A Finding Aid to the
Jerome R. Malino Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 729
Collection Summary

Title: Jerome R. Malino Papers
Dates: 1906-2002
Collection Number: MS-729
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Malino, Jerome R., 1911-2002
Extent: 20 linear feet (50 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material: English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Jerome Malino (1911-2002) was born on June 7, 1911 in New York City. Rabbi Malino graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1931 and was ordained by the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1935. He received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Alfred University in 1958 and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from HUC-JIR in 1960.

Rabbi Malino assumed rabbinical leadership of the United Jewish Congregation in Danbury, Connecticut in 1935. Over the next 67 years Rabbi Malino was heavily involved in both his congregation and the Danbury community. Malino was a member of the Danbury Board of Education for many years and served as its chair for twenty years helping secure funds to build several new school buildings for the community. Malino was also a member of the Danbury Music Center and the Danbury Concert association.

He was on the Board of Directors of the local anti-poverty agency, as well as several other local human service organizations. Rabbi Malino served as a chaplain for the Federal Corrections Institution in Danbury where he counseled and inspired a number of prisoners. He was also a member of the Institute of Religion in an Age of Science and was elected president of the organization twice.

Malino taught classes in Homiletics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion for a number of years and also held adult study courses for his congregation. In 1979 he was the first Rabbi from a small congregation to be elected President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, a title he held until 1981. Malino retired in 1981 from active service at the United Jewish Congregations but was named Rabbi Emeritus, a post he held until his death in 2002. After his retirement, Malino remained active in his congregation teaching, mentoring, and lecturing.

Rabbi Malino was committed to peace and social and economic justice for all. He remained a pacifist throughout his life, sympathizing with those imprisoned during World War II for being conscientious objectors. He spoke out strongly against the Vietnam War. He lectured and wrote on a variety of topics and published many original poems and translated others.


Scope and Content
Collection consisting of correspondence, subject and organization files, as well as sermons, writings, class notes and audiovisual materials relating to Malino’s career and personal matters.

Arrangement
The collection is divided into eight (8) series: A. Correspondence; B. Subject Files; C. Organizations; D. Sermons and Notes; E. Class Notes; F. Photographs; G. Audiovisual; H. Miscellaneous.

Terms of Access
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Personal Names

Corporate Names
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Media
Photographs / Sermons / Sound recordings / Video recordings

Series A. Correspondence, 1920-1999

Extent
4.4 linear feet (11 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note
Most of the correspondence is general correspondence. Of special interest to researchers is correspondence with Stephen Wise as well as with congregants during World War II. These letters reflect his pacifism and his reluctance to support the war.

Arrangement
The series is arranged chronologically, then alphabetically, and reflects the original order of the collection.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1920-1929
Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1930-1939
Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1940-1949
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1949
Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1949
Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1950
Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1950-1951
Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1950-1951
Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1951-1952
Box 3. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1952
Box 3. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1952-1953
Box 3. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1953
Box 3. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1953
Box 3. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1954
Box 4. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1954
Box 4. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1955
Box 4. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1955
Box 4. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1955
Box 5. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1956
Box 5. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1956
Box 5. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1957
Box 5. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1957
Box 5. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1958
Box 11. Folder 11. Correspondence. Miscellaneous, undated
Box 11. Folder 13. Correspondence. World War II. From congregants, 1942-1945
Box 11. Folder 14. Correspondence. World War II. From congregants, 1942-1945

