A Finding Aid to the
Alan S. and Frances Katz Green Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 724
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Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Alan S. Green was born in Chicago on the 6th of December, 1907. After receiving a B.A. from Western Reserve University in 1929, Green was ordained at Hebrew Union College (HUC), Cincinnati, Ohio in 1934 and also received his M.A. from Western Reserve in 1935. Rabbi Green continued his studies at HUC and at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he earned his D.D. in Jewish Philosophy in 1938. HUC awarded him with an honorary Doctor of Hebrew Laws in 1959.

While a student at HUC, Rabbi Green met his first wife, Frances Katz, and they married in 1934. Mrs. Green was a student of and then a teacher for Abraham H. Friedland, founder of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education. In 1935, while Rabbi Green pursued his doctorate at Hebrew University, Frances worked with Henrietta Szold in Youth Aliyah and in the creation of community agencies.

After returning to the U.S., the Greens led Temple Berith Sholom in Troy, New York (1937—1944) and then moved to Houston to lead the new Congregation Emanu El, while Rabbi Robert Kahn served overseas as a military chaplain. Upon Kahn's return in 1947, Rabbi Green founded Temple Emanu El of Cleveland. Shortly after Mrs. Green died in 1977, Rabbi Green retired and was named Rabbi Emeritus. In 1979 Rabbi Green married Sylvia Bogar Redlick.


Rabbi Green died at his home in Cleveland on the 25th of November, 1989.

Scope and Content

Consists of materials relating to the professional career of Alan S. Green. His college notes are present, as well as personal and selected professional correspondence. The largest section of the collection is devoted to his sermons and writings, which span his career from his student days until shortly before his death. Additionally, there is extensive material on the temples he served, which may be found in the personal series. These documents include material relating to building campaigns, temple services, Jewish education, and miscellaneous synagogue activities. The papers of Rabbi Green's wife, Frances Katz Green give a glimpse into her life as a social worker as well as her active involvement in the synagogues served by Rabbi Green. Finally, photographs that cover both personal and temple events are included as a separate series.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in five (5) series: A. Correspondence; B. Sermons and Writings; C. Congregational and Personal Material; D. Frances Katz Green Papers; E. Photographs.

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Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Alan S. and Frances Katz Green Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-724. Alan S. and Frances Katz Green Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provenance

Received from Jonathan W. Green and David B. Green, Englewood, Fla., 2005.

Index Terms
Series A. Correspondence, 1929-1989

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of correspondence detailing Green's activities as a rabbi of Temple Emanu El and as a leader of the Cleveland Jewish community. A folder of correspondence with Robert Kahn is present in which Green regularly updates Kahn on the status of Congregation Emanu El in Houston. The series also includes correspondence with publishing companies about Green's writings and with cruise companies, for whom he served as chaplain after his retirement from Emanu El.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically. Items within the folders are in original order.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Appreciation letters, 1974-1989
Box 1. Folder 2. Cruise companies, 1981-1986
Box 1. Folder 3. General correspondence, 1929-1977
Box 1. Folder 5. Jewish Chautauqua Society, 1936-1954

Series B. Sermons and Writings, 1928-1989

Extent 3 linear feet (7.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of Green's writings, published and drafts, together with his sermons. Within each folder, Green's handwritten notes follow the sermons.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 8. Articles, 1937-1981
Box 2. Folder 1. Eulogies and memorials, 1955-1987, undated
Box 2. Folder 2. Facing the Issues of Contemporaneous Jewish Life, 1935
Box 2. Folder 3. How Can Jews Survive the Present Crisis?, 1943
Box 2. Folder 4. "If God Were King." Notes and drafts, 1988
Box 2. Folder 5. "Jewish American History" draft, undated
Box 2. Folder 6. Modern Jewish History Taught Through Fiction, 1939
Box 3. Folder 2. Plays and sermons, undated
Box 3. Folder 3. A Project in Adult Participation in Present Day Jewish Life, 1935
Box 3. Folder 4. Sermons, 1928-1944
Box 3. Folder 5. Sermons, 1929-1936
Box 4. Folder 1. Sermons, 1931-1941
Box 4. Folder 2. Sermons, 1932-1941
Box 4. Folder 4. Sermons, 1941-1949
Box 4. Folder 5. Sermons, 1947-1959
Box 5. Folder 1. Sermons, 1950-1958
Box 5. Folder 2. Sermons, 1951-1959
Box 8. Folder 4. Sermons and writings, undated
Box 9. Folder 2. Student writings, 1931-1934

