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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Burton L. Padoll papers
Date(s)	1957-2009
Creator:	Padoll, Burton L.
Abstract:	Sermons, addresses, photographs, publications, and other papers of Burton L. Padoll, rabbi and civil rights advocate. Materials largely relate to Padoll's rabbinate at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim in Charleston, South Carolina, from 1961-1967.
Extent:	0.8 linear feet (2 document boxes)
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Call Number:	Mss 1082
Language of Material:	Materials in English

Biographical Note

Burton L. Padoll (1929-2004), was born to Leah and Charles Padoll in Canton, Ohio. Padoll attended the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was ordained in 1957 and received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1982. After his ordination, Padoll served as assistant rabbi in Brookline, Massachusetts. In 1961, Padoll took a position as rabbi of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (KKBE) in Charleston, South Carolina, where he served for six years. During this time, Padoll strongly advocated for civil rights and criticized Charleston's Jewish community for their failure to aid the struggle for racial equality.

After leaving Charleston in 1967, Padoll moved to Peabody, Massachusetts, where he became the rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in 1969 until his retirement in 1989. Padoll lived in Mount Jackson, Virginia, until his death in 2004.

Collection Overview

Sermons, addresses, photographs, publications, and other papers of Burton L. Padoll, rabbi and civil rights activist. The bulk of the collection consists of Padoll's typed and handwritten sermons and addresses from his various rabbinates, including at Charleston's Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. Topics include the Sabbath and High Holy Days celebrations as well as civil rights and other pertinent issues of the period. The collection also includes photographs of Padoll and his family, newspaper clippings announcing his retirement, and an article about Padoll's civil rights activism in Charleston written by Solomon Breibart in 2009.

Collection Arrangement

1. Biographical files, 1957-2009
2. Sermons and addresses, 1957-1969

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include *A New Year, 5727: Two Rosh Hashonah sermons; Since 1749-The Story of K.K. Beth Elohim of Charleston, S.C.: American Judaism through more than two centuries*; and an oral history interview with Burton Lee Padoll, 1999 (Mss 1035-224).

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Padoll, Burton L.
Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.)

Subjects

Rabbis--Political activity--South Carolina--Charleston--20th century
Jews--Political activity--South Carolina--Charleston--20th century
Civil rights--South Carolina--Charleston--History--20th century
African Americans--South Carolina--Charleston--Relations with Jews

Types of Material

Sermons
Clippings (information artifacts)
Photographs
Articles

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Burton L. Padoll papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Sermons and addresses were donated in 2005 by Melissa Padoll. Additional material was donated by Shelia Padoll in 2005 and 2011.

Alternate Form of Materials

Digital reproduction available online in the **Lowcountry Digital Library**.

Processing Information

Processed by Joshua A. Minor, February 2011.

Encoded by Sarah Dorpinghaus, September 2011.

Funding from the Council on Library and Information Resources supported the processing of this collection and encoding of the finding aid.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Biographical files, 1957-2009

- Box 1 Folder 1 Newspaper clippings, 1964, 1989
- Box 1 Folder 2 "A Study of a Liturgy of the Jews of Kai Feng Fu," 1957
 Padoll's Hebrew Union College graduate thesis.
- Box 1 Folder 3 Photographs, 1963-1987, undated
- Box 1 Folder 4 Miscellaneous, 2005, 2009, undated

2. Sermons and addresses, 1957-1969

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Sermons were originally housed in binders and are arranged to preserve original order. Transcripts of the sermons are available online via the **Lowcountry Digital Library**.

- Box 1 Folder 5-9 Shabbat sermons, 1957-1969, undated (1-5 of 6)
- Box 2 Folder 1 Shabbat sermons, 1960-1967, undated (6 of 6)
- Box 2 Folder 2 Civil rights, 1958-1968, undated
- Box 2 Folder 3 Miscellaneous, 1960-1967, undated