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**A Finding Aid to the
National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis
Records**

Manuscript Collection No. 759



Collection Summary

Title	National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis Records
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Creator	National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis
Extent	1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch In 1982, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Committee on Aging suggested that an Association of Retired Members be formed. This suggestion was carried forward by the Committee on Retirement, chaired by Rabbi Paul Gorin. The first meeting of the Association took place March 25, 1984, at which time it was called the National Association of Retired Rabbis of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The Preamble to the new organization's Constitution could well have served as a Mission Statement:

"We, the retired members of the CCAR, conscious of both the problems and privileges of the older years, seek to band together to share our experience and strengthen each other. For many of us, there are problems of adjusting to new status and the lack of professional fellowship which lead often to a sense of displacement and even loneliness. The opportunities we seek include continuation of Torah study; a chance to serve in volunteer or part-time professional ways; a supportive network of colleagues, their wives or their widows; and organized role in the advancement of the welfare and dignity of all older citizens; a chance to share our experience with colleagues approaching their retirement years; and, in all of this and through it, fellowship and mutual enrichment."

Other rabbis present at this first meeting included Harold Gelfman, Robert Kahn, Joseph Glaser, Gunther Plaut, Harold Saperstin, Earl Stone, Alfred Goodman, and Joseph Levinson, as well as others. Annual conferences have taken place ever since, in January. Subjects of continuing interest at these conferences have included Financial Planning for Retirement, Estate Planning, and Supplemental Insurance. The custom of honoring a particular member began right at the outset. Judging from the tone of the correspondence in the collection, the conferences were much anticipated and enjoyed. Erwin and Agnes Herman took the lead in conference planning for many years.

Scope and Content Records include a brief history of the organization, along with papers documenting the planning and execution of the NAORRR's annual conference. Well-known speakers have included Jacob Marcus, Joseph Glaser, David Polish, Gunther Plaut, and Michael Cook.

Arrangement The collection is divided into two (2) series: A. Conference Planning; B. Conference Proceedings.

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Index Terms

Subjects	Rabbis / Reform Judaism
Corporate Names	National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis

Series A. Conference Planning, 1982-2000

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists primarily of correspondence and documents having to do with the planning and execution of the organization's annual conference during the years 1984-1996. Other items include a history of the NAORRR, questionnaires, and mailings.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. NAORRR history, 1982-2000
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- Box 1. Folder 4. Health insurance, 1988-1992
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- Box 1. Folder 9. Business meeting. Cincinnati, 1989
- Box 1. Folder 10. Conference planning, 1988-1989
- Box 1. Folder 11. Conference planning, 1989
- Box 1. Folder 12. Conference. Scottsdale, 1989
- Box 2. Folder 1. Contracts, salaries, and finances, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 2. Lefkowitz, David. Correspondence, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 3. NAORRR/CCAR, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 4. Relief and subvention proposal, 1989-1991
- Box 2. Folder 5. Rubin, Alvan D. Questionnaire, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 6. Schwartzman, Sylvan. Correspondence, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 8. Conference planning. Ft. Lauderdale, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 9. Conference planning. Ft. Lauderdale, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 10. Conference planning. Ft. Lauderdale, 1990
- Box 2. Folder 11. Conference planning. San Diego, 1991
- Box 2. Folder 12. Conference. San Diego, 1991
- Box 2. Folder 13. Correspondence, 1990-1991
- Box 2. Folder 14. Correspondence, 1991
- Box 3. Folder 1. Membership, 1992
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- Box 3. Folder 3. Conference. Hollywood, Fla., 1992
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- Box 3. Folder 5. Conference planning. Tampa, 1994

Box 3. Folder 6. Conference. Tampa, 1994

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Box 3. Folder 8. Conference. Palm Springs, 1995

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Series B. Conference Proceedings, 1989-2000

Extent 117 sound cassettes

Scope and Content Note The series, while listed in the finding aid with the manuscript collection, is held with the audio cassette tape collection as numbers C-4386 to C-4495.

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Item C-4387. Alfred Wolf introducing Herman Schaalman, 1989

Item C-4388. David Lefkowitz's Azkara, 1989

Item C-4389. Jacob Marcus, 1989

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Item C-4400. Storytime Fun, 1991

Item C-4401. Paul Steinberg, Lou Silberman, 1991

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Item C-4404. David Polish and Gunther Plaut, 1992

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Item C-4409. Honoring Ezra Spicehandler, 1992

Item C-4410. Marc Saperstein lecture #2.

Item C-4411. Speaker: Albert Goldman, 1992

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Item C-4433. Erwin Herman, Ahron Opher, Morris Kipper, 1994

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Item C-4435. Opening Session, 1995

Item C-4436. Lou Silberman lecture #1, 1995

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Item C-4439. Divrei Torah, 1995

Item C-4440. Lou Silberman lecture #2, 1995

Item C-4441. Honoring Roland Gittelsohn, 1995

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Item C-4444. A Potpourri of Religious Thought, 1995

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