A Finding Aid to the
Eugene J. Lipman Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 862
Collection Summary

Title: Eugene J. Lipman Papers
Collection Number: MS-862
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Lipman, Eugene J.
Extent: 5 linear feet (5 record cartons)
Language of the Material: English and Hebrew

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Eugene Jay Lipman was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 13, 1919. He attended the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Cincinnati before being ordained by Hebrew Union College in 1943.

Lipman was rabbi of Temple Sinai in Washington, D.C. from June 1961 to July 1985, after which he served as rabbi emeritus. He had previously performed rabbinical duties at Temple Beth El in Fort Worth, Texas, and Temple Emanuel in Mansfield, Ohio. Lipman was an army chaplain from 1944 to 1946 while aiding displaced persons in Germany until 1948, and again in 1950 and 1951 at the start of the Korean War.

He was director of the B’nai B’rith Foundation at the University of Washington in Seattle (1949-1951), director of Synagogue Activities (1951-1961) and the Commission on Social Action (1953-1961) for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (1987-1989). Lipman also taught at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and at Harvard University, Columbia University, the American University and Catholic University in Washington, DC.

Lipman authored several books including Justice and Judaism, A Tale of Ten Cities, The Rabbi in Secular Society, and The Mishnah Oral Teachings of Judaism as well as contributions to a variety of publications.


Scope and Content
Articles, sermons, course material for classes both taught and taken, Temple Sinai records, and notes from organizations. Notable correspondents include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (St. Augustine civil rights), Cesar Chavez, and Justice Arthur Goldberg. The correspondence file, "Dear People," contains periodic updates on the activities of the Lipman family.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged in three (3) series: A. Sermons and Writings, 1939-1993; B. Temple Sinai, 1961-1993; C. General, 1936-1998.

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Index Terms
**Subjects**
Jews -- Washington (D.C.) / Military chaplains / Rabbis / Social action

**Personal Names**
Levin, Aryeh, 1885-1969 / Lipman, Eugene J.

**Corporate Names**
Hebrew Union College / Temple Sinai (Washington, D.C.)

**Media**
Sermons

**Series A. Sermons and Writings, 1939-1993**

**Extent**
2 linear feet (2 record cartons)

**Scope and Content Note**
Sermons on social causes, weekly Torah portions, and for the High Holy Days. Published articles and other writings including a manuscript on Aryeh Levin.

**Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 1. Folder 2. Sermons, 1965-1984
- Box 1. Folder 4. Sermons, 1961-1993
- Box 1. Folder 5. Sermons, 1948-1993
- Box 1. Folder 7. Sermons, guest, 1959-1993
- Box 1. Folder 8. Installation sermons, 1986-1992
- Box 1. Folder 10. Sermons, Sabbath and holiday, 1944-1953
- Box 1. Folder 11. Sermons, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, 1943-1957
- Box 1. Folder 12. Sermons, weddings and funerals, 1943, undated
- Box 1. Folder 13. Sermons, student, 1939-1942
- Box 1. Folder 15. Philosophy, 1963
- Box 1. Folder 16. High Holidays, 1964
- Box 1. Folder 17. High Holidays, 1965
- Box 1. Folder 18. High Holidays, 1966
- Box 1. Folder 19. High Holidays, 1967
- Box 1. Folder 20. High Holidays, 1968
- Box 1. Folder 21. High Holidays, 1969
- Box 1. Folder 22. High Holiday sermons, 1970
- Box 1. Folder 23. High Holiday sermons, 1970
- Box 1. Folder 24. Sermons, 1971
- Box 1. Folder 25. Yom Kippur morning, 1973
- Box 1. Folder 26. High Holiday sermons, 1974
- Box 1. Folder 27. High Holiday sermons, 1973
- Box 1. Folder 28. High Holiday sermons, 1976
Series B. Temple Sinai, 1961-1993

Extent 1 linear foot (1 record carton)

Scope and Content Note Annual reports, board minutes, marriage records, bulletins and Temple Sinai records.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 3. Folder 2. Temple Sinai annual reports, 1962-1977
Box 3. Folder 5. General board minutes, 1962
Box 3. Folder 7. Capital fundraising, 1989
Box 3. Folder 8. Conversion class, 1961-1962
Box 3. Folder 10. Marriage cards, 1966-1968
Box 3. Folder 11. Marriage cards, 1979-1980

**Series C. General, 1936-1998**

**Extent** 2 linear feet (2 record cartons)

**Scope and Content Note** Subjects include the Central Conference of American Rabbis, chaplaincy, correspondence, course material, television commentaries, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 4. Folder 1. ACLU-Creche case, 1971
Box 4. Folder 5. Book reviews, 1953-1963
Box 4. Folder 8. CCAR convention, 1991
Box 4. Folder 9. Capital punishment, undated
Box 4. Folder 10. CCAR budget and finance, 1982-1984
Box 4. Folder 11. Pilchik committee, 1988
Box 4. Folder 13. CCAR Centennial convention, 1989
Box 4. Folder 14. CCAR Jerusalem convention, 1988
Box 4. Folder 15. CCAR Innisbrook convention, 1987
Box 4. Folder 16. CCAR executive board, 1982-1996
Box 4. Folder 17. CCAR homosexuals, 1987-1990
Box 4. Folder 19. Chaplaincy, 1945-1951
Box 4. Folder 20. Chaplaincy, monthly reports, 1944-1951
Box 4. Folder 21. Correspondence, 1943-1994
Box 4. Folder 22. Correspondence, 1961-1988
Box 4. Folder 26. Christianity and the church, 1939-1940
Box 4. Folder 27. Correspondence, "Dear People", 1947-1973
Box 4. Folder 29. Judaism general introduction course material, undated
Box 4. Folder 30. Jewish sociology, 1941-1942
Box 4. Folder 31. Literary sources of Jewish life, undated
Box 5. Folder 1. HUC Purim plays, 1941
Box 5. Folder 2. HUC'r, 1938
Box 5. Folder 7. Laibowitz, 1972-1973
Box 5. Folder 8. Maas, Hermann, 1948-1952
Box 5. Folder 10. Modern Community Developers, 1963-1965
Box 5. Folder 11. Newsclippings, 1941-1989
Box 5. Folder 13. Reconstructionist Rabbinical College convention keynote march, 1992
Box 5. Folder 15. St.Augustine, civil rights, 1964-1965
Box 5. Folder 17. Scholastic and other academic records, 1943-1978
Box 5. Folder 18. Service programs, 1942-1990
Box 5. Folder 20. Tanu Rabbanan, 1989
Box 5. Folder 21. Television commentaries (WTTG), undated
Box 5. Folder 22. WTTG television commentaries, 1986-1987
Box 5. Folder 23. UAHC commission on social action, 1961-1986
Box 5. Folder 24. UAHC commission on synagogue activities, 1951-1964
Box 5. Folder 25. UAHC commission on synagogue activities, undated
Box 5. Folder 26. UAHC staff celebrations, 1953-1974
Box 5. Folder 27. U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East, 1987-1993
Box 5. Folder 28. Witness for Peace, 1987