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W. Gunther Plaut Papers**

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Collection Summary

Title	W. Gunther Plaut Papers
Dates	1934-1994
Collection Number	MS-743
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Plaut, W. Gunther, 1912-2012
Extent	4.8 linear feet (12 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English and German

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Wolf Gunther Plaut was born in 1912 to Jonas and Selma Plaut, in Munster, Germany. He earned his law degree in 1934 from the University of Berlin, but was unable to practice law because of Nazi racial laws. In 1935 he was the recipient of a scholarship from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he and numerous other refugee scholars of the time studied. Astonishingly, he also participated in the Jewish Olympic Games in that same year (tennis). Plaut married Elizabeth Strauss in 1938, was ordained in 1939, and began his first pulpit in Chicago, at the Washington Boulevard Temple, where he served until 1948.

Of equal importance was Plaut's attainment of American citizenship, granted in 1943. The day after this milestone, Plaut enlisted in the Army as a Chaplain. On leave with his congregation's permission for three years, Rabbi Plaut was one of the first Allied soldiers to enter a liberated concentration camp, conducted the first post-war Jewish religious service in Germany, in the gutted Cologne Synagogue, and brought the first Sefer Torah back to Germany. He was decorated with the Bronze Star for his service.

Upon his return to civilian life, Plaut resumed his rabbinical duties, first at Washington Boulevard Temple, and then, beginning in 1948, at Mt. Zion Hebrew Temple, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Never one to rest on his laurels, Rabbi Plaut became President of the St. Paul Gallery and School of Art, and Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Ethics in Government. In 1961, Plaut again decided it was time for a change and accepted the pulpit at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Plaut not only discharged his rabbinical duties, but also wrote five books in five years, beginning in 1961. The Book of Proverbs - A Commentary, Judaism and the Scientific Spirit, The Rise of Reform Judaism, The Growth of Reform Judaism, and The Case for the Chosen People all appeared in quick succession, one per year. An additional book, Your Neighbour is a Jew, rounded out the 60's, accompanied by articles in various periodicals. His contributions to the Toronto newspaper, the Globe and Mail, became a constant feature during the 70's and '80's. His book writing continued, albeit at a slower pace, on into the 1980's. His autobiography, Unfinished Business, along with his Herculean undertaking in authoring and editing The Torah: A Modern Commentary, were both completed in 1981.

Gunther Plaut retired from his rabbinic appointment at Holy Blossom in 1977, but has continued his very productive affiliation with HBT as their first Senior Scholar. Subsequent to his retirement, he served on the Ontario Human Rights Commission as vice-chairman, and then as a member of a board of inquiry. He was President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1983 to 1985, and has served as vice president of the Governing Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

W. Gunther Plaut passed away on February 9, 2012, in Toronto.

Scope and Content

The collection consists largely, though not entirely, of articles written for the Toronto Globe and Mail, the Canadian Jewish News, and the CCAR Journal, and book reviews for a number of different publications. Assorted articles, off-prints, eulogies, sermons, and newsletters edited by Rabbi Plaut comprise the majority of the balance of the collection. Rabbi Plaut personally selected the items which constitute the papers donated to the American Jewish Archives, and certainly they give the researcher a thorough overview of Plaut's writings.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in seven (7) series: A. Articles; B. Eulogies; C. Personal; D. Book Reviews; E. World Federalists of Canada; F. Sermons; G. Miscellaneous.

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Series A. Articles, 1937-1994

Extent 3 linear feet (7.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Articles range from regular columns written for the Toronto Globe and Mail and the Canadian Jewish News, to an article about Jewish pioneers, written for the periodical North Dakota History.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

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Box 1. Folder 4. Time to Think: Articles from the Globe and Mail, 1971-1977

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Box 1. Folder 6. Affirmation. Ontario Human Rights Commission. Edited by WGP.

Box 1. Folder 7. Affirmation. Ontario Human Rights Commission. Edited by WGP.

Box 2. Folder 1. CCAR Commission of Justice and Peace. The Demands of Conscience, 1956

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Box 2. Folder 4. CCAR Journal. "Israel - Notes from a Diary.", 1968 June

Box 2. Folder 5. CCAR Journal. "The Man Who Saved My Life.", 1994 Summer

Box 2. Folder 6. CCAR Journal. "Notes from a New Commentary on the Torah.", 1967

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Box 2. Folder 8. CCAR Journal. "Religious Discipline and Liberal Judaism. The Need for Religious Discipline.", undated

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Box 2. Folder 10. CCAR Journal. "The Three Signs.", 1960 October

Box 2. Folder 11. CCAR Journal. "Voluntary or Forced Giving?", 1965 June

Box 2. Folder 12. CCAR Journal. "The Wandering Aramean: A Commentary on Deuteronomy 26:5.", 1962 January

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Box 2. Folder 29. CCAR Journal off-print. "Socio-Psychological Aspects of Reform Judaism.", 1958 January

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Box 4. Folder 13. Globe Magazine. "The Morality of the Calley Trial.", 1971 May

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Box 5. Folder 5. American Judaism: Present and Future. Proceedings and Papers, 1961 Fall

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Box 5. Folder 7. American Judaism. "The Shofar's Uncertain Call.", 1963 Fall

Box 5. Folder 8. Atlantic Monthly. Letter to the Editor, 1938

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Box 5. Folder 10. Canadian Jewish News. "The Deputy Reflections on the Christian-Jewish Dialogue.".

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Box 7. Folder 11. The Reconstructionist. "Toward a Higher Morality.", 1963 March

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Box 7. Folder 31. Synagogue Service Bulletin. "Dramalogues.", 1952 September

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Box 7. Folder 38. Toronto Star. "Torchbearers for a New Approach to the Old Religion."

Box 8. Folder 1. UNB Law Journal. "Contribution to the forum of the U.N.B. Law Journal discussing the Report of the Committee.", 1991

Box 8. Folder 2. United Israel Bulletin. "Should Jews Seek Converts?", 1958 May

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Box 8. Folder 9. Voices of Canadian Jews, 1988

Box 8. Folder 10. The Western Jewish News. Are Jews Different?, 1952 December 12

Box 8. Folder 11. Wexner Heritage Review. What Does God Require of us?, 1994 July

Series B. Eulogies, 1953-1980

Extent 0.1 linear feet (0.25 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note There are five eulogies in this very brief series, one of them for Plaut's mother-in-law, Therese Abraham Strauss.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

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Series C. Personal, 1934-1964

Extent 0.1 linear feet (0.25 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Plaut's law school dissertation (in German) and army papers are among the documents in this small series. His citation for the Bronze Star can be found [here](#).

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

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Series D. Book Reviews, 1948-1989

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Plaut's love of the written word, while amply demonstrated by the sheer volume of his writings, is given further expression in his critiques of the writings of others. He was frequently invited to review books about Judaism or Germany.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

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- Box 9. Folder 3. Book review. Hier bin Ich Mein Vater [review in English, book written in German], 1948
- Box 9. Folder 4. Book review. The Jews: A Chronicle for Christian Conscience, 1967
- Box 9. Folder 5. Canadian Journal of Sociology. The Canadian Jewish Mosaic, 1981
- Box 9. Folder 6. CCAR Journal. Die Reste des Judisdeutschen [review in English, book written in German], 1971
- Box 9. Folder 7. CCAR Journal. Jewish Folkways in Germanic Lands (1648 to 1806): Studies in Aspects of Daily Life, 1972
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- Box 9. Folder 12. Osgoode Hall Law Journal. The Report of the Special Committee on Hate Propaganda in Canada, 1967
- Box 9. Folder 13. Prozdor. Judaism and the Scientific Spirit [Hebrew, with English summary], 1963
- Box 9. Folder 14. Queen's Quarterly. Out of the Ghetto: The Social Background of Jewish Emancipation, 1770-1870, 1976
- Box 9. Folder 15. Queen's Quarterly. The Jewish Mind, 1978

Series E. World Federalists of Canada, 1961-1970

Extent 0.1 linear feet (0.25 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note The World Federalists believed world peace could be achieved through one-world government. Plaut served as president of the World Federalists of Canada from 1966 to 1968. The series consists largely of World Federalist publications.

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Series F. Sermons, 1941-1982

Extent 0.5 linear feet (1.25 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

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- Box 9. Folder 26. The Cross on the State Centennial Seal, 1957 May 3
- Box 9. Folder 27. The Deputy - Reflections on the Christian-Jewish Dialogue, 1964 March 20
- Box 9. Folder 28. The Hard Way of Reform Judaism: Three Sermons, 1961
- Box 9. Folder 29. Should Jews Seek Converts?, 1958 April 18
- Box 9. Folder 30. Why Be Moral?, 1972 November 5
- Box 9. Folder 31. Your Neighbor is a Jew, 1972 October 22
- Box 9. Folder 32. Miscellaneous sermons.
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Series G. Miscellaneous, 1955-1985

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of temple newsletters, convention proceedings, invocations, dedications, meeting reports, radio broadcast scripts, adult education materials, speeches, and more.

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- Box 11. Folder 4. Dedication - Mt. Sinai Hospital Synagogue, 1975 October 26
- Box 11. Folder 5. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Ordination/graduation speeches, 1975
- Box 11. Folder 6. Herzl Yearbook, Vol. V, reprint. How Zionism Came to Minnesota, 1963
- Box 11. Folder 7. Holy Blossom Temple. Tribute dinner, 1977 December
- Box 11. Folder 8. Invocation. Minnesota Academy of General Practice, 1960 November-December
- Box 11. Folder 9. Israel Yearbook on Human Rights reprint. Anti-Semitism in the World Today, 1981
- Box 11. Folder 10. Manifesto. United Jewish Welfare Fund, 1966 October 4

Box 11. Folder 11. Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Annual Board of Directors meeting, 1982

Box 11. Folder 12. Message for the Port Elizabeth Congregation, Temple Israel, 1985 August

Box 11. Folder 13. Prayers.

Box 11. Folder 14. Program. Anniversary ball in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Plaut, 1971 December 11

Box 11. Folder 15. Program. Evening of the Arts in honor of Plaut's 10th anniversary at Holy Blossom Temple, 1971 December 14

Box 11. Folder 16. Radio broadcast scripts, 1950s

Box 11. Folder 17. Religion and Adult Education. Continuous learning at Holy Blossom, 1966

Box 11. Folder 18. Resolution of appreciation. Mt. Zion Temple (St. Paul, Minn.), 1958 September 2

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Box 12. Folder 2. Address, Glen Rush Public School PTA, 1965 February 4

Box 12. Folder 3. Address, Haifa University. Religion and Science, A New Initiative, 1980 December 29

Box 12. Folder 4. Address, Israel in Lebanon, Public and Private Perceptions, 1982 August 27

Box 12. Folder 5. Address to Kallah. World Union for Progressive Judaism, 1980 February 27

Box 12. Folder 6. Address, Negev dinner, 1975 November 26

Box 12. Folder 7. Address, New England Council Convention. Reform's New Frontier, 1962 November 17

Box 12. Folder 8. Address. The Rabbi's Role: Divine Ridicule and Human Loneliness, 1970 June 6

Box 12. Folder 9. Address and article. On the Fourth Day of the War, 1973

Box 12. Folder 10. Address and prayer service for hijacked hostages, 1970 September 9

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