**Series C. Congregational and Personal Material, 1926-1989**

**Extent** 2.2 linear feet (5.5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** This series consists of notes, committee reports, congregational project reports, newspaper clippings, research on family and Jewish marriage, and writings by others. There is also a large amount of material from Congregation Emanu El in Houston and Temple Emanu El in Cleveland that give light to building campaigns, services, education, and different activities of the congregations.

**Arrangement** This series is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically. Material within the folder is in original order.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 10. Folder 1. Brith B’not Yisrael, undated
Box 10. Folder 4. Commission on Worship meeting, 1966
Box 10. Folder 5. Congregation Emanu El (Houston, Tex.), 1944-1946
Box 10. Folder 7. Eightieth birthday, 1987
Box 10. Folder 8. Fiftieth year in the rabbinate, 1984
Box 10. Folder 9. Jewish education notes, undated
Box 11. Folder 1. Music lyrics, 1953-1979, undated
Box 11. Folder 2. National Congress of Sane/Freeze, 1987
Box 11. Folder 4. Newspaper clippings. Sermon ideas, undated
Box 11. Folder 5. Notes. Antiwar, undated
Box 12. Folder 1. Notes. College, undated
Box 12. Folder 2. Notes. Hebrew Union College, undated
Box 12. Folder 3. Notes. Hebrew Union College, undated
Box 12. Folder 7. Notes. Miscellaneous, undated
Box 13. Folder 1. Notes. Nuclear weapons, undated
Box 13. Folder 2. Notes. Palestine class, 1936
Box 13. Folder 4. The Shalom Center (Wyncote, Pa), 1987
Box 13. Folder 7. Symphony of Faith, undated
Box 13. Folder 8. Temple Emanu El (Cleveland, Ohio). Confirmation material, undated
Box 14. Folder 1. Temple Emanu El (Cleveland, Ohio). Conversion education, 1984,
Series D. Frances Katz Green Papers, 1932-1989

Extent  0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  This series consists of Frances Katz Green's correspondence, college notes, her social welfare activities in Hamilton County, Ohio, and a draft of her master's thesis, The Attitudes of the Jews Towards the Jewish Education of the Girl. There are also articles and speeches honoring Green's activities and service to Temple Emanu El and the Cleveland community. Photographs are included of a special Sabbath program honoring Mrs. Green shortly before her death.

Arrangement  This series is arranged alphabetically. Material within the folders is in original order.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 15. Folder 3. "The Attitudes of the Jews Towards the Jewish Education of the Girl" thesis draft, 1932
Box 15. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1936-1977
Box 15. Folder 5. Hamilton County, Ohio, social work, 1933-1935
Box 15. Folder 6. Hamilton County, Ohio, social work, 1933-1935
Box 16. Folder 3. Sabbath honoring Frances Katz Green [contains photographs], 1977
Box 16. Folder 4. Social Security notes, 1936

Series E. Photographs, undated

Extent  0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note  This series consists of photographs documenting the Greens' personal life and their activities in the community.

Arrangement  This series is arranged in original order.

Box and Folder Listing
Box 16. Folder 5. Photographs, undated
Box 16. Folder 6. Photographs, undated
Box 16. Folder 7. Photographs, undated
Box 16. Folder 8. Photographs (Houston, Tex.), undated