

# Eisenstein Reconstructionist Archives

## Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

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Outline of Record Groups and Series for the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College collections are divided into the following record groups and series:

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Letter subjects concern a wide range of Reconstructionist issues, relating to the *Reconstructionist*, fundraising, RRC, as well as personal letters.

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  - R.S. 7 Jewish Civilization: Essays and Studies, Vol. 1 and 2, ed. Ronald A. Brauner
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## 1. Record Group - Ira Eisenstein Papers

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein was born in New York in 1906, son of Isaac and Sadie Eisenstein. He attended the New York public schools and De Witt Clinton High School. He graduated *cum laude* from Columbia College in 1927 and received the degree of Rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in 1931. He obtained his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1941 and was awarded an Honorary D.D. from JTS in 1958.

Rabbi Eisenstein served as leader of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ) from 1931 to 1954. He was one of the founders of the *Reconstructionist* magazine and served as associate chairman of the Editorial Board from 1935 until 1959, when he became editor. In 1951, he was visiting homiletics professor at Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). He also served as president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America from 1952 to 1954.

He served as Rabbi of Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago from 1954 to 1959. Upon returning to the East coast, he assumed his duties as president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation and editor of *The Reconstructionist* in 1959. He was the founding president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, serving from 1968 to 1981.

This record group contains the following series:

**R.S. 1. Reconstructionist Rabbinical College documents  
[Ira Eisenstein, President of RRC (1968-1981)]**

**Materials relating to the chartering of RRC – this was a provisional approval.**

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College was opened in October of 1968. (Dedication ceremonies were on October 13, 1968, which included a procession from Temple's Ritter Hall to the College building at 2304-08 North Broad Street, and affixing of the *mezuzah*.) The charter was subsequently granted on January 14, 1969. There were four visits by state representatives to the College between March 1969 and April 1972 to obtain continuance of approval. The applications, correspondence, supporting materials and subsequent yearly reports provide a concise view into the College's expanding programming, finances, administration and curriculum in the early years of existence. This initial approval of RRC to operate in Pennsylvania was a provisional accreditation status only and was unusual in that the College did not have the required \$500,000 unencumbered endowment in hand. In correspondence dated 1978 with the state representative for chartering, the College is urged to comply and seek permanent charter status.

- Application for the chartering of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction.  
6/24/1968
- Correspondence for the chartering of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction. Includes Approval of the Articles of Incorporation of RRC and charter to grant the Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree, October 1968.

Supporting materials for applications:

- a. The resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation regarding the founding of RRC, the purchase of property, letters of commitment regarding Kaplan's books for the library at RRC and letters of commitment by advisors for services to RRC.
- b. Financial and curriculum information
- c. Board of Control, biographical data

d. Faculty, biographical data

Yearly follow-up reports to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding operations at RRC:

- a. Data report regarding the first year of operation of RRC, submitted to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, March 5, 1969.
- c. Data report regarding the second year of operation of RRC, submitted to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, 1970.
- e. Data report regarding the fourth year of operation of RRC, submitted to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, July 28, 1972.

**Accreditation Materials and application for final approval for permanent accreditation.**

- Correspondence from the Department of Education, Pennsylvania to the College regarding the status of provisional charter approval.
- Outline of steps to be taken for permanent accreditation of RRC, February 2, 1979.
- Materials submitted to the Commonwealth Department of Education for consideration of permanent accreditation of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, October 1979. This is a thick, detailed report regarding all aspects of operation, facilities, faculty, students, finances, calendar, etc.

**Commercial Insurance Policies and Appraisal Records**

- CNA Commercial Insurance Policy for RRC, 1994-95
- CNA Commercial Insurance Policy for RRC, change endorsement, 1993-94
- Acord, Certificate of Insurance for RRC, 1994
- Value appraisal, December 1993
- School Board liability insurance, RRC, 1993

**RRC Financial Documents**

- Auditor's Reports & Financial Statements 1973-78
- Other financial reports, budgets & notes, 1969-1996

**Mordecai M. Kaplan Library**

In a handwritten letter dated May 6, 1968, from Mordecai M. Kaplan to Ira Eisenstein, Kaplan affirms the provisions of his will to leave his entire personal library to Eisenstein. He also agrees in this letter to provide up to 1,000 volumes of

this stated collection to the RRC library as a working library for students, on or before the opening date of the 1968 fall semester.

Among the many contributions of books to the initial library of the College, there were 7,000 volumes from the personal collection of Rabbi Max Schenk, including some rare editions, which were donated in 1969. In a letter from Eisenstein to Schenk, he believes the collection to have been worth \$22,500.

The Mordecai M. Kaplan Library Fund.

In 1970, to commemorate Kaplan's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, a special fundraising solicitation was developed specifically to fund the library through the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation. There are many files relating to the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

- letter and list of books acquired through a grant from the Israel Matz Foundation, December 21, 1970
- correspondence regarding library donations & purchases, 1968-70.
- correspondence and copies of artwork relating to library bookplate and library insignia, 1969-70.
- information relating to library personnel, 1970

#### **Draft and printed promotional materials relating to RRC**

- correspondence, copy and invoices for various RRC brochures, 1970
- "The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College...in the news," 1968.
- "The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College...in the news," 1969. Printed 2-fold piece (2 copies) and original paste boards with newsprint attached.
- "The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College...in the news," 1970.  
Plus supporting materials for news of Reconstructionists: "Youth" magazine, September 13, 1970 featuring Sandy Eisenberg (Sasso) on the cover and JRC Newsletter with note circled about Aaron Peller.
- "A New Approach to the Training of Rabbis"  
Published by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation (JRF), 1968. This 2-fold brochure features a reproduction of letters exchanged in 1967 between Temple University and the JRF.
- Mordecai M. Kaplan Library brochure, 1970?
- Dropsie College brochure (1968) & program (1967)  
(Dropsie College was located across the street from RRC on Broad Street)
- Reconstructionist Rabbinical College booklet (2 copies)-Financial needs are outlined. 1969?

#### **Contribution letters and Acknowledgments to RRC**

Original letter of donation and acknowledgment letter are filed together and then letters are ordered chronologically by acknowledgment letter date, with the most recent