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**Inventory of the Rabbi David
J. Radinsky Papers, 1970-2004**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Rabbi David J. Radinsky papers
Date(s)	1970-2004
Creator:	Radinsky, David J.
Abstract:	Correspondence, speeches, sermons, and eulogies of Rabbi David J. Radinsky, senior rabbi of Brith Sholom Beth Israel Congregation in Charleston, South Carolina, from 1970 to 2004. The collection consists primarily of correspondence between Rabbi Radinsky and members of the Charleston community, BSBI congregants, and Jewish organizations on such topics as the policies of Addlestone Hebrew Academy and the Jewish Community Center of Charleston, kashrut (dietary laws), kosher food suppliers, local businesses that prepare kosher foods under Radinsky's supervision, character references and recommendations, affirmation of religious observance for excused absences, lectures on various Jewish issues, and requests for guidance on religious and domestic issues.
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Biographical Note

David J. Radinsky (1940-) was born to Jack and Lillian Helen Silver Radinsky, in Seattle, Washington. He earned his B.A. in History and Hebrew from Yeshiva University in 1963, a M.A. in Semitic Studies from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, and Rabbinic Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1966.

After ordination, Rabbi Radinsky became a chaplain in the United States Army, serving one year at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and one year at Camp Red Cloud, Korea, receiving an Army Commendation Award for his service to the soldiers. Following his tour of active duty, he took the position of assistant to Rabbi Emanuel Feldman at Congregation Beth Jacob in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1970, Rabbi Radinsky accepted the position of senior rabbi of Brith Sholom Beth Israel (BSBI) in Charleston, South Carolina, also serving until 1973 as principal of the Charleston Hebrew Institute, now known as Addlestone Hebrew Academy (AHA).

During his tenure at BSBI, Radinsky served on the boards of the Charleston Jewish Federation and its Community Relations Committee, Addlestone Hebrew Academy, Charleston Community Hebrew School, and Crisis Ministry. He was a founding member of and served on the Professional Advisory Committee of the Chaplain Pastoral Program at Bon Secours-Roper Hospital in Charleston until his retirement. He also worked as a campus minister at The Citadel and chaplain at Charleston's VA hospital, and taught at BSBI, Addlestone Hebrew Academy, and in the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston.

Rabbi Radinsky retired from BSBI in 2004, relocating to Memphis, Tennessee, where he began teaching Jewish History, Oral Law, and the Weekly Torah Portion at the Margolin Hebrew Academy/ Feinstone Yeshiva of the South.

Collection Overview

The collection consists primarily of correspondence between Rabbi Radinsky and members of the Charleston community, BSBI congregants, and Jewish organizations and institutions. The subject matter covers a wide array of issues centering on Radinsky's responsibilities during his thirty-four years as senior rabbi of BSBI. Topics include: the policies of Addlestone Hebrew Academy and the Jewish Community Center of Charleston, kashrut (dietary laws), kosher food suppliers, local businesses that prepare kosher foods under Radinsky's supervision, character references and recommendations, affirmation of religious observance for excused absences from work, school, and testing on Jewish holidays and the Sabbath, lectures on various Jewish topics, and requests for guidance on religious and domestic issues. The correspondence also documents his interactions with Charleston's Jewish community and his involvement with Addlestone Hebrew Academy, the Chaplain Pastoral Program at Bon Secours-Roper Hospital, and the Yaschick/Arnold Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston, among other organizations. The collection also includes speeches, sermons and eulogies given by Rabbi Radinsky.

Collection Arrangement

1. Correspondence, 1970-2004, undated
2. Memorial files and speeches, 1989-2004
3. Printed materials, 1990-2004

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include Brith Sholom Beth Israel (Charleston, S.C.) congregational records (Mss 1068), oral history interviews with David J. Radinsky (Mss 1035-163, Mss 1035-168, Mss 1035-278), David J. Radinsky's translation and commentary on Rabbi Hirsch Zvi Margolis Levine's notebook (Mss 1035-244, Mss 1035-284a, 1035-284b), and the panel discussions "The Future Needs of the Charleston Jewish Community" (Mss 1035-227), "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Judaism But Been Afraid to Ask" (Mss 1035-232), "Intermarriage and Conversion" (Mss 1035-237), "Prayer and Women: Three Jewish Viewpoints" (Mss 1035-245), "The Essence of Judaism" (Mss 1035-250), "The Jewish View of the Christian" (Mss 1035-262), "Mitzvah as Commandment" (Mss 1035-282), "Looking at the Past and to the Future: From the Pulpit of Brith Sholom Beth Israel" (Mss 1035-286b).

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

Radinsky, David J.
Brith Sholom Beth Israel (Charleston, S.C.)

Subjects

Rabbis--South Carolina--Charleston
Orthodox Judaism--United States
Jews--Dietary laws
Jews in public life
Jews--Social life and customs
Jews--Societies, etc.
Judaism--Customs and practices
Synagogues
Jewish day schools
Jewish community centers
Jews--South Carolina--Charleston

Types of Material

Correspondence
Obituaries
Eulogies
Speeches (documents)
Clippings (information artifacts)

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Correspondence, 1970-2004, undated

Includes correspondence with local and national Jewish organizations and institutions, interfaith organizations, local schools, Addlestone Hebrew Academy, the Chaplain Pastoral Program at Bon Secours-Roper Hospital, and BSBI's president, board members, and congregants. Topics include: policies for Addlestone Hebrew Academy and the Jewish Community Center of Charleston, kashrut (dietary laws) pertaining to catering for events, kosher food suppliers, and local businesses that prepare kosher foods under Radinsky's supervision, character references and recommendations for students, affirmation of religious observance for excused absences from work, school, and testing on Jewish holidays and the Sabbath, lectures on various Jewish topics, requests for guidance on religious and domestic issues, and notes of thanks. Includes correspondence in Hebrew.

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Box 6 Folder 2	Undated

2. Memorial files and speeches, 1989-2004

Memorial files include eulogy notes, clergy and memorial records, and obituaries. Materials are arranged alphabetically according to the last name of the deceased. Speeches include invocations and blessings for community events and celebrations, dedications, and Holocaust commemorations.

Box 6 Folder 3	Memorial files A-H, 1990-2004
Box 6 Folder 4	Memorial Files J-L, 1989-2004
Box 6 Folder 5	Memorial files M-Z, 1989-2004
Box 6 Folder 6	Speeches, 1990-2004

3. Printed Materials, 1990-2004

Box 6 Folder 7	Programs and newsletters, 1990-2004
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Programs, booklets, and issues of BSBI's newsletter, *the Brith Sholom Beth Israel Messenger*.

Box 6 Folder 8	Clippings, 1991-1992
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Articles featuring Rabbi Radinsky regarding a Holocaust memorial event and the Charleston Jewish community's celebration of the High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.