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**A Finding Aid to the
Selwyn D. Ruslander Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 460



Collection Summary

Title	Selwyn D. Ruslander Papers
Dates	1902-1971 (bulk 1942-1969)
Collection Number	MS-460
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Ruslander, Selwyn D., 1911-1969
Extent	14 linear feet (35 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Selwyn David Ruslander was born January 7, 1911, in Stowe Township, Pennsylvania. In nearby Pittsburgh, he attended public schools and, in 1927, was confirmed at Congregation Rodef Shalom. From 1927 to 1931 he studied at the University of Cincinnati, graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During the same period, Ruslander studied at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and was ordained Rabbi in 1935. While in Cincinnati, in addition to educational activities, Ruslander worked as a waiter, lifeguard, and assistant case work supervisor with a federal relief agency (the Federal Transient Service Bureau, later known as the Central Bureau of Local Homeless for Hamilton County).

After his ordination in 1935, Ruslander took his first pulpit at Congregation Rodef Shalom, in Port Arthur, Texas. He organized the congregation and was its first Rabbi. He stated in a biographical sketch that he "also sneaked away during this period to be an ordinary seaman in the merchant marine."

From Port Arthur, Ruslander moved to Champaign, Illinois, in 1938, to become Associate Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois.

A year later, in 1939, Ruslander was appointed Director of Youth Education for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served until 1942, when he received a leave of absence to join the U.S. Navy as a chaplain. He returned to the UAHC position for a short period early in 1946, before returning to the pulpit ministry.

Also in 1939, Ruslander became the first director of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) and editor of the Youth Leader. He was honored as a Founder of the NFTY on the occasion of the organization's 25th anniversary in 1964.

Ruslander was among the first rabbis to volunteer for active duty in World War II. He received his commission as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain Corps on June 30, 1942. After receiving training, he was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, from September, 1942, to October, 1943. His duties included serving as an instructor at the Chaplain's School at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia (the first Jewish representative on the Chaplain's School faculty).

From November, 1943, to May, 1945, Ruslander served with the Eighth Fleet in the Mediterranean. He was the first Jewish chaplain in the history of the Navy to serve with a combat fleet. At first he was the only Jewish chaplain in the Navy in the Mediterranean area, and he travelled widely in the performance of his duties, from Southern Morocco to Northern Italy, and from France to Palestine. His participation in the invasion of Southern France at Anzio earned him a Combat Star.

Returning to the United States on May 20, 1945, Ruslander was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, Illinois, until he was released from active duty in December, 1946, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. However, his ministry to military personnel continued both directly and indirectly for another 23 years. As an inactive duty Naval Reserve Chaplain he directly served men and women of all faiths at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Dayton, Ohio, and at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. During the 1950s and 1960s, Ruslander conducted retreats, or Torah Convocations, for Jewish military personnel in Japan, Korea, South Vietnam, and Europe, under the auspices of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army and the National Jewish Welfare Board (NJWB). In 1960 Ruslander became the highest ranking Jewish chaplain in the service when he rose to the rank of Captain. He retired from the Naval Reserve in January, 1969.

After World War II, Ruslander continued his chaplaincy work indirectly by encouraging other rabbis to minister to military personnel. As chairman of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the NJWB during the 1950s and 1960s, he interviewed and recruited potential new chaplains, primarily from recent graduates of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati and New York City. The NJWB also underwrote trips for Torah Convocations and speaking engagements related to the chaplaincy.

Following his active duty service in World War II, Ruslander returned to the pulpit ministry as the Associate Rabbi of South Shore Temple in Chicago, Illinois, beginning in March, 1946. He was elected rabbi of Temple Israel in Dayton, Ohio, on June 1, 1947, succeeding Rabbi Louis Witt. Ruslander served Temple Israel and the Jewish community of Dayton for 21 years, until his death in 1969.

