research, 1975

Box 29. Folder 5. Interfaith Broadcasting Commission, 1968-1972


Box 29. Folder 10. Israel Committee, 1968-1970

Box 29. Folder 11. Israel congregational pilgrimage, 1967-1972

Box 29. Folder 12. Israel congregational pilgrimage, 1975


Box 30. Folder 1. Israel scholarships, 1967-1968

Box 30. Folder 2. Israel scholarships, 1964-1975

Box 30. Folder 3. Israel State Department letters, 1968-1974

Box 30. Folder 4. Israel tours, 1975

Box 30. Folder 5. Israeli bonds, 1973

Box 30. Folder 6. Israeli Consulate (Chicago, Ill.), 1968-1978

Box 30. Folder 7. Israeli Embassy (Washington, D.C.), 1975

Box 30. Folder 8. Israeli flag, 1975-1977


Box 30. Folder 10. Ittamar, J.E., 1974-1975


Box 31. Folder 1. Jewish Chautauqua Society, Adrian College, 1964

Box 31. Folder 2. Jewish Chautauqua Society, Albion College, 1959-1964
Box 34. Folder 9. Meadowbrook Hall, 1977
Box 34. Folder 10. Medical Committee of Beth El, 1957
Box 34. Folder 11. Men's Club, 1971
Box 34. Folder 12. Mesila, 1976
Box 34. Folder 14. Metropolitan Detroit Citizen's Development Authority, 1966-1972
Box 34. Folder 15. Michigan Association of Reform Rabbis, 1956-1972
Box 35. Folder 2. Michigan State Temple Youth Conclave, 1967
Box 35. Folder 5. Midwest Biennial - Union Of American Hebrew Congregations, 1958
Box 35. Folder 6. Milhaud, Danus, 1971
Box 35. Folder 7. Miller, A. M., 1967
Box 35. Folder 8. Millikin, William G., 1977
Box 35. Folder 9. Minda, Albert, 1977
Box 35. Folder 10. Modras, Ronald, 1978
Box 35. Folder 11. Morgenstern, Julian, 1970
Box 35. Folder 13. Mount Olivet Methodist Church, 1970
Box 36. Folder 10. Northwestern University, 1946-1949
Box 36. Folder 11. Nuclear test ban, 1963
Box 37. Folder 1. Polier, Justine, 1957
Box 37. Folder 2. Poverty program, 1967
Box 37. Folder 3. Prague Torahs, 1972
Box 37. Folder 4. Prayer in schools United States Supreme Court decision, 1954-1962
Box 37. Folder 5. Primus, Charles, 1978
Box 37. Folder 6. Rabbis, correspondence with, 1947-1948
Box 37. Folder 7. Rabbis, correspondence with, 1949-1950
Box 37. Folder 8. Rabbis, correspondence with, 1951
Box 37. Folder 9. Rodef Shalom, Pittsburgh, 1976
Box 37. Folder 10. Romney, George, 1963-1964
Box 37. Folder 11. Romney, George, 1965-1966
Box 37. Folder 13. Read, Gerald, 1958
Box 38. Folder 1. Sachar, Abraham, 1977
Box 38. Folder 2. Sacred Heart Seminary, 1976
Box 38. Folder 5. Sarna, Jonathan, 1988
Box 38. Folder 7. Sinai nursery school, 1949
Box 38. Folder 8. Sinai PTA, 1949-1951
Box 38. Folder 10. Soviet Jewry, 1960-1963
Box 38. Folder 11. Speaking engagements, 1953-1960
Box 38. Folder 13. Tercentenary committee, 1953-1954
Box 38. Folder 14. Thanksgiving interdenominational community service, 1953-1956
Box 38. Folder 15. Thanksgiving service (Middletown, Ohio), 1969
Box 38. Folder 16. Theological Center of Greater Detroit, 1964-1966
Box 39. Folder 7. Wayne State University, 1973-1975
Box 39. Folder 8. Wayne State University, RDNA Policy Committee.
Box 39. Folder 10. Weiss, Herbert, 1976
Series D. Civil Rights, 1938-1990

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Series D reflects Hertz's service on the Michigan Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Included are materials pertaining to affirmative action and equal housing in Michigan as well as reports of the Michigan Advisory Committee (1980-1984).

