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**A Finding Aid to the
Philip T. Cohen Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 827

Collection Summary

Title	Philip T. Cohen Papers
Dates	1962-1992
Collection Number	MS-827
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Cohen, Philip T., 1920
Extent	0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box).
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Born in 1920, Philip T. Cohen graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering, and was a major in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. During the 1960s he was president of the Beacon Construction Company and vice-president of the Temple Bar Building Company. In 2007 he founded his own contracting company.

As soon as he returned from World War II, Cohen began volunteering in the Jewish community. He was part of the original Cincinnati Jewish Leadership Council, founded in 1961 to stimulate the development of young leadership in the Jewish community, and served on the executive board of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati from its inception in June 1967. In 1968 he was chairman of the Federation's Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign, and served on the Board of the Trustees for the Federation for years, currently holding the status of emeritus. In 1986, Cohen received the William A. Mitchell award at the Cincinnati Community Chest and Council for four decades of leadership with the Jewish Federation. He was cited for his "instrumental role in the agency's strategic planning process, development of a new mission statement and supporting priorities plan." Under his guidance and development, new facilities were constructed for Glen Manor Home for the Jewish Aged, Jewish Vocational Service and Camp Livingston. Mr. Cohen was also an active member of the community coalition on emergency assistance, and in 2001 he received the Jewish Federation's Robert V. Goldstein Volunteer of the Year Award.

Cohen and his wife Helene are lifelong Rockdale Temple members, and are stakeholders in "Bridges for a Just Community," the Cincinnati region's leading human relations organization which focuses on bringing the values of diversity, inclusion and social justice to schools, communities, workplaces and institutions.

Scope and Content This collection consists of correspondence, reports, and memos concerning Congregation Bene Israel (Cincinnati, Ohio) and various charitable organizations such as the United Jewish Appeal and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Included are administrative documents, development plans, and materials related to Congregation Bene Israel's Rabbinical searches in 1969 and 1979-1980.

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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Index Terms

Subjects Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati
Personal Names Cohen, Philip T., 1920-
Corporate Names Congregation Bene Israel (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Series A. General, 1962-1992

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 1. Folder 3. NCCJ Award, 1989

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Box 1. Folder 5. Rockdale Temple rabbinical search, 1969

Box 1. Folder 6. Rockdale Temple rabbinical search, 1979-1980

Box 1. Folder 7. Rockdale Temple development, 1988

Box 1. Folder 8. Schifrin Award, 1962

Box 1. Folder 9. United Jewish Appeal Mission Israel Poland trip, 1983

Box 1. Folder 10. United Jewish Appeal Regional, 1982-1987