In addition to his rabbinical and chaplaincy activities, Ruslander was active in civic and social welfare work in the Dayton area, serving on numerous boards of community organizations, including the Human Relations Council, the Dayton Urban League, the Board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the County Juvenile Court Advisory Council, the Health and Welfare Planning Council's Casework Study committee, the Ohio Committee on Delinquency and Crime, the Ohio Citizen's Council, and the Ohio Youth Commission.

Ruslander received many honors for his service, including an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, in 1958; Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in 1960; and honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the University of Dayton, in 1968.

In 1935, Ruslander married Marguerite (Sis) Benson of Cincinnati, Ohio. They had daughters: Gail Benette Ruslander, born September 23, 1937, married Richard Levin in 1959; Theresa (Terry) Lee Ruslander, born April 24, 1942, married David Miller in 1964; and Judy Ruslander, born in September, 1949.

Selwyn D. Ruslander died in Columbus, Ohio, on July 17, 1969.

Scope and Content	Describes the career of Selwyn D. Ruslander as rabbi and chaplain. The collection includes sermons, writings, correspondence, notes, military records, publications for chaplains and Jewish servicemen, personal items, and photographs.
Arrangement	Organized into four (4) series: A. Sermons and Miscellaneous Materials; B. Correspondence and Miscellaneous Materials; C. Personal Papers and Awards; D. Photographs.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
Preferred Citation	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Selwyn D. Ruslander Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows: [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-460. Selwyn D. Ruslander Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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Index Terms

Subjects	Jews -- Ohio -- Dayton / Military chaplains / Rabbis / World War, 1939-1945
Personal Names	Ruslander, Selwyn D. (Selwyn David), 1911-1969
Corporate Names	Temple Israel (Dayton, Ohio)
Media	Photographs / Sermons

Series A. Sermons and Miscellaneous Materials, 1902-1969, undated

Extent 2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of sermons, speeches, notes, writings and some miscellaneous materials. Most titles reflect the topic of the sermon, class notes or research materials in the folders. Some titles refer to where or when (a date, holiday or special occasion) the sermon or speech was given.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

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- Box 2. Folder 7. Holidays - Chanukah [research materials], 1952-1964
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Series B. Correspondence and Miscellaneous Materials, 1935-1969

Extent 11 linear feet (27.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, military duty records, minutes and miscellaneous materials.

Arrangement The series is divided into four (4) sub-series: 1. A-Z; 2. Social Action; 3. Chaplaincy; 4. Temple Israel (Dayton, Ohio).

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Extent 6.2 linear feet (15.5 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The subseries is arranged in alphabetical order by name of correspondent or organization.

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Subseries 2. Social Action, 1949-1968

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, minutes, reports and miscellaneous pertaining to Ruslander's community and social welfare activities in the Dayton area, notably for youth.

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Subseries 3. Chaplaincy, 1941-1969

Extent 3.6 linear feet (9 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement

This subseries is divided into three (3) groups: a. Chaplain Ruslander - United States Navy, United States Air Force; b. CCAR Committee on Chaplaincy; c. National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy.

Sub-subseries a. Chaplain Ruslander - United States Navy, United States Air Force, 1939-1969

Extent 2.2 linear feet (5.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains Ruslander's correspondence and duty records from his career as a Chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 24. Folder 1. General correspondence, 1942 June-December

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Box 24. Folder 6. General correspondence, 1945 October-1947 December

Box 24. Folder 7. Duty assignment records, 1942-1943

Box 24. Folder 8. Duty assignment records, 1944-1946

Box 24. Folder 9. Duty records and correspondence (World War II), 1942-1946

Box 25. Folder 1. U.S. Navy Chaplain - duty records, 1947-1948

Box 25. Folder 2. U.S. Navy Chaplain - duty records, 1949-1952

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Box 25. Folder 5. U.S. Navy Chaplain - duty records, 1959-1960

Box 25. Folder 6. U.S. Navy Chaplain - duty records, regarding promotion to Captain, 1952-1961

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Box 26. Folder 1. U.S. Navy Chaplain - duty records, 1963

Box 26. Folder 2. U.S. Navy Chaplain - duty records, 1964

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Box 26. Folder 7. U.S. Navy - Officers' correspondence course exam, 1951 April

