A Finding Aid to the
Paul M. Steinberg Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 870
Collection Summary

Title: Paul M. Steinberg Papers
Collection Number: MS-870
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Steinberg, Paul M., 1926-2005
Extent: 13 linear feet (13 record cartons)
Language of the Material: English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Paul M. Steinberg was born on the Lower East Side, in New York City in 1926. He attended the Herzliya Hebrew Teachers' Academy and then City College, where he studied education, sociology and psychology. After graduating in 1946, he worked for Americans for Haganah; a group that ran guns to Jewish forces in Palestine; at the same time he was enrolled in the rabbinical program of the Jewish Institute of Religion where he became a follower of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

He was ordained a rabbi in 1949, the year before the Jewish Institute of Religion merged with Hebrew Union College. He received his Doctorate in Psychological Services from Columbia University and has taught at Hebrew University, New York University, Baruch College, and the Army Management School. After serving for twenty years as spiritual leader of Temple Adas in Sag Harbor, the oldest congregation on Long Island, Dr. Steinberg was named Rabbi Emeritus. He received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Baltimore Hebrew University.

In 1955, he became an instructor at HUC-JIR and was appointed dean of the New York campus soon after. He served as Dean of the New York School from 1960 and Vice President of the College-Institute and Dean of Faculty of the New York School from 1985-1996, and later as Special Assistant to the President. Dr. Steinberg also served as Executive Dean of the Jerusalem School from 1963-1973. Dr. Steinberg served as Vice-President of Communal Development and Chairman of Faculty. Rabbi Steinberg inaugurated the New York institution's Year-in-Israel Program for its students in 1971 and established an Israel Rabbinical Program in the 1980's to strengthen the Jerusalem branch's outreach. He also established suburban satellite schools offering certification in Jewish education and at his death was the longest-serving dean in the College-Institute.

In 2003, in recognition of his years of teaching in the important area of human relations, the Dr. Paul and Trudy Steinberg Distinguished Professorship Chair in Human Relations and Counseling was established at the College-Institute. Dr. Steinberg was a licensed psychologist in the State of New York and a member of several psychological associations.


Scope and Content
The Paul M. Steinberg Papers consist primarily of correspondence and sermons, along with research materials for course lectures and sermons given throughout Steinberg's career. Sermons include High Holy Day sermons and life cycle events: baby naming, marriage, eulogies, etc. Also included are tape reels, videocassettes, and audiostreams of sermons, talks, and other events.

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

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Index Terms

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Media  Sermons

Series A. General, 1940-2004

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1-22. Correspondence, 1977-1990
Box 2. Folder 1-55. Correspondence and sermons, 1942-2001
Box 3. Folder 1-17. Correspondence and sermons, 1984-2003
Box 5. Folder 1-32. Sermons and talks, 1950-2003
Box 8. Folder 1-78. Sermons and research materials, 1991-2004
Box 9. Folder u-22. Lectures/research, undated
Box 12. Folder 1-22. Photographs/personal, 1940-2004