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William J. Leffler II Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 844



Collection Summary

Title	William J. Leffler II Papers
Dates	1966-1986
Collection Number	MS-844
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Leffler, William J.
Extent	1 linear foot (1 record carton)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch William J. Leffler, II was born on November 24, 1929 in New York, N.Y. He was ordained in 1959 from the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He first served at Temple Beth Jacob in Concord, New Hampshire, and then in 1964 moved to Temple Adath Israel in Lexington, Kentucky. He retired from Temple Adath Israel in 1986 after twenty-one years of service. A passionate advocate for interfaith relations, Leffler is the co-author of *Jews and Mormons: The Two Houses of Israel* (1997) as well as *The Structure of Religion: Judaism and Christianity* (2005).

After retirement from the rabbinate, Leffler became a certified financial planner. He has served as Vice President to Moneywatch Advisors, Inc. in Lexington, Kentucky, and later as a financial advisor in Kennebunkport, Maine.

He and his wife Kathryn have three children.

Scope and Content This collection consists of meeting minutes, correspondence, and newsletters collected by Leffler while at Temple Adath Israel (Lexington, Kentucky) concerning organizations such as the American Jewish Committee, Hebrew Union College, Great Lakes Ohio Valley Association of Reform Rabbis (GLOVAR) (part of CCAAR), Association of Reform Zionists of America, and the Lexington Interfaith Council. Topics covered include Jews in Arab lands, Syrian Jewry, and Soviet Jewry. Significant information is included on the Association of Reform Zionists of America from its inception (1977/8) until 1984.

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	Rabbis
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Media	Correspondence / Newsletters

Series A. General, 1966-1986

Box and Folder Listing

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