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 40. Folder 1. Affirmative action in employment fact-finding meeting, 1980 May 1-2
Box 40. Folder 3. Metropolitan Conference on Open Occupancy, 1962-1963
Box 40. Folder 4. Midwestern Regional Conference, 1982 July 7-9
Box 40. Folder 5. Midwestern and Southern Regional Conference, 1984 August 28-30
Box 41. Folder 2. Michigan Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Civil Rights reports, 1982
Box 41. Folder 4. Michigan Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Civil Rights reports, 1984


Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Series E reflects Rabbi Hertz's interest and advocacy for Jews in the Soviet Union as well as a trip he made to Russia in 1959. Hertz traveled to Russia at the request of President Eisenhower who wanted information on the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. Materials include articles, newscuttings, Hertz's diary of the trip, correspondence, reports, a memorandum to the White House detailing his findings on the trip, files documenting his involvement with the Central Conference of American Rabbis Committee on Jews in the Soviet Orbit, and materials from an American Jewish Congress conference on Soviet Jewry in 1964.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 42. Folder 1. Jews Behind the Iron Curtain, American Jewish Committee reports, 1958-1959
Box 42. Folder 2. Memorandum to the White House, 1959
Box 42. Folder 3. Broadcasts, 1959
Box 42. Folder 4. Correspondence regarding Russian trip, 1959-1960
Box 42. Folder 5. Diary of Russian trip, "To Russia on 44 Pounds.", 1959
Box 42. Folder 7. Writings on Soviet Jewry, 1959-1978
Box 42. Folder 8. Newsclippings regarding Russian trip, 1959
Box 43. Folder 1. Visit of Moscow Chief Rabbi, Y.I. Levin, 1958
Box 43. Folder 3. American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, 1964 April
Box 43. Folder 4. American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, 1964 April
Box 43. Folder 5. American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, 1964 April
Box 43. Folder 6. Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Jews in the Soviet Orbit, 1961

**Series F. Academic Materials, 1947-1997**

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

**Scope and Content Note** Series F reflects Rabbi Hertz’s activities teaching courses on the Holocaust and Jewish Studies at the University of Detroit, Mercy, as well as various adult education classes. Included are course outlines, correspondence, notes, and nearprint.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 44. Folder 1. Courses of study for adult Jewish education, 1951-1957
Box 44. Folder 2. Classics of Judaism notes, 1947
Box 44. Folder 3. Epic Movements in the Jewish Past, 1960-1961
Box 44. Folder 4. Historical Development of Judaism, confirmation class, 1960
Box 44. Folder 5. The Romance of Jewish History, 1952-1953
Box 44. Folder 6. Introduction to the Old Testament, 1957-1974
Box 44. Folder 7. Philosophy of Judaism, 1979-1980
Box 44. Folder 8. University of Detroit, 1970-1975
Box 44. Folder 9. Hertz, Deborah, 1982
Box 45. Folder 1. Holocaust class, University of Detroit, 1982-1997
Box 45. Folder 3. Auschwitz nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 45. Folder 4. Birth of Nazism nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 45. Folder 6. Concentration camps nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 45. Folder 7. Final stage, resettlement and death camps nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 45. Folder 8. First stage, anti-Jewish legislation nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 45. Folder 9. German Jewry nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 45. Folder 10. Adolph Hitler, review of John Toland book, 1977
Box 45. Folder 11. Hitler's tools nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 45. Folder 12. Teacher's resources for the Holocaust, 1977-1982
Box 46. Folder 1. Holocaust nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 46. Folder 2. Holocaust nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 46. Folder 3. Holocaust nearprint, circa 1975-1995
Box 46. Folder 4. How to Understand the Holocaust, a mini-course, 1979
Box 46. Folder 5. Can We Forgive the Germans, a sermon, 1965 May 12
Box 46. Folder 6. Rabbi Leo Baeck, Hero of the Holocaust [sermon], 1980 March 28
Box 46. Folder 7. What Shall We Teach our Children about Germany [sermon], 1963 November 15
Box 46. Folder 8. Holocaust Memorial Day after 30 years, 1977
Box 46. Folder 9. Does our Policy in Germany Make Sense [sermon], 1951 March 11
Box 46. Folder 10. Sophie's Choice, a film review, 1980

