A Finding Aid to the
Sanford E. Rosen Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 682
Collection Summary

Title                                      Sanford E. Rosen Papers
Dates                                      1945-1981
Collection Number                         MS-682
Repository                                 The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator                                    Rosen, Sanford E., 1920
Extent                                     1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material                  English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Sanford E. Rosen was born on May 13, 1920 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Melba Mells on March 19, 1944, with whom he has two children, Ronald and Louise. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Adelbert College of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1947 he was ordained and received the degree of Master of Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to his ordination he served as the full-time rabbi of Temple B'nai Zion in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Following his ordination, Rabbi Rosen founded the liberal Temple Beth El congregation in Bakersfield, California. There he served also as chaplain and counselor to Jewish inmates at the California State Institution for Women at Tehachapi. In August 1951, Rabbi Rosen moved to San Mateo County, California where he became the founding rabbi of Peninsula Temple Beth El. He remained at Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo, serving as the congregation's rabbi for the next thirty-one years. Following his retirement in 1982, he was named Rabbi Emeritus and continues to reside in San Mateo, California.

Scope and Content
The Sanford E. Rosen Papers consist of sermons and prayers from his time at two synagogues, Temple Beth El, Bakersfield (Calif.) and Temple Beth El, San Mateo (Calif.).

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. Sermons and Prayers.

Terms of Access
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Preferred Citation
Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Sanford E. Rosen Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms

Subjects                                      Rabbis / Synagogues -- California -- Bakersfield / Synagogues -- California -- San Mateo
Personal Names                               Rosen, Sanford E., 1920-
Corporate Names                              Temple Beth El (Bakersfield, Calif.) / Temple Beth El (San Mateo, Calif.)
Media                                         Sermons

Series A. Sermons and Prayers, 1945-1981

Arrangement
The sermons in boxes 1-3 are arranged chronologically while the sermons in box 4 (which are undated) are arranged alphabetically by title. Rabbi Rosen's prayers occupy the last folder in the series.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Sermons, 1945 August 24 - 1949 December 9
Box 1. Folder 2. Sermons, 1951 May 11 - June 10
Box 1. Folder 3. Sermons, 1951 October 9 - 1957 April 12
Box 1. Folder 4. Sermons, 1957 August 16 - November 29
Box 1. Folder 5. Sermons, 1957 December 13 - 1958 May 9
Box 1. Folder 6. Sermons, 1958 September 14 - December 5
Box 1. Folder 7. Sermons, 1959 February 13 - May 13
Box 1. Folder 8. Sermons, 1959 October 3 - 1960 March 25
Box 1. Folder 10. Sermons, 1961 August 25 - October
Box 1. Folder 11. Sermons, 1962 January 5 - May 4
Box 1. Folder 12. Sermons, 1962 September 28 - October 26
Box 2. Folder 2. Sermons, 1963 October 18 - 1964 April 10
Box 2. Folder 3. Sermons, 1964 September 6 - November 20
Box 2. Folder 4. Sermons, 1965 January 22 - February 19
Box 2. Folder 5. Sermons, 1965 March 5 - May 29
Box 2. Folder 7. Sermons, 1966 January 7 - February 25
Box 3. Folder 1. Sermons, 1966 September 15 - November 18
Box 3. Folder 2. Sermons, 1966 December 16 - 1967 March 10
Box 3. Folder 3. Sermons, 1967 October 4-20
Box 3. Folder 7. Sermons, 1972 September 7 - 1974 September 17
Box 3. Folder 8. Sermons, 1976 October 3 - 1981 October 8
Box 4. Folder 1. Sermons. "Being is Believing" - "Doubting Your Doubts."
Box 4. Folder 3. Sermons. "Now That We Live" - "Road Map."