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**A Finding Aid to the
Morrison David Bial Papers
Manuscript Collection No. 813**

Collection Summary

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| Title | Morrison David Bial Papers |
| Dates | 1970-1980 |
| Collection Number | MS-813 |
| Repository | The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives |
| Creator | Bial, Morrison David, 1917-2004 |
| Extent | 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box) |
| Language of the Material | English |

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Born in New York in 1917, Morrison David Bial studied at Princeton Theological Seminary, served as a chaplain at Mitchell Field during World War II, and was ordained from the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1945. He spent over thirty years serving Temple Sinai in Summit, New Jersey, from 1953 until he became Rabbi Emeritus in 1985. From 1985-1995, Bial joined Temple Beth Shalom in Ocala, Florida, revitalizing its interfaith movement, and served as Rabbi Emeritus until his death in 2004. In 2000 he had his second bar mitzvah, officiated by Walter Zanger, a man whose own bar mitzvah he had officiated at 52 years earlier.

Bial spoke from pulpits in the United States as well as in Dublin, Glasgow, and London. He led a number of tours to Israel, and published thirteen books, including *The Rabbi's Bible: Torah and The Rabbi's Bible: Prophets* (began in 1966, co-authored with Solomon Simon), *Liberal Judaism at Home: the Practices of Modern Reform Judaism* (1971), and *Your Jewish Child* (1978). He and his late wife, Dorothy, had two children.

--Adapted from : <http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1356&dat=19940430&id=nHgzaAAAIBAJ&sjid=9wcEAAAIBAJ&pg=6739,6706610> (accessed November 7, 2011)

Scope and Content Collection consisting of Biblical commentaries, miscellaneous writings, and a manuscript titled, *Your Jewish Child*, together with correspondence and papers concerning his work in establishing interfaith joint worship opportunities, Israel tour missions for Christian clergy, and materials concerning the music committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, chaired by Bial.

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 Morrison David Bial Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-813. Morrison David Bial Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provenance Received from Morrison D. Bial, Ocala, Fla., 		1994—1995.

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Index Terms

Subjects Interfaith worship / Jewish children / Judaism -- Relations -- Christianity / Rabbis
Corporate Names Central Conference of American Rabbis. Music committee

Series A. General, 1970-1980

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Israel Tour Mission for Christian Clergy, 1978

Box 1. Folder 2. CCAR Music Committee, 1979-1980

Box 1. Folder 3. Interfaith Joint Worship.

Box 1. Folder 4. "Your Jewish Child".

Box 1. Folder 5. Miscellaneous writings.

Box 1. Folder 6. Untitled manuscript.