Series G. Writings and Addresses, 1924-1996

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Rabbi Hertz was a prolific writer and speaker throughout his career on a variety of subjects including Jewish history and identity, social problems, current events, and politics. Series G consists of many of his writings and addresses as well as correspondence pertaining to these activities. Also included is a copy of his 1948 Ph.D. dissertation on Reform Jewish education.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by the title of article or address.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 47. Folder 1. The American Jew in Search of Himself: Preface to Jewish Commitment, circa 1959
Box 47. Folder 2. Correspondence and press clippings regarding The American Jew in Search of Himself, 1959-1963
Box 47. Folder 3. The American Jew according to Look Magazine, 1958 May 17
Box 47. Folder 4. Anti-Semitism: Assault Against Christ, undated
Box 47. Folder 5. Apocrypha lectures, 1958
Box 47. Folder 6. Are We Forsaking Freedom?, 1953 February 16
Box 47. Folder 7. Baeck, Leo, 1956
Box 47. Folder 8. Begin, Menahem, 1953
Box 47. Folder 9. Buber, Martin, undated
Box 47. Folder 10. Can There be Peace in the Middle East?, 1988 March 25
Box 47. Folder 11. Civil Rights and Jews, 1963 September 19
Box 47. Folder 13. The Essence of Liberalism, 1950
Box 47. Folder 14. Ethics of Judaism, 1949 March 21
Box 47. Folder 15. Faith in Jewish Survival, 1961
Box 47. Folder 16. Farmington High School baccalaureate, 1971 June 13
Box 47. Folder 17. The Hebrew Bible and the Bicentennial, 1976
Box 48. Folder 2. How to be Religious in 1986, 1986
Box 48. Folder 3. Impressions of Israel: My First Trip, 1956
Box 48. Folder 4. Inaugural sermon Temple Beth El, 1953
Box 48. Folder 5. The Influence of Judaism on Early America, 1954
Box 48. Folder 6. Invocation at Republican National Convention, Detroit, 1980
Box 48. Folder 7. Israel’s Crisis, 1969
Box 48. Folder 8. Israel and the Palestinians, 1974
Box 48. Folder 9. Jewish Calendar, undated
Box 48. Folder 10. Jewish Identity Today, undated
Box 48. Folder 14. Narrative Themes of the Bible, 1952
Box 48. Folder 15. Personal Judaism, 1968
Box 48. Folder 17. Positive Judaism, 1953
Box 48. Folder 20. Prescription for a Heartache lectures, 1958-1959
Box 49. Folder 1. Rabbi Hertz Sees Jeffersonian Liberty Triumph, 1943
Box 49. Folder 2. The Real Things of Life, 1955
Box 49. Folder 4. Religious Education Among American Reform Congregations (Ph.D dissertation), 1948
Box 49. Folder 5. Rising Tide of Negro-Jewish Relations, Ebony Magazine, 1964 December
Box 49. Folder 6. Haym Solomon, Son of Liberty, 1953
Box 49. Folder 7. Shavout, 1996
Box 49. Folder 8. The Shofar Sounds a Call to Conscience, 1996
Box 49. Folder 10. The Space Race or the Human Race?, 1969
Box 49. Folder 11. The State of Jewish Education in Reform Congregations, 1924-1949, undated
Box 49. Folder 12. The State of the Art of Preaching, 1986
Box 50. Folder 1. The Synagogue for Today, The Sentinel, 1942 November 5
Box 50. Folder 2. The Synagogue: Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, 1952
Box 50. Folder 3. This I Believe, undated
Box 50. Folder 4. In Time of our Freedom, 1976
Box 50. Folder 5. To Serve My People: The Dilemma of the Pastoral Rabbi in the Big City, 1966
Box 50. Folder 6. Judah Touro: The Man Who Loved His Fellow Men, 1953
Box 50. Folder 8. What is on the Agenda of Jewish Survival, 1962
Box 50. Folder 9. What is our Jewish Identity, 1986
Box 50. Folder 10. What's New in Jewish Theology, 1962
Box 50. Folder 11. What is a Jew, 1956
Box 50. Folder 12. Why Do Good People Suffer, undated
Box 50. Folder 13. Why Do Some People Get All the Breaks, undated
Box 50. Folder 14. Why the World Loves Fiddler on the Screen, 1972
Box 50. Folder 15. World of our Fathers, 1976

Series H. Travel Diaries, 1969-1988

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Series H consists of three brief travel diaries Hertz kept when he toured Israel in 1969, 1985 and 1988.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 51. Folder 1. Rabbinical mission to Israel, 1969
Box 51. Folder 2. Mission to Arab countries and Israel, 1974
Box 51. Folder 3. Diary of trip to Israel, 1985 January
Box 51. Folder 4. Jerusalem diary, 1988 March

Series I. Photographs, 1949-1989

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)
Scope and Content Note  Series I consists mainly of images from services at Sinai Temple in Chicago and Temple Beth El in Detroit.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 51. Folder 5. New Sinai Temple (Chicago, Ill.) first services, 1949
Box 51. Folder 6. Sinai Temple (Chicago, Ill.), circa 1951-1953
Box 51. Folder 7. Sinai Temple (Chicago, Ill.) black and white snapshots, circa 1950-1953
Box 51. Folder 8. Richard Hertz, portraits, 1949
Box 51. Folder 10. Jerusalem, 1989