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**A Finding Aid to the  
Alan S. and Frances Katz Green Papers  
Manuscript Collection No. 724**

## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Alan S. and Frances Katz Green Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1928-1989
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-724
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Green, Alan S., 1907-1989 Green, Frances K.
<b>Extent</b>	6.4 linear feet (16 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## 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.

Apart from his rabbinic duties, Rabbi Green also wrote four books: *Teaching Modern Jewish History Through Fiction* (1939), *A Short History of the Jews* (with Jacob S. Golub, 1942), *Return to Prayer*, (1971), *Sex, God and the Sabbath*, *The Mystery of Jewish Marriage* (1979). Also, Rabbi Green published numerous articles in the *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*, *Liberal Judaism*, and the *Central Conference of American Rabbis Year Book*.

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.

**Terms of Access** The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

**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

**Subjects** Green, Alan S., 1907-1989 / Jews -- Ohio -- Cleveland / Rabbis / Rabbis' spouses / Synagogues -- Ohio -- Cleveland

**Personal Names** Green, Frances Katz

**Corporate Names** Temple Emanu El (Cleveland, Ohio)

**Media** Photographs / Sermons

### **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 4. General correspondence, 1980-1989, undated
- Box 1. Folder 5. Jewish Chautauqua Society, 1936-1954
- Box 1. Folder 6. Kahn, Robert I., 1943-1954
- Box 1. Folder 7. Publishers, 1978-1988

### **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 1. Nineteenth Century Speculation as to the Nature and Scope of Judaism. D.D. thesis, 1937

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 3. Sermons, 1938-1965  
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 5. Folder 3. Sermons, 1960-1969  
Box 5. Folder 4. Sermons, 1960-1969  
Box 6. Folder 1. Sermons, 1961-1969  
Box 6. Folder 2. Sermons, 1962-1987  
Box 6. Folder 3. Sermons, 1964-1979  
Box 6. Folder 4. Sermons, 1970-1973  
Box 7. Folder 1. Sermons, 1970-1978  
Box 7. Folder 2. Sermons, 1971-1976  
Box 7. Folder 3. Sermons, 1971-1980  
Box 7. Folder 4. Sermons, 1973-1974  
Box 8. Folder 1. Sermons, 1979-1989  
Box 8. Folder 2. Sermons, 1980-1989  
Box 8. Folder 3. Sermons, 1981-1988  
Box 8. Folder 4. Sermons and writings, undated  
Box 9. Folder 1. A Short History of the Jews, 1944-1946  
Box 9. Folder 2. Student writings, 1931-1934  
Box 9. Folder 3. "Wonders of the Bible", 1984  
Box 9. Folder 4. Writings. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 9. Folder 5. Youth services and sermons, 1948-1987

## **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 9. Folder 6. Bar mitzvahs. Information and speeches, undated
- Box 9. Folder 7. Biography file, 1946-1989
- Box 9. Folder 8. Book reviews, 1977-1989
- Box 10. Folder 1. Brith B'not Yisrael, undated
- Box 10. Folder 2. Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1979-1986
- Box 10. Folder 3. Child Conservation Council of Greater Cleveland, 1988-1989
- Box 10. Folder 4. Commission on Worship meeting, 1966
- Box 10. Folder 5. Congregation Emanu El (Houston, Tex.), 1944-1946
- Box 10. Folder 6. Congregation Emanu El (Houston, Tex.), 1944-1969, undated
- 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 10. Folder 10. Miscellaneous, 1927-1988
- Box 11. Folder 1. Music lyrics, 1953-1979, undated
- Box 11. Folder 2. National Congress of Sane/Freeze, 1987
- Box 11. Folder 3. Newspaper clippings. Personal, 1947-1984, undated
- Box 11. Folder 4. Newspaper clippings. Sermon ideas, undated
- Box 11. Folder 5. Notes. Antiwar, undated
- Box 11. Folder 6. Notes. College, 1926-1927
- Box 11. Folder 7. Notes. College, 1926-1928
- Box 11. Folder 8. Notes. College, 1927-1929
- 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 4. Notes. Jeremiah, undated
- Box 12. Folder 5. Notes. Jewish and Arab conflicts, 1973-1988
- Box 12. Folder 6. Notes. Miscellaneous, 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 3. Palestine trip, 1935-1936
- Box 13. Folder 4. The Shalom Center (Wyncote, Pa), 1987
- Box 13. Folder 5. "Sixty Years of Achievement of the Graduates of HUC.", 1943-1944
- Box 13. Folder 6. Sixty-fifth birthday, 1972
- 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,

undated

Box 14. Folder 2. Temple Emanu El (Cleveland, Ohio). Memorial Committee minutes, 1953-1977

Box 14. Folder 3. Temple Emanu El (Cleveland, Ohio). Miscellaneous, 1947-1970

Box 14. Folder 4. Temple Emanu El (Cleveland, Ohio). Miscellaneous, 1971-1988, undated

Box 14. Folder 5. Temple Emanu El (Cleveland, Ohio). Religious school, 1968-1969, undated

Box 14. Folder 6. Weddings, marriage, and family. Notes and resources, 1954-1982

Box 14. Folder 7. Weddings, marriage, and family. Notes and resources, 1965-1984, undated

Box 15. Folder 1. Writings by others, 1931-1975, undated

Box 15. Folder 2. Writings by others, 1946-1988, undated

## **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 1. Memorials and obituaries, 1977-1989

Box 16. Folder 2. Miscellaneous, 1932-1977

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