Box 27. Folder 1. U.S. Navy - Chaplain rosters, 1949-1951

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Box 27. Folder 3. U.S. Navy - Chaplain's manuals, directory and

miscellaneous,, 1949-1966

Box 27. Folder 4. The History of the Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, Volume 2, 1939-1949, undated

Box 27. Folder 5. The History of the Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, Volume 6...Korean War,..1950-, 1954, 1960

Box 28. Folder 1. Chaplain at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, 1953-1957

Box 28. Folder 2. Chaplain at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, 1962-1964

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Box 28. Folder 4. U.S. Air Force - Torah convocations, Europe, 1963

Box 28. Folder 5. U.S. Air Force - Europe [see also Folder 11/7], 1965-1966

Box 28. Folder 6. U.S. Air Force - Vietnam [see also photos in Folder 35/10], 1967

Box 28. Folder 7. NJWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. Report on Ruslander's trip to Japan and Vietnam, 1967

Box 28. Folder 8. U.S. Air Force - Academy and miscellaneous, 1962-1967

Box 28. Folder 9. General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel [see also photo in Folder 35/11], 1966-1967

Box 28. Folder 10. NJWB Publications for Jewish Chaplains, 1948-1961

Box 28. Folder 11. Jewish Chaplaincy - Miscellaneous (NJWB and B'nai B'rith), 1962-1965

Sub-subseries b. CCAR Committee on Chaplaincy, 1960-1966

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains correspondence and miscellaneous materials from Ruslander's association with the Committee on Chaplaincy of the Central Committee of American Rabbis.

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 29. Folder 3. CCAR Committee on Chaplaincy, 1963

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Box 29. Folder 5. 1964 Senior Class, 1962-1964

Box 29. Folder 6. HUC-JIR Chaplaincy Processing Information Kit, 1965

Box 29. Folder 7. 1965 Senior Class, 1964-1965

Box 29. Folder 8. 1966 Senior Class, 1965-1966

Box 29. Folder 9. Omnibus report (1966 Senior Class), 1965-1966

Box 29. Folder 10. Regner, Sidney L. (1966 Senior Class), 1962-1965

Box 29. Folder 11. Sack, Eugene J. (1966 Senior Class), 1962-1963

Sub-subseries c. National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, 1955-1969

Extent 1 linear foot (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains correspondence and miscellaneous materials from Ruslander's association with the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

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- Box 30. Folder 6. 1960 Seniors, 1959-1963
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- Box 30. Folder 8. Class of 1961, 1961
- Box 31. Folder 1. Class of 1961 - Ecclesiastical endorsements, 1960-1961
- Box 31. Folder 2. 1961 Seniors, 1960-1961
- Box 31. Folder 3. 1962 Seniors, 1961-1963
- Box 31. Folder 4. Class of 1963 - Ecclesiastical endorsements, 1959-1963
- Box 31. Folder 5. 1963 Seniors, 1962-1963
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- Box 31. Folder 10. Class of 1965 - David Max Eichhorn, 1964
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- Box 32. Folder 1. General, 1964-1966
- Box 32. Folder 2. Lev, Aryeh, 1965
- Box 32. Folder 3. Directory of Chaplaincy Service, 1964-1965
- Box 32. Folder 4. Study on Recruitment, 1964-1965

Subseries 4. Temple Israel (Dayton, Ohio), 1949-1963

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, minutes and miscellaneous materials pertaining to the board of directors of the temple, Harold Silverman (Executive Director of the temple), and miscellaneous.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 32. Folder 5. Board of Directors meeting notices and minutes, 1954-1963
- Box 32. Folder 6. Board of Directors correspondence, 1955 June-1957 June
- Box 32. Folder 7. Board of Directors correspondence, 1957 August-1958 May
- Box 32. Folder 8. Board of Directors correspondence, 1958 June-1959 May
- Box 32. Folder 9. Board of Directors correspondence, 1959 June-1960 May
- Box 33. Folder 1. Board of Directors correspondence, 1960 June-1962 May
- Box 33. Folder 2. Harold Silverman correspondence, A-C, 1959-1960
- Box 33. Folder 3. Harold Silverman correspondence, D-M, 1957-1960
- Box 33. Folder 4. Administrative surveys, 1949-1958
- Box 33. Folder 5. Religious School retreat at Glen Helen Educational Camp, 1957-1958
- Box 33. Folder 6. Music/choir, 1953-1959
- Box 33. Folder 7. Church groups [see also photos in Folder 35/12], 1958-1959

Series C. Personal Papers and Awards, 1934-1971

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of biographical sketches, news articles concerning Ruslander, reports and certificates pertaining to employment in social case work and the merchant marine, congratulatory and get well letters, awards and certificates.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 33. Folder 8. Biographical sketches, 1953-1967
- Box 33. Folder 9. News articles, 1942-1971
- Box 33. Folder 10. Employment as social worker (Cincinnati, Ohio) [reports, letter, certificate], 1934-1936
- Box 33. Folder 11. Seaman's certificate, 1937
- Box 33. Folder 12. Memorials, 1969-1971
- Box 33. Folder 13. Miscellaneous, 1952-1969
- Box 33. Folder 14. 25th anniversary of ordination, 1960 October 23
- Box 34. Folder 1. Honorary degree from HUC-JIR, 1960 May 28
- Box 34. Folder 2. Honorary degree from HUC-JIR, 1960 May 28
- Box 34. Folder 3. Birthday, anniversary, grandparents, 1960-1961
- Box 34. Folder 4. 20th anniversary at Temple Israel, 1967
- Box 34. Folder 5. 20th anniversary. Correspondence congratulating Rabbi Ruslander, 1955 April, 1967
- Box 34. Folder 6. Illness acknowledgements, 1968 March-April
- Box 34. Folder 7. Service Certificates from United States Navy and Air Force, 1942-1964 and undated
- Box 34. Folder 8. Certificate from University of Geneva, 1952

Box 34. Folder 9. Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, 1958

Box 34. Folder 10. AFL-CIO Meritorious Citizen Award, Dayton, Ohio, 1962

Box 34. Folder 11. Eloy Alfaro Grand Cross Award Certificate and miscellaneous,, 1965-1967

Box 34. Folder 12. State of Israel Bond Committee Tribute Dinner, Dayton, Ohio, program and telegram, 1968 November 17

Box 34. Folder 13. Miscellaneous award certificates, 1956-1967

Box 35. Folder 1. Merit certificate from United Jewish Appeal, 1961 February 21

Box 35. Folder 2. Award from NJWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy for 20 Years of Service, 1962 June

Box 35. Folder 3. Award from NJWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy for 20 Years of Service, 1967 June

Box 35. Folder 4. Tribute from Human Relations Council, Dayton, Ohio, 1970 April 15

Series D. Photographs, 1942-1967

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of black and white photographic prints. Subjects photographed include Rabbi Ruslander, scenes of the Mediterranean region (especially North Africa) during World War II, special events related to his Naval Reserve service during peacetime, places he visited for Torah convocations (Japan, Greece and Vietnam) and activities related to civilian religious and community service.

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 35. Folder 6. Unidentified, 1940s

Box 35. Folder 7. Navy Chaplain - Algeria, Miss. and unknown locations,, 1942-1945, undated

Box 35. Folder 8. Navy Chaplain - Dayton, Ohio; Japan; and unknown locations,, 1940s-1960s

Box 35. Folder 9. Torah convocation trip - Greece [see also Folder 11/7], 1965

Box 35. Folder 10. U.S. Navy in Vietnam [see also Folder 28/6], 1966-1967

Box 35. Folder 11. General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel. 50th anniversary dinner [see also Folder 28/9], 1967 April 23

Box 35. Folder 12. Rabbi Ruslander with a church group [see also Folder 33/7], 1960 November

Box 35. Folder 13. Ohio Youth Services Advisory Board. Photos from report on Boy's Industrial School [see also Folder 22/8], 1964 April