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Harry L. Rosenfeld Papers**

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Collection Summary

Title	Harry L. Rosenfeld Papers
Dates	1977-2010
Collection Number	MS-869
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Rosenfeld, Harry L.
Extent	9 linear feet (9 record cartons)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Harry L. Rosenfeld was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from John Carroll University in 1976. In 1980 he received a Master's degree in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was ordained there in 1981, and received a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, in 2006. He also pursued course work in the Jewish Studies doctoral program at the Spertus Institute of Judaica. After ordination he served as Assistant Rabbi in Memphis, Tennessee (1981-1984), Rabbi of Congregation Beth Sholom in Anchorage, Alaska (1984-2000), and Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo, New York (2000-2011).

In Buffalo, Rabbi Rosenfeld expanded Temple Beth Zion's outreach to its members as well as social justice programs in western New York, becoming the first synagogue in the country to expand its Mitzvah Day partnership to include a church and two mosques. In addition, Rabbi Rosenfeld led liturgical change culminating in the adoption of Mishkan T'filah, the new prayer book of the Reform Movement. He was adjunct professor at SUNY Buffalo and Canisius College and served on multiple boards and commissions including a term as President of the Buffalo Board of Rabbis.

In Alaska, in addition to his regular temple duties, Rabbi Rosenfeld traveled throughout the state working with the Jewish communities in Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, and individuals in Bush Alaska. He served as an adjunct professor at Alaska Pacific University, and was a guest columnist for the Anchorage Daily News. Rabbi Rosenfeld was also active in the Anchorage Human Services community and served on the board of Catholic Social Services and as president of United Way. He was honored by the Alaska State Legislature in 1994 for his community work against racism and again in 2000 for his 16 years of service to the people of Alaska. He served on the board of the Interfaith Council of Anchorage, which named their annual interfaith service award in his honor.

Rabbi Harry L. Rosenfeld became Rabbi of Congregation Albert in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on July 1, 2011.

--Adapted from "Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld", Congregation Albert. ([http://www.congregationalbert.org/aboutus/staff/clergy staff and education staff biographies/](http://www.congregationalbert.org/aboutus/staff/clergy%20staff%20and%20education%20staff%20biographies/)). Accessed July 26, 2012.

Scope and Content The Harry L. Rosenfeld Papers consist primarily of correspondence relating to his work as rabbi at Congregation Beth Sholom in Anchorage, Alaska and Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo, New York. Awards for his services at these two congregations are included, along with cassette tapes and video tapes of services and lectures given by Rosenfeld. Also included are notes and research from Rosenfeld's years at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

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

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Series A. General, 1977-2010

Box and Folder Listing

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- Box 3. Folder 1-41. Correspondence. A-M, 1987-2007
- Box 4. Folder 1-67. Correspondence. N-R and miscellaneous, 1987-2007
- Box 5. Folder 1-14. Correspondence. Miscellaneous, 1978-2010
- Box 6. Folder 1-3. Correspondence. Miscellaneous, 1978-2010
- Box 7. Folder 1-27. HUC rabbinical coursework, 1977-1981
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