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REGISTER:
Rabbi Philip N. Kranz Papers
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Philip N. Kranz was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1943. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1965. He then attended the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. On graduation from Hebrew Union, Rabbi Kranz served as a student rabbi in Lincoln, Nebraska. During the Vietnam War, he served his country honorably as a chaplain and lieutenant in the United States Navy and was assigned to the Fourth Naval District in Philadelphia while he lived in Cincinnati. In 1971, Rabbi Kranz was ordained, married Nancy Weston of Cleveland, Ohio, and accepted a position at Chicago's Sinai Congregation.

While at Chicago Sinai Congregation Rabbi Kranz was very active in civic affairs, serving on the boards of the South East Chicago Commission, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, and Planned Parenthood. In 1980, Rabbi Kranz was offered and accepted a senior rabbi position at Temple Sinai in Atlanta. Rabbi Kranz continued his community involvement, as president of Planned Parenthood in the Atlanta area, among other activities, and was a member of the 1985 Class of Leadership Atlanta.

Rabbi Kranz has taught in the Department of Church History at the University of Chicago Divinity School, the Department of Sociology at Georgia State University, and the Religious Studies Department at Agnes Scott College, and has a particular academic interest in 19th Century intellectual history.

In his more than a quarter century of service to Temple Sinai, this distinguished congregation has more than doubled its membership to 1100 families and has undergone a major expansion of its building. Following his retirement in April 2006, the congregation honored Rabbi Kranz by completing the Rabbi Philip N. Kranz Learning Center, one of the largest congregational libraries in the nation.

The Rabbi Philip N. Kranz Papers, 1957 - 2006, are arranged alphabetically by folder and chronologically within each folder. The bulk of the collection is correspondence thanking him for all his service to the community and to his congregants. Also in the collection are materials from his tenure at Chicago Sinai Congregation. Additional Correspondence can be found in subject specific folders.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of containers: 33

Photographs: Removed to Visual Arts

Shelf space occupied: 16.5 cubic feet

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1 Subject file, Alten – Chicago Sinai Congregation bulletins.

Folder 1: Alten, Hans – in memory, 1975.

Folder 2: Baker, Rabbi Andrew E. – assistant rabbi Chicago Sinai Congregation , 1977.

Folder 3: Berman, Alyza. *Reform Judaism*, 1999.

Folder 4: Berman, Rabbi Howard A. - *A Selection of Sermons*, 1984 – 1985.

Folder 5: Carlin, Jerome E. *The American Rabbi: A Religious Specialist Responds to Loss of Authority*, undated.

Folder 6: Chicago Sinai Congregation anniversary, 1978.

Folder 7: Chicago Sinai Congregation auditor's report, 1976 – 1979.

Folder 8: Chicago Sinai Congregation board of trustees, 1978 – 1980.

Folder 9: Chicago Sinai Congregation - bulletins, 1971 – 1972.

Folder 10: Chicago Sinai Congregation - bulletins, 1972 – 1975.

Folder 11: Chicago Sinai Congregation - bulletins, 1975 – 1978.

Folder 12: Chicago Sinai Congregation - bulletins, 1978 – 1980.

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2 Subject file, Chicago Sinai Congregation By-laws – home study meetings.

Folder 1: Chicago Sinai Congregation - by-laws, 1976.

Folder 2: Chicago Sinai Congregation - college homecoming service and brunch, 1971.

Folder 3: Chicago Sinai Congregation - college summer series, 1972.

Folder 4: Chicago Sinai Congregation - committees, 1975 – 1978.

Folder 5: Chicago Sinai Congregation - confirmation, 1971 – 1980.

- Folder 6: Chicago Sinai Congregation -- confirmation services, 1972 – 1980.
- Folder 7: Chicago Sinai Congregation – confirmation services program, 1972 – 1979.
- Folder 8: Chicago Sinai Congregation - congregation census, 1971.
- Folder 9: Chicago Sinai Congregation - family weekends evaluation, 1976.
- Folder 10: Chicago Sinai Congregation - Genesis Project, 1971 – 1973.
- Folder 11: Chicago Sinai Congregation - hi-rise fellowship, 1971 – 1974.
- Folder 12: Chicago Sinai Congregation – home study, 1977 – 1978.

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- 3 Subject file, Chicago Sinai Congregation installation of Rabbi Kranz. Rabbi Kranz was promoted to senior rabbi in 1975, four years after graduating from Hebrew Union College, a great accomplishment and promotion

- Folder 1: Chicago Sinai Congregation - installation of Rabbi Philip Kranz, 1975.
- Folder 2: Chicago Sinai Congregation - long range plan, 1979.
- Folder 3: Chicago Sinai Congregation - membership, 1977 – 1978.
- Folder 4: Chicago Sinai Congregation - Oconomowoc weekend, 1972.
- Folder 5: Chicago Sinai Congregation - Passover, 1972 – 1975.
- Folder 6: Chicago Sinai Congregation - pictorial history, 1986.
- Folder 7: Chicago Sinai Congregation - religious school, 1971 – 1975.
- Folder 8: Chicago Sinai Congregation – religious school social studies curriculum, 7th – 8th grades, *What is a Jew?*, undated.
- Folder 9: Chicago Sinai Congregation - Succot and Consecration service, 1971 – 1974.
- Folder 10: Chicago Sinai Congregation - *The Life Cycle of Man*, 1972.
- Folder 11: Chicago Sinai Congregation - weekday morning service programs, undated.

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- 4 Subject file, containers 4 through 30 contain general correspondence concerning, bar/bat mitzvah, birthday greetings, births, confirmation, death, honorariums, holiday greetings, membership and resignations, weddings. Letter of importance are listed. Acceptance letter to The Ohio State University, letters from George Romney, Governor James A. Rhodes, Representative Frances P. Bolton, Representative Robert Taft, Jr., Melvin Nussbaum president of Miller Hydro Company, Bainbridge, GA: and many prominent rabbis. Letters of congratulation on engagement of Rabbi Kranz to Nancy Weston, on ordination and position of Assistant to Chicago Sinai Congregation. In 1971 Rabbi Kranz kept copies of letters he wrote to others.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1957 – 1969.

- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1970.
Folder 3: Correspondence, 1971.
Folder 4: Correspondence, 1972.
Folder 5: Correspondence, 1972.

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- 5 Subject file, general correspondence, recommendations and letter on the support of the State of Israel to and from Ambassador Van Het Koninkrijk Der Nederlanden. In 1975 Rabbi Kranz was selected as head rabbi of Chicago Sinai Congregation, many letters of well wishes and congratulations.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1973.
Folder 2: Correspondence, 1974.
Folder 3: Correspondence, 1975.
Folder 4: Correspondence, 1975.
Folder 5: Correspondence, 1975.

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- 6 Subject file, general correspondence and of special interest: letter from Richard J. Daley, chairman Democratic Party of Cook County.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1976.
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- 7 Subject file, general correspondence and of special interest: letter sent on behalf of Illinois Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, letter from Mayor Michael A. Bilandic, Senator Charles H. Percy.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1977.
Folder 2: Correspondence, 1977.
Folder 3: Correspondence, 1977.
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- 8 Subject file, general correspondence and of special interest: photocopy of The British Library, *Maimonides' Mishneh Torah: 800 years*, letters from Senator Charles H. Percy and Chicago Mayor Jane M. Byrne.

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1978.

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1978.

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- 9 Subject file, general correspondence and of special interest: letters of congratulations on the appointment of Senior Rabbi to Temple Sinai, Atlanta Georgia.

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1980.

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- 10 Subject file, general correspondence.

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1981.

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1984.

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- 11 Subject file, general correspondence.

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1986.

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- Folder 3: Correspondence, 1986.
Folder 4: Correspondence, 1987.
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- 12 Subject file, general correspondence and of special interest: thank you letter and certificate from Coretta Scott King for participating in the 59th birthday celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1987.
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Folder 3: Correspondence, 1988.
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- 13 Subject file, general correspondence.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1988.
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- 14 Subject file, general correspondence.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1990.
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- 15 Subject file, general correspondence.

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24 Subject file, general correspondence.

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26 Subject file, general correspondence.

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27 Subject file, general correspondence.

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28 Subject file, general correspondence.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 2005.
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29 Subject file, general correspondence.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 2005.
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- Folder 4: Correspondence, 2006.

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30 Subject file, general correspondence.

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 2006.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 2006.
- Folder 3: Correspondence and newspaper articles, undated.
- Folder 4: Davidson, Rabbi Jerome K. *America's Promise: Are We Keeping It?* 2004.
- Folder 5: Dean. Andrea Oppenheimer, *Dixie Diaspora*, 2000.
- Folder 6: Funk, Roni S. *The Jewish Feminist Position on Abortion: Diversity within a Tradition*, undated.
- Folder 7: Gladwell, Malcolm. *Six Degrees of Lois Weisberg*, 1999.
- Folder 8: Gopnik, Adam. *The Art World Sargent's Pearls*, 1999.
- Folder 9: Hanauske-Abel, M.D. *Osthofen: The Terrain of Denial*, 1991.
- Folder 10: Hebrew Union College, 1976.
- Folder 11: Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion assistant rabbi interviews, 1997.
- Folder 12: Horowitz, Craig. *America's Jews Israel's Lost Tribe*, 1998.
- Folder 13: Jewish Women's Day, 2000.
- Folder 14: Memorial sermon, *Flowers for the Living*, undated
- Folder 15: Mental Health: *Does Therapy Help?* 1975.
- Folder 16: Midstate of Atlanta Council of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, 1998.

- Folder 17: *New Republic* articles, 2001 – 2003
Folder 18: Oconomowoc adult weekends, 1971.
Folder 19: Ola, Per, *Inscribing the Word*, undated.
Folder 20: Ratonyi, Robert. *Caught up in a Revolution*, undated.

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31 Subject file, general correspondence.

- Folder 1: Rosen, Rabbi David, “*The Passion: Mel Gibson and the Jews*,” 2003.
Folder 2: Rosse, Dr., Report ICRC Delegate, on Camp at Auschwitz: attempt aborted, 1944.
Folder 3: Sartorius, Philip biography written for his daughter Rose Miriam Bock, undated.
Folder 4: Sermons, 1965 – 1971.
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Folder 6: Sermons, 1973.
Folder 7: Sermons, 1974.

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- Folder 1: Sermons, 1975.
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- Folder 1: Sermons, 1976
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Folder 3: Sermons delivered at Chicago Sinai Congregation, 1971 – 1980.
Folder 4: Seven Stories of the Holocaust: *Joel Lebowitz, Gabor Vermes; Neha Weinstein, Lillian Robbins, Hans Fisher, Philip Orenstein, Ruth Mandel*, 1997.

- Folder 5: Silverman, Joel. Circumcision: *The Delicate Dilemma*, 1991.
- Folder 6: Social Studies Curriculum, undated
- Folder 6: Stahl, Rabbi Samuel M. “*Services for the House of Mourning*,” 1991.
- Folder 7: Sullivan, Andrew, “*Why ‘civil union’ isn’t marriage’ State of the Union*,” 2000.
- Folder 8: *The Path* magazines, 1986 – 1988.
- Folder 9: *The Perfect Rabbi*, 1988.
- Folder 10: Tift, Susan E. *The Family: How Being Jewish Shaped The Dynasty that Runs the Times*,” 1999.
- Folder 11: Torah portions 2004.
- Folder 11: Translations of the International Red Cross documents regarding Holocaust, undated.
- Folder 12: Winter, Drew. “*A Sermon*,” undated.
- Folder 13: Yogananda, Paramahansa. “*Where There Is Light*,” undated.

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