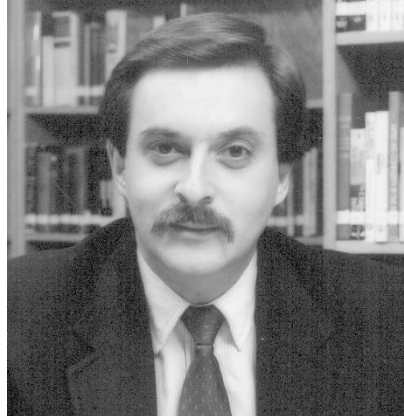




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**A Finding Aid to the
Abie I. Ingber Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 792



Collection Summary

Title	Abie I. Ingber Papers
Dates	1830-2005
Collection Number	MS-792
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Ingber, Abie I., 1950
Extent	2 linear feet (2 record cartons)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Born in Montreal, Canada, in 1950, Abie Ingber received his ordination from the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in 1977, and served for over thirty years as the executive director and senior rabbi of the Hillel Jewish Student Center in Cincinnati. He currently serves as adjunct professor of theology at Xavier University and lecturer in homiletics at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, and is the founding director of Xavier University’s Office of Interfaith Community Engagement.

Ingber is a strong advocate on behalf of social justice. In 1969, as one of the founders of the student movement for human rights for Soviet Jewry, he convinced John Lennon and Yoko Ono at the height of their “Love-In” to sign his petition for Russian Jewish emigration. He has since traveled to Darfur with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and had audiences with both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. As a result of this interfaith work, he co-convened the first Catholic-Jewish Lay Conference at the Vatican, and co-created the award-winning exhibit, “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.” Ingber is also a founding board member of the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier University, and in 2009, delivered 31,099 prayers written by exhibit visitors to Jerusalem’s Western Wall.

Ingber has four daughters.

--Adapted from <http://www.xavier.edu/interfaith/about-rabbi-ingber.cfm> (accessed November 2, 2011), and <http://www.globalcincinnati.org/SpecialistDetails.aspx?Name=Abie%20Ingber> (accessed November 2, 2011)

Scope and Content This collection consists of files of Jewish communities in the United States compiled by Rabbi Abie I. Ingber. These files include news clippings, synagogue directories, yearbooks, cemetery records, record surveys and inventories, maps, and histories of Jewish communities, organized by state. Not all states have the same depth of documentation, Ohio is particularly strong, while Alabama is somewhat limited. There is also extensive documentation of the history of Congregation Sherith Israel (Cincinnati, Ohio), including building plans, cemetery list, news clippings, correspondence, and photographs. These are of particular interest because they include Rabbi Ingber's discovery of the dilapidated and abandoned Sherith Israel Temple in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio and his fight to have the site declared an historic landmark by the Historic Conservation Board.

Arrangement This collection is arranged in two (2) series: Series A. United States Jewish Community Files. 1871-2005 and Series B. Congregation Sherith Israel (Cincinnati, Ohio). 1830-1997.

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

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Index Terms

Subjects Jewish cemeteries / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Jews -- United States
Corporate Names Congregation Sherith Israel (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Media Photographs / Yearbooks

Series A. United States Jewish Community Files, 1871-2005

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1-47. Alabama-North Dakota.

Box 2. Folder 1-16. Ohio-Virginia.

Series B. Congregation Sherith Israel (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1830-1997

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 17-23. Congregation Sherith Israel (Cincinnati, Ohio).