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RABBI ISAAC E. MARCUSON PAPERS

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Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson was the spiritual leader at Temple Beth Israel, Macon, Georgia, for over 58 years. Rabbi Marcuson was born December 18, 1872, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and received his education in the public schools of that city. He was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and of the Hebrew Union College in 1894. Rabbi Marcuson married Rose Thorner, year unknown. The couple did not have any children.

Rabbi Marcuson came to Macon, Georgia, in 1894 as Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, which was located at Second and Poplar Streets. Under his supervision the new temple was planned and was dedicated in 1903. He joined Malachi Lodge, B'nai B'rith in 1894, became its president a few years later and was president of District Grand Lodge #5 in 1903.

In 1915 he was elected Secretary of Central Conference of American Rabbis and was editor of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Yearbook, serving for over 35 years. An honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon him by the Hebrew Union College in 1939. Rabbi Marcuson was President of Organized Service and Chairman of Macon Chapter, American Red Cross. He was a member of the Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio; and the Board of Directors of the World Union for Progressive Judaism; president of the Social Worker's Club; and served on the Executive Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, with headquarters in London, England. One of his most satisfying experiences was conducting monthly services at the state hospital in Milledgeville.

The Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson Papers, 1915-1984, are arranged alphabetically by folder and chronologically within each folder. The bulk of the collection contains letters and requests for materials published for and by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Additional correspondence can be found in subject specific folders. The collection contains material concerning World War II and the efforts in Macon to assist Jews escaping Nazi persecution prior to and after World War II.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of containers: 24

Photographs: None

Shelf space occupied: 9.6 cubic feet

### CONTAINER

- 1 Subject file, 1932-1946, Alexander III Parent Teacher Association – Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Folder 1: Alexander III Parent Teacher Association Year Book, Macon, Georgia, 1941 – 1942.

Folder 2: American Jewish Conference, Draft of Resolution, 1945.

Folder 3: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc., 1936 - 1946.

Folder 4: American Red Cross, 1948.

Folder 5: Anti-Defamation League, 1936.

Folder 6: Army-Navy Committee, 1941 – 1946.

Folder 7: Army Song Book, 1941.

Folder 8: Articles, undated.

Folder 9: Bibliography – Old Hebrew Books, Dictionary, etc, undated.

Folder 10: “Bill of Rights” Proclamation of the President of the United States, 1941.

- Folder 11: Bio and newspaper article, 1947.
- Folder 12: Bloom, Maurice J., “What Prayer Means to Me”, undated.
- Folder 13: B’nai B’rith, Social Experiment at Georgia State Hospital, undated.
- Folder 14: British Information Services, 1946..
- Folder 15: Brickner, Barnett R., Rabbi, untitled, undated.
- Folder 16: Cadman, S. Parks, Dr., “The Jews’ Lot in Germany”, 1932.
- Folder 17: The Cahilla, undated.
- Folder 18: CARNA, Supplemental Agreement, 1945.
- Folder 19: Central Conference of American Rabbis, undated.
- Folder 20: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1937.
- Folder 21: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1939.
- Folder 22: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1940.
- Folder 23: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1941.
- Folder 24: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1941.
- Folder 25: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1941.

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- 2 Subject file, 1927-1950, Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1941 – Central Conference of American Rabbis, Heller, James G. Rabbi.
  - Folder 1: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1941.
  - Folder 2: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1941.
  - Folder 3: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1942.
  - Folder 4: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1944.

- Folder 5: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1945.
- Folder 6: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1946.
- Folder 7: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1947.
- Folder 8: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1948.
- Folder 9: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1949.
- Folder 10: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1950.
- Folder 10: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Commission on Justice & Peace, undated.

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- Folder 11: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committees, undated.
- Folder 12: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Chaplains, undated.
- Folder 13: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on International Peace, undated.
- Folder 14: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Marriage, the Family, the Home, "The Jew and Mixed Marriage", undated.
- Folder 15: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Refugee Aid, undated.
- Folder 16: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Synagogue Music, undated.
- Folder 17: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Constitution and By-Laws, 1927.
- Folder 18: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Corrections, undated.
- Folder 19: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Executive Board, undated.
- Folder 20: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Heller, James G. Rabbi, newspaper articles, undated.



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- 3 Subject file, 1931-1947, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Program of World Reconstruction - Correspondence, January – December 1938.
- Folder 1: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Program of World Reconstruction, undated.
- Folder 2: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbi List, undated.
- Folder 3: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Report of Committee on International Peace, undated.
- Folder 4: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Report of Committee on Resolutions, undated.
- Folder 5: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Report of the Committee on Responses, undated
- Folder 6: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Resolutions, undated.
- Folder 7: Certificate, 1936 Campaign of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, undated
- Folder 8: Commission on Jewish Education Resolution, undated.
- Folder 9: Committee on New Congregations: First Annual Report, 1946- 1947.
- Folder 10: Conference on Jewish Demography, 1945.
- Folder 11: Congressional Record – Senate, undated.
- Folder 12: Conscientious Objector: Under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.
- Folder 13: Constitution of the Synagogue of Council of America, 1940.
- Folder 14: Contemporaneous Literature, undated.
- Folder 15: Correspondence, January 1931.
- Folder 16: Correspondence, September 1934.

Folder 17: Correspondence, June – December 1935.

Folder 18: Correspondence, January - December 1937.

Folder 19: Correspondence, January – December 1938.

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4 Correspondence, January – December 1939 – Correspondence, September 1940.

Folder 1: Correspondence, January – December 1939.

Folder 2: Correspondence, January – May 1940.

Folder 3: Correspondence, June 1940.

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Folder 4: Correspondence, January 1941.

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8 Correspondence, December 1941 – April 1942.

Folder 1: Correspondence, December 1941.

Folder 2: Correspondence, January 1942.

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- 9 Correspondence, May 1941 – May 1945
- Folder 1: Correspondence, May 1942.
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  - Folder 5: Correspondence, January – December 1943.
  - Folder 6: Correspondence, January – December 1944.
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- 10 Correspondence, July 1945 – December 1945.
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- 16 Correspondence, September 1948 – April 1949.
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- 17 Correspondence, May 1949 – December 1949.
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- Folder 5: Correspondence, May 1951.
- Folder 6: Correspondence, June 1951.
- Folder 7: Correspondence, September 1951.

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21 Subject file, 1941-1960, Department of State – Postcards, 1947.

- Folder 1: Department of State, 1938.
- Folder 2: Dickinson, Frank G., Social Morality and the “Cradle-To-The-Grave” Philosophy, 1950.
- Folder 3: Feldman, Abraham J., Rev. Dr., “Whither Progressive Judaism?”, 1949.
- Folder 4: Financial Records, undated.
- Folder 5: Fort Valley College Center, undated.
- Folder 6: Fran, Leo Rabbi, “Statement on Judaism and International Peace”, undated.
- Folder 7: Georgia Conference on Social Work, 1941.
- Folder 8: Globe Indemnity Company, 1947.
- Folder 9: Golden Book of Life Samples, undated.
- Folder 10: Hanukah song, undated.
- Folder 11: Hebrew Orphans’ Home, undated.
- Folder 12: Hebrew Union College undated.
- Folder 13: Interfaith Program, undated.

- Folder 14: Jewish calendar, 1941 – 1960.
- Folder 15: Jewish Music Council, 1945.
- Folder 16: Jewish Welfare Board, Suggested Program for Local Army and Navy Committees, 1940.
- Folder 17: The Kingston Situation, undated.
- Folder 18: Levy, Clifton Marby, “Evaluating the High Holy Days”, undated.
- Folder 19: Liebman, Joshua Rabbi, “God and the World Crisis”, undated.
- Folder 20: Linfield, H. S., “Notes on “A Conference on Jewish Demography”, undated.
- Folder 21: List of Jewish Newspapers, Magazines, Journals, undated.
- Folder 22: Miscellaneous receipts, 1933 – 1951.
- Folder 23: The Mourner’s Kaddis, Plate Proof, 1941.
- Folder 24: National Committee on Atomic Information, 1945.
- Folder 25: National Jewish Welfare Board, undated.
- Folder 26: Newspaper Clippings, 1941.
- Folder 27: Order of V.E. Day Service, undated.
- Folder 28: Palmer, E. W. “The Binding”, undated.
- Folder 29: Personal Correspondence, undated.
- Folder 30: Personal Writings, undated.
- Folder 31: Petition for Issuance of Immigration Visa, undated.
- Folder 32: Plan of Transliteration from Hebrew into English, undated.
- Folder 33: Post Cards, 1947.

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22 1913 (?)-1951, Post cards – Sermons

Folder 1: Post Cards, 1947.

Folder 2: Post Cards, 1947 – 1951.

Folder 3: Post Office Department, 1949.

Folder 4: Prayers, undated.

Folder 5: Principles on replacement of Chaplains, undated.

Folder 6: Race Relations Week, 1942.

Folder 7: Relief for Belligerent Counties and Refugees, undated.

Folder 8: Relief Request – World War II, 1913 – 1950. (?)

Folder 9: Religion's Answer to the Threat of War, undated.

Folder 10: Religious Education Association, 1942.

Folder 11: Report of the Committee on a Code of Rabbinical and Congregational Ethics, undated.

Folder 12: Resolutions: Funerals, undated.

Folder 13: Retuby, 1935.

Folder 14: Rules for Hebrew Reading, undated.

Folder 15: Russell, Henry D., Major General U.S.A, undated.

Folder 16: Sachar, Abram L. Dr., untitled, undated.

Folder 17: Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

Folder 18: Senate Bill 101, 1945.

Folder 19: Sermons, undated.

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23 Sermons, printed on 3 x 5 index cards, undated.

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Folder 2: Sermons, undated.

Folder 3: Sermons, undated.

Folder 4: Sermons, undated.

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24 Subject file, 1935-1950, Sermons – Yom Kippur Morning Service.

Folder 1: Society of Jews and Christians, 1941.

Folder 2: Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, undated.

Folder 3: Statistical Bureau of Synagogue Council, 1941.

Folder 4: Stern, Nathan, "Citation January 31, 1945.

Folder 5: Strengthening American Judaism, September 6, 1946.

Folder 6: The Synagogue and Community Section II, undated.

Folder 7: Synagogue Council of America, 1940.

Folder 8: Temple Beth Israel photo, undated.

Folder 9: Truman Statement on Aid to Europe, undated.

Folder 10: Union of American Hebrew Congregation, 1949 – 1950.

Folder 11: United Jewish Appeal, 1948.

Folder 12: The United Nations, 1940.

Folder 13: United Palestine Appeal, 1947.

- Folder 14: U.S. Senate Faces Soviet Veto in U.N., undated.
- Folder 15: The White House, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1935 – 1942.
- Folder 16: Why was Dr. Ham taken off the Air?, undated.
- Folder 17: World Union for Progressive Judaism, undated.
- Folder 18: Yom Kippur Morning Service, undated.

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