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Herbert Bronstein Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 821
Collection Summary

Title          Herbert Bronstein Papers
Dates         1952-1997
Collection Number  MS-821
Repository       The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator       Bronstein, Herbert
Extent       17 linear feet (17 record cartons)
Language of the Material  English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch  Herbert Bronstein was born in 1930 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1957, he served as rabbi at Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rochester, New York until 1972. Bronstein then moved to North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Illinois where he served as Senior Rabbi until 1997. Now serving as Rabbi Emeritus/Senior Scholar at North Shore Congregation Israel, Rabbi Bronstein is also a lecturer at Lake Forest College in the history of religions. During his tenure as chairman of the Reform Jewish Liturgy Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1981 to 1991, the committee published the best selling Haggadah for Passover of which he was the editor, as well as Gates of Prayer, the Five Scrolls, and other worship liturgies.

--Adapted from "About Us: Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, Senior Scholar", North Shore Congregation Israel. (http://www.nsci.org/about us/about us.php?page=107)

Scope and Content  This collection consists mostly of correspondence, sermons, and writings, along with miscellaneous alphabetical files that cover a variety of topics. The sermons and writings are identified either by the title, by the holiday (e.g. Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, etc.), or by subject. Included are materials on the Haggadah for Passover and The Five Scrolls, published by the Reform Jewish Liturgy Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

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

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Corporate Names  North Shore Congregation Israel (Glencoe, Ill.)
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