A Finding Aid to the
Bruce J. Pfeffer Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 795
Collection Summary

**Title**  
Bruce J. Pfeffer Papers

**Dates**  
2003-2009

**Collection Number**  
MS-795

**Repository**  
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

**Creator**  
Pfeffer, Bruce J., 1963

**Extent**  
3 linear feet (3 record cartons)

**Language of the Material**  
English

Administrative Information

**Biographical Sketch**  
Bruce J. Pfeffer was born in the Bronx, New York, in 1963, and ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2000. While a student at the Jerusalem campus of HUC-JIR, he formed a chapter of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, and in Cincinnati he served as a student rabbi to Congregation Kol Ami in Flower Mound, Texas. A board certified chaplain, he became one of the chaplains at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, and later at the Community Health Home Services Hospice in Indianapolis, Indiana. He currently serves Congregation Beth Shalom in Indianapolis.

Pfeffer is a supporter of Maqom, an institution dedicated to adult Torah study. He also teaches at the Bureau of Jewish Education in Indiana, and in 2010 formed a community bereavement support group through the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. He and his wife, Amy, have two children.

**Scope and Content**  
This collection consists of meeting minutes, correspondence, guidelines, and religious service materials relating to Bruce J. Pfeffer's time as a chaplain at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, his involvement with the Human Services Advisory Council for the City of Cincinnati, and his role in the Clifton Heights, University Heights, Fairview (CUF) community development. There are also pamphlets, magazines, and promotional materials for the Jewish Community Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Arrangement**  
This collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

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

**Preferred Citation**  
Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Bruce J. Pfeffer papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-795. Bruce J. Pfeffer papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Provenance**  
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**Processing Information**  
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Index Terms

**Subjects**  
Chaplains, Hospital / Hospitals / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati

**Personal Names**  
Pfeffer, Bruce J., 1963-

**Corporate Names**  
Jewish Community Center (Indianapolis, Ind.) / Jewish Hospitals, Inc. (Cincinnati, Ohio)

**Media**  
Minutes

**Series A. General, 2003-2009**
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1-27. Jewish Hospital Chaplaincy materials and Clifton Heights, University Heights, Fairview (CUF) community development.

Box 2. Folder 1-12. Human Services Advisory Committee (Cincinnati, Ohio).

Box 3. Folder 1-5. Jewish Community Center (Indianapolis, Indiana).