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Eugene J. Lipman Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 862**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Eugene J. Lipman Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1936-1998 (bulk 1961-1989)
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-862
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Lipman, Eugene J.
<b>Extent</b>	5 linear feet (5 record cartons)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English and Hebrew

## Administrative Information

<b>Biographical Sketch</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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, laying displaced persons in Germany until 1948, and again in 1950 and 1951 at the start of the Korean War.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lipman authored several books, including <i>Justice and Judaism</i>, <i>A Tale of Ten Cities</i>, <i>The Rabbi in Secular Society</i>, and <i>The Mishnah Oral Teachings of Judaism</i>, as well as contributions to a variety of publications.</p> <p>He married Esther Marcuson in 1943 and had three children, Michael, Jonathan, and David. Eugene J. Lipman died on January 14, 1994.</p>
<b>Scope and Content</b>	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.
<b>Arrangement</b>	This collection is arranged in three (3) series: A. Sermons and Writings, 1939-1993; B. Temple Sinai, 1961-1993; C. General, 1936-1998.
<b>Terms of Access</b>	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
<b>Preferred Citation</b>	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Eugene J. Lipman Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:  [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-862. Eugene J. Lipman Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<b>Provenance</b>	Received from Esther M. Lipman, Chevy Chase, Md., December 2004.
<b>Processing Information</b>	Processed by Elisa Ho, April 2012.  This collection was arranged and described according to minimal-processing standards. Funding, in part, for the arrangement and description of this collection was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

## 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 1. Sermons, 1952-1991  
Box 1. Folder 2. Sermons, 1965-1984  
Box 1. Folder 3. Sermons, 1955-1993  
Box 1. Folder 4. Sermons, 1961-1993  
Box 1. Folder 5. Sermons, 1948-1993  
Box 1. Folder 6. Funeral eulogies and practices, 1962-1992  
Box 1. Folder 7. Sermons, guest, 1959-1993  
Box 1. Folder 8. Installation sermons, 1986-1992  
Box 1. Folder 9. Sermons, 1966-1979  
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 14. High Holidays, 1962  
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  
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Box 1. Folder 27. High Holiday sermons, 1973  
Box 1. Folder 28. High Holiday sermons, 1976

Box 1. Folder 29. High Holiday sermons, 1977  
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Box 1. Folder 34. High Holidays, 1982  
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Box 1. Folder 36. High Holiday sermons, 1983  
Box 1. Folder 37. High Holiday sermons, 1985  
Box 1. Folder 38. High Holiday sermons, 1971-1979  
Box 1. Folder 39. High Holiday sermons, 1965-1983  
Box 1. Folder 40. Weekly Torah portions, 1959-1991  
Box 1. Folder 41. Weekly Torah portions, 1961-1993  
Box 2. Folder 1. Articles, 1951-1990  
Box 2. Folder 2. A History of Organized Synagogal Philanthropy in the United States, 1943  
Box 2. Folder 3. The Life and Work of Theophile Delcasse (1852-1923), 1939  
Box 2. Folder 4. Manuscripts, 1958-1963  
Box 2. Folder 5. Memos on Judaism in Israel, undated  
Box 2. Folder 6. Mithraism, 1938  
Box 2. Folder 7. Novel regarding displaced persons, undated  
Box 2. Folder 8. A Pure Soul, 1972  
Box 2. Folder 9. A Pure Soul, 1972  
Box 2. Folder 10. A Pure Soul, 1972  
Box 2. Folder 11. A Pure Soul, undated  
Box 2. Folder 12. A Pure Soul, undated  
Box 2. Folder 13. A Pure Soul correspondence, 1975  
Box 2. Folder 14. Talmud book, undated  
Box 2. Folder 15. Writings, 1955-1987  
Box 2. Folder 16. Writings, 1953-1985

## **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 1. Temple Sinai (Washington D.C.), 1961-1988  
Box 3. Folder 2. Temple Sinai annual reports, 1962-1977  
Box 3. Folder 3. Temple Sinai bulletin, 1961-1976

Box 3. Folder 4. Congregation letters regarding March 1, 1968 bulletin statement, 1968  
Box 3. Folder 5. General board minutes, 1962  
Box 3. Folder 6. Board, Julius Sankin, president, 1961-1962  
Box 3. Folder 7. Capital fundraising, 1989  
Box 3. Folder 8. Conversion class, 1961-1962  
Box 3. Folder 9. Marriage cards, 1962-1965  
Box 3. Folder 10. Marriage cards, 1966-1968  
Box 3. Folder 11. Marriage cards, 1979-1980  
Box 3. Folder 12. Temple Sinai weddings and complimentary memberships, 1965-1968  
Box 3. Folder 13. Sinai House, 1992-1993

## **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 2. Bet Din, 1962-1973  
Box 4. Folder 3. Bet Din-Menorah V. W.I. & V, 1980-1982  
Box 4. Folder 4. Biographical sketch, 1965-1984  
Box 4. Folder 5. Book reviews, 1953-1963  
Box 4. Folder 6. Bowers, Margaretta K., 1957, 1992, undated  
Box 4. Folder 7. Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1956-1991  
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 12. Special CCAR committee, 1987-1988  
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 18. CCAR: The Rabbinic Challenge, 1988-1989  
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 23. Arthur Goldberg, 1961-1969

Box 4. Folder 24. Memorabilia, 1947-1948

Box 4. Folder 25. Danforth seminar, Synagogue Act, 1958

Box 4. Folder 26. Christianity and the church, 1939-1940

Box 4. Folder 27. Correspondence, "Dear People", 1947-1973

Box 4. Folder 28. Course material, 1958-1991

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 3. HUC-JIR, 1978-1991

Box 5. Folder 4. Interview transcripts, 1958-1991

Box 5. Folder 5. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 1966-1967

Box 5. Folder 6. Lectures and seminars, 1957-1992

Box 5. Folder 7. Laibowitz, 1972-1973

Box 5. Folder 8. Maas, Hermann, 1948-1952

Box 5. Folder 9. Memorabilia, 1941-1988

Box 5. Folder 10. Modern Community Developers, 1963-1965

Box 5. Folder 11. Newsclippings, 1941-1989

Box 5. Folder 12. Pirke Avot, 1963-1974

Box 5. Folder 13. Reconstructionist Rabbinical College convention keynote march, 1992

Box 5. Folder 14. Retirement year events, 1960-1985

Box 5. Folder 15. St. Augustine, civil rights, 1964-1965

Box 5. Folder 16. Scholar-in-Residence, 1975-1991

Box 5. Folder 17. Scholastic and other academic records, 1943-1978

Box 5. Folder 18. Service programs, 1942-1990

Box 5. Folder 19. Speaking engagements, 1959-1967

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