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Abram V. Goodman Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 816



Collection Summary

Title	Abram V. Goodman Papers
Dates	1930-1950 (bulk 1947-1950)
Collection Number	MS-816
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Goodman, Abram Vossen, 1903-2002
Extent	1 linear foot (1 record carton)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Abram Vossen Goodman was born in Boston in 1903, the son of a physician. He received his prep school training at The Roxbury Latin School and graduated from Harvard College in 1924. He prepared for the rabbinate at the Jewish Institute of Religion, where he received a Masters of Hebrew Literature and was ordained as a rabbi in 1928. Following graduation, he went abroad for the better part of a year pursuing studies at the Hebrew University and the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. He studied in Vienna and took courses at Harvard and the University of Chicago before receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in Austin. While in Austin, he occupied the pulpit at Temple Beth Israel from 1935 to 1941 and served as Hillel Director at the university. After serving at Temple Emanu-El of Davenport, Iowa from 1941-1952, Goodman came to Temple Sinai of Long Island in Lawrence, N.Y. He was very active in Jewish and communal affairs, being a member of the Board of Overseers of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, curator of the American Jewish Historical Society and First Vice President of the Jewish Information Society. He co-chaired the Joint Commission on National Conciliation of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

--Adapted from a biographical sketch on the Temple Am Echad website (<http://am-echad.org/vossengoodman.html>).

Scope and Content The Abram V. Goodman papers consist of student notes and writings, together with other essays, scholarship, and correspondence. The bulk of the collection pertains to the research and writing of his book, *American Overture: Jewish Rights in Colonial Times* (published in 1947).

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 Abram V. Goodman Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms

Subjects	Rabbis / United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
Personal Names	Goodman, Abram Vossen, 1903-2002
Media	Manuscripts

Series A. General, 1930-1950

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. American Overture: Jewish Rights in Colonial Times [Pope Pruuts].

Box 1. Folder 2. American Overture: Jewish Rights in Colonial Times.

Box 1. Folder 3. Chiaroscuro in 18th Century Rhode Island.

Box 1. Folder 4. Historical research documents.

Box 1. Folder 5. Student notebooks.

Box 1. Folder 6. Miscellaneous articles.

Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence.

Box 1. Folder 8. Miscellaneous notes and writings.

Box 1. Folder 9. Miscellaneous.