**Series B. Subject Files, 1924-2001**

**Extent** 6 linear feet (15 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Reflects a variety of activities that Malino was involved with from synagogue activities, including bar and bat mitzvahs to confirmations. It also reflects his involvement in the community including the Federal Correctional Institute in Danbury where he counseled and inspired a number of convicted men.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 12. Folder 2. Adult Study Group notes, 1975
Box 12. Folder 4. Adult education, undated
Box 12. Folder 5. Alfred University, 1969-1971
Box 12. Folder 9. American Red Cross, 1943-1945
Box 12. Folder 10. 60th anniversary correspondence, 1995
Box 12. Folder 11. 25th anniversary ordination, 1960
Box 12. Folder 12. 60th anniversary program and journal, 1995
Box 13. Folder 1. Bar and bat mitzvah, 1971
Box 13. Folder 2. Bar and bat mitzvah speeches and other writings, 1940-1990
Box 13. Folder 4. Biographical information, undated
Box 14. Folder 1. Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, 1978
Box 14. Folder 2. Committee on Civil Rights, 1950-1951
Box 14. Folder 7. Confirmation (5702-5719), 1942-1959
Box 14. Folder 14. Confirmation miscellaneous, undated
Box 14. Folder 16. Contributions (Memorial Fund), 1971
Box 15. Folder 1. Danbury Concert Association, 1988-1999
Box 15. Folder 2. Danbury Jewish Welfare Fund, 1939-1945
Box 15. Folder 3. Danbury Ministerial Association, 1948-1949
Box 15. Folder 5. Danbury Music Centre, 1940-1956
Box 15. Folder 7. Danbury Music Centre, 1985-1989
Box 16. Folder 1. Discretionary Fund, 1971
Box 16. Folder 2. Discretionary Fund, 1979
Box 16. Folder 3. Discretionary Fund, 1979
Box 17. Folder 2. Doctorate, 1960
Box 17. Folder 3. Fair City Foundation, 1947-1950
Box 17. Folder 5. Federal Correctional Institute correspondence, 1942-1947
Box 17. Folder 7. Federal Correctional Institute correspondence, 1948
Box 18. Folder 1. Federal Correctional Institute correspondence, 1952-1953
Series C. Organizations, 1935-2001

Extent  5.6 linear feet (14 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement


Extent  2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Includes Malino’s files from the Central Conference of American Rabbis from before, during, and after he was president.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 27. Folder 1. General, 1950
Box 27. Folder 2. General, 1951
Box 27. Folder 3. General, 1951-1955
Box 27. Folder 4. General, 1952-1953
Box 27. Folder 5. General, 1956-1964
Box 27. Folder 6. General, 1977-1978
Box 27. Folder 7. General, 1978
Box 27. Folder 8. General, 1978-1979
Box 27. Folder 9. General, 1982
Box 27. Folder 11. Admissions, 1968-1976
Box 27. Folder 12. Board of Trustees, 1977-1978
Box 28. Folder 5. Committee on Rabbinic Growth, 1981-1986
Box 28. Folder 6. Committee on Rabbinic Growth, 1982-1995

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains files about Malino’s work on the Danbury Board of Education.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 32. Folder 1. General, 1949-1954
Box 32. Folder 2. General, 1950-1952
Box 32. Folder 3. General, 1956-1959
Box 33. Folder 1. General, 1968
Box 33. Folder 2. General, 1968
Box 33. Folder 3. General, 1968
Box 33. Folder 4. General, 1969
Box 33. Folder 5. General, 1969
Box 33. Folder 6. General, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains files on his work with Hebrew Union College including the Alumni association, Board of Governors, and the homiletics elective that he taught at the school.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 34. Folder 1. Alumni Association, 1952-1953
- Box 34. Folder 2. Alumni program. Breathing Fire into the Text, 1987
- Box 34. Folder 3. Board of Governors, 1973-1977
- Box 34. Folder 4. Class on Creation and Revelation, 1972
- Box 34. Folder 6. Contributions, 1958-1965
- Box 34. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1985-1989
- Box 34. Folder 8. Homiletics elective taught by Malino, 2000-2001
- Box 34. Folder 10. Ordination sermon, "Retrospect and Prospect.", 1983
- Box 34. Folder 11. Overseers Committee, 1976-1978

Subseries 4. Jewish Chautauqua Society, 1943-1970

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains Malino's work with the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 35. Folder 1. General, 1943
- Box 35. Folder 2. General, 1944
- Box 35. Folder 3. General, 1945
- Box 35. Folder 4. General, 1946
- Box 35. Folder 5. General, 1947
- Box 35. Folder 13. General, 1948
- Box 35. Folder 14. General, 1949
- Box 35. Folder 15. General, 1950
- Box 35. Folder 16. General, 1951
- Box 36. Folder 1. General, 1952
Subseries 5. United Jewish Center, 1935-2000

