

Guide to the Rabbi Bernard Cohen Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Cohen, Bernard, 1900-1983
Title:	Rabbi Bernard Cohen Papers
ID:	MS-01050
Date [inclusive]:	1957 to 1984
Physical Description:	0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.21 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Rabbi Bernard Cohen Papers (1957-1984) consist of mainly bulletins for the Las Vegas Jewish Community Center (later known as Temple Beth Sholom). Other materials in this collection include correspondence to and from Rabbi Cohen and certificates of conversion signed by Cohen. The collection also includes a eulogy for Cohen written by Rabbi Wise as well as an advertisement for Cohen's book <i>Sociocultural Changes in American Jewish Life as Reflected in Selected Jewish Literature</i> which was published in 1972.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Bernard Cohen was born Dov Ber Konopioty in Sokoly, Poland, in 1900. He was renamed Bernard Cohen upon arriving at the Ellis Island immigration station in 1922 in the United States. Cohen was awarded a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Southern California. The same year, Cohen was hired to serve as rabbi for the Jewish Community Center of Las Vegas, a Conservative synagogue. In 1958, the synagogue was renamed Temple Beth Sholom. In 1959, Rabbi Cohen left

Temple Beth Sholom and eventually moved back to Los Angeles, California. He passed away in 1983.

Sources:

"Mission and History of Temple Beth Sholom," Temple Beth Sholom, Accessed March 23, 2021. <https://www.bethsholomlv.org/mission-history>.

"What I Learned After Unlocking My Papa's History," *Jewish Journal*, April 8, 2020. <https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/columnist/313822/what-i-learned-after-unlocking-my-papas-history/>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2019 by Judy Gruen; accession number 2021-023.

Processing Note

In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the collection during accessioning and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Judaism
- Rabbis
- Temple Beth Sholom (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Jewish Community Center of Las Vegas and Temple Beth Sholom bulletins, 1957 to 1959	box 01
Rabbi Bernard Cohen's correspondence, 1959	box 01
Certificates of conversion signed by Rabbi Bernard Cohen, 1958	box 01
Rabbi Bernard Cohen eulogy written by Rabbi Aaron Wise, 1984	box 01
Advertisement for <i>Sociocultural Changes in American Jewish Life as Reflected in Selected Jewish Literature</i> , 1972	box 01