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Edward Paul Cohn Correspondence**

Manuscript Collection No. 815



Collection Summary

Title	Edward Paul Cohn Correspondence
Dates	1974-2013
Collection Number	MS-815
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Cohn, Edward Paul, 1948
Extent	3 linear feet (3 record cartons)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Edward Paul Cohn was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1948. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from the University of Cincinnati in 1970, his Master of Hebrew letters degree from Hebrew Union College-Jewish of Religion in 1974, and his Doctor of Ministry degree from the St. Paul School of Theology in 1984. From 1974 to 1976, Cohn was the Assistant Rabbi at The Temple, in Atlanta, Georgia. He served as the Rabbi of Beth Israel in Macon, Georgia from 1976 to 1979, and of the New Reform Temple in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1979 to 1983. Before his selection as Senior Rabbi of Temple Sinai in New Orleans in 1987, Cohn was Rabbi of Temple Sinai in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is past president of the Southwest Association of Reform Rabbis. He was appointed by the Mayor of New Orleans to chair the New Orleans Holocaust Memorial Project. He also served as founding chairman of the City Human Relations Committee and is an active leader in the Jewish and larger communities of the New Orleans metropolitan region. From 2005-2007, Cohn served as ethics consultant for MSNBC and appeared on "The Ethical Edge." Cohn was named contributing editor of the prestigious national journal of preaching, Pulpit Digest, and was asked to serve on the Union for Reform Judaism Congregation Committee on the Family. He was appointed to the Joint Commission on Interfaith Relations sponsored by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, The Men of Reform Judaism and the Union for Reform Judaism. He is past president of the Rabbinical Council of Greater New Orleans and has served as adjunct professor at Dillard University. Cohn currently serves on the Board of Visitors of Xavier University.

He is married to the former Andrea Levy and they have two daughters, Jennifer and Debra, a grandson, Maxwell Cohn Kesselheim, and a granddaughter, Ryann Eliza Kraar.

- Adapted from a biographical sketch on Temple Sinai's website. Accessed October 31, 2011.

Scope and Content Correspondence received while Cohn worked in Georgia from 1974 to 1979 and Kansas City, Missouri from 1979 to 1983. Additional correspondence, 2013.

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

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

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Personal Names Cohn, Edward Paul, 1948-

Corporate Names Congregation Beth Israel (Macon, Ga.) / Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (Atlanta, Ga.) / New Reform Temple (Kansas City, Mo.) / Temple Sinai (New Orleans, La.) / Temple Sinai (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

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