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Deals with Malino’s tenure as rabbi and rabbi emeritus at the United Jewish Center.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 36. Folder 2. General, 1953
Box 36. Folder 3. General, 1954
Box 36. Folder 4. General, 1955
Box 36. Folder 5. General, 1956
Box 36. Folder 6. General, 1957
Box 36. Folder 7. General, 1958
Box 36. Folder 8. General, 1959
Box 36. Folder 9. General, 1960
Box 36. Folder 10. General, 1961
Box 36. Folder 11. General, 1964
Box 36. Folder 13. Miscellaneous, undated

Box 37. Folder 1. Adult Education Committee, 1962-1963
Box 37. Folder 2. Adult study group, 1950
Box 37. Folder 3. Annual report, 1962
Box 37. Folder 4. Board of Trustees, 1960-1969
Box 37. Folder 5. Board of Trustees, 1980-1999
Box 37. Folder 6. Committee on Rabbinic Continuity. Meeting minutes, 1978-1980
Box 37. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1958-1966
Box 37. Folder 8. Correspondence, 1967-1968
Box 37. Folder 11. Correspondence. Malino Journal Committee, 1995
Box 37. Folder 13. Endowment Fund, undated
Box 38. Folder 1. Finance Committee, 1960-1969
Box 38. Folder 2. Finance Committee, 1960-1969
Box 38. Folder 3. Finance Committee, 1960-1969
Box 38. Folder 4. Finances, 1950-1969
Box 38. Folder 5. House Committee, 1960-1964
Box 38. Folder 7. Library correspondence, 1967-1969
Box 38. Folder 8. Malino. 50th anniversary album, Volume I, 1985
Box 38. Folder 9. Malino. 50th anniversary album, Volume II, 1985
Box 39. Folder 1. Malino. 5742 50th anniversary mementos, 1985
Box 39. Folder 2. Malino. 50th anniversary miscellaneous, 1985
Box 40. Folder 1. Planning Committee, 1963-1971
Box 40. Folder 2. Planning Committee, 1969-1972
Box 40. Folder 3. Planning Committee, 1970
Box 40. Folder 4. Planning Committee, 1972-1973
Box 40. Folder 5. Planning Committee, 1972-1973
Box 40. Folder 6. Planning Committee, 1974-1979
Box 40. Folder 7. Planning Committee, 1974-1979
Box 40. Folder 10. Rabbi’s report, 1950-1959
Box 40. Folder 14. Stephen Wise Club, undated
Box 40. Folder 15. Welcome letters, 1967-1968
Box 40. Folder 16. Youth Committee, 1962-1963

Series D. Sermons and Notes, 1935-1981

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Includes copies of Malino’s sermons and sermon notes as well as a list of dates and titles of some of his sermons. There is also a list of sermon themes that Malino wanted to work on. Malino spoke on a variety of issues in topics from biblical history to current events

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 41. Folder 5. Sermons/notes. N-Q, 1936-1943
Box 42. Folder 1. Sermons/notes. T-Z, 1938-1943
Box 42. Folder 2. List and dates of Malino sermon titles, 1944-1981
Box 42. Folder 3. Miscellaneous sermons, undated
Box 42. Folder 4. Miscellaneous sermon notes, undated
Box 43. Folder 1. Miscellaneous sermon notes, undated
Box 43. Folder 2. Miscellaneous sermon notes, undated
Box 43. Folder 3. Miscellaneous sermon notes, undated
Box 43. Folder 4. Miscellaneous sermon notes, undated
Box 43. Folder 5. Sermon/notes, undated
Box 43. Folder 6. Sermon themes, undated
Box 43. Folder 7. Sermon themes, 1942

Series E. Class Notes, 1929-1974

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement

The series is divided into two (2) subseries: 1. Jewish Institute of Religion Classes; 2. Adult Study Group Classes.

Subseries 1. Jewish Institute of Religion Classes, 1929-1932

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Contains class notes from Malino’s courses at the Jewish Institute of Religion including a course he took with Rabbi Stephen Wise. Classes include Bible history, homiletics, Aramaic, and Hebrew.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 44. Folder 1. Aramaic. Marcus, undated
Box 44. Folder 3. Bible. Spiegel, 1931-1932
Box 44. Folder 4. Bible. Friedlander, Israel, 1930
Box 44. Folder 5. Bible Commentary. Dr. Lewis, 1931-1932
Subseries 2. Adult Study Group Classes, 1949-1974

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains notes from Malino’s adult study classes at the United Jewish Center. Malino taught on a variety of topics during these classes including the differences between Christianity and Judaism, Bible history, and current events.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 44. Folder 15. Adult study group, 1967-1974
Box 44. Folder 16. Agnon, 1967
Box 44. Folder 17. American Jew in Today's World, 1969
Box 44. Folder 18. Apocrypha, 1959
Box 44. Folder 19. Bible, 1952-1953
Box 44. Folder 20. Break Through Adult Study Group, 1955 Spring-1964 Fall
Box 44. Folder 21. Chassidism, 1966
Box 45. Folder 1. Devotional Anthology, undated
Box 45. Folder 2. Ethics of the Fathers, 1953
Box 45. Folder 3. Five who shock the world, 1972 Fall
Box 45. Folder 5. Fundamentals of World Religions, 1958
Box 45. Folder 6. History and Prospects of the American Jewish Community, undated
Box 45. Folder 7. How Scientists view Religion, 1961 Spring
Box 45. Folder 8. Is it Reasonable to Believe in God?, 1971 Spring
Box 45. Folder 9. Jerusalem and the West Bank, 1968 Spring
Box 45. Folder 11. Liberal Judaism, 1960 Spring
Box 45. Folder 12. Life is with People. The Culture of the Shtetl, 1970
Box 45. Folder 13. Light in Exile, 1973 Spring  
Box 45. Folder 14. Middle East, 1970  
Box 45. Folder 15. Miscellaneous adult study, lecture notes, undated  
Box 45. Folder 19. Poetry of the Bible, 1961  
Box 45. Folder 20. The Problem of Job, 1959  
Box 45. Folder 21. Religious Existentialism and Martin Buber, 1959  
Box 45. Folder 22. The State of Jewish Belief, 1966  

**Series F. Photographs, 1906-2002**

**Extent** 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Includes various photographs of Malino. The photographs vary from those of him performing religious ceremonies and weddings to professional headshots. This series also include a photograph album from the dedication of the Jerome R. Malino Faculty Development Fund at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City in 2002.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 46. Folder 2. Danbury Hebrew Social Club, 1906  
Box 46. Folder 3. Dedication booklet, 1955  
Box 46. Folder 4. Malino, 1927-1986  
Box 47. Folder 1. Miscellaneous, 1927-1986  
Box 47. Folder 2. Miscellaneous, 1946-1985  
Box 47. Folder 3. Purim events, 1949, 1953  
Box 47. Folder 4. "A Tribute to Rabbi Jerome R. Malino, Rabbi Emeritus, United Jewish Center of Danbury, Dedication of the Jerome R. Malino Faculty Development Fund, HUC-JIR, New York City" photograph album, 2002 January 28  
Box 47. Folder 5. Weddings. Most Malino officiated, 1948-1990  
Box 47. Folder 6. United Jewish Center. Boy Scouts, 1953  
Box 47. Folder 7. United Service Organizations, 1942

**Series G. Audiovisual, 1956-1995**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Contains reel-to-reel and cassette tapes as well as a video tape of sermons and speeches that Malino gave from the 1950s through the 1990s. Some tapes are labeled with titles and dates while others are untitled.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 48. Folder JW-Davens, undated
Box 48. Folder Presentation of Koach Award to Malino, 1976 November 16
Box 48. Folder Pillar of Salt, 1976 November 11
Box 48. Folder Marian Anderson Competition. Danbury Symphony Orchestra, undated
Box 48. Folder A. Eban. G. A., 1956 November 1
Box 48. Folder High Holy Days, 1979 September 21-October 12
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1977 September 12-November 4
Box 48. Folder High Holy Days, 1980 September 10-19
Box 48. Folder Sermons. 40th year, 1975 May 2-October 3
Box 48. Folder Rabbi Malino chapel services. Star Island. IRAS Conference, 1968 July 28-31
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center sermons, 1969 March 7 - 1970 November 13
Box 48. Folder Untitled, 1976 December 31 - 1977 May 20
Box 48. Folder Untitled, 1976 September 24-December 10
Box 48. Folder High Holy Days, 1978 October 1-27
Box 48. Folder High Holy Days, 1974 May 24-October 18
Box 48. Folder Untitled, 1980 March- June 6
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1968 September 24 - 1969 February 28
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center. High Holy Days, 1970 September 30-October 10
Box 48. Folder Sermons, 1971 December 24 - 1972 May 5
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center. Sermons, 1974 January 4-May 17
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center Services, 1967 December 1 - 1968 February 23
Box 48. Folder Untitled, 1977 December 9 - 1978 March 31
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1973 March 30-April
Box 48. Folder Untitled, 1980 February 1-March 21
Box 48. Folder Malino Sunday, 1969 February
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center. Anniversary Program, 1970 November 20-December 5
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1968 March 8-May 31
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center. High Holy Days, 1969 September 12-September 22
Box 48. Folder Untitled, 1975 September 5 -1976 May 14
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1979 March 9-May 18
Box 48. Folder Abba Eban. General Assembly, 1956 November 1
Box 48. Folder Untitled, undated
Box 48. Folder What is Torah?, undated
Box 48. Folder Untitled, undated
Box 48. Folder Untitled, undated
Box 48. Folder A Service with Rabbi Levine, undated
Box 48. Folder Malino. Thursday and Friday at Star Island.
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1971 January 1-April 30
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1972 December 22-1973 March 23
Box 48. Folder United Jewish Center, 1974 November-1975 January 31
Box 48. Folder Sermons, 1972 May 19-December 15
Box 48. Folder Jonathan Conducts Services Preaches Sermon, "Be Ye Holy", 1964 April 24
Box 48. Folder Lycoming Choir Christmas Program?, 1980 February 27
Box 48. Folder Videotape, undated
Box 48. Folder Viewpoints, Rabbi J. R. Malino, October 17
Box 48. Folder Rhoda Daum Show, Rabbi Jerome Malino, 1995 October 14
Box 48. Folder JRM Sermon for R.H. II, 5755

Series H. Miscellaneous, 1911-2001

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains miscellaneous items relating to Malino including a copy of his children’s coloring book “Bible Jingles.” This series also contains Malino’s house blue prints, his birth and marriage certificate, as well as other miscellaneous mementos and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing
Box 49. Folder 1. Bible Jingles Coloring Book by Malino, 1962
Box 49. Folder 2. Birth certificate, 1911 June 7
Box 49. Folder 3. Blueprints. Malino House, 1943
Box 49. Folder 4. Brochures and pamphlets with Malino in them, 1960-1979
Box 49. Folder 5. Encyclopedia of Americana. Judaism articles, undated
Box 49. Folder 6. Federal Correction Institution (Danbury, Conn.), 1940-1942
Box 49. Folder 8. Malino, Rhoda. Will, 1950
Box 49. Folder 9. Miscellaneous, 1940-1999
Box 49. Folder 9. Miscellaneous, 1944-1945
Box 49. Folder 10. Miscellaneous, 1946
Box 49. Folder 11. Miscellaneous, 1947-1948
Box 49. Folder 12. Miscellaneous, 1950
Box 49. Folder 13. Miscellaneous, 1952-1953
Box 49. Folder 14. Miscellaneous, 1956-1957
Box 49. Folder 15. Miscellaneous, 1962-1963
Box 50. Folder 1. Newspaper clippings, 1940-1958
Box 50. Folder 2. Newspaper clippings, 1959-1979
Box 50. Folder 5. Newspaper clippings, undated
Box 50. Folder 8. Notes and mementos, 1951
Box 50. Folder 9. Notes, letters, and mementos, 1949
Box 50. Folder 10. Notes for religious publications and correspondence.
Box 50. Folder 12. Selective Service Medal.
Box 50. Folder 13. Writings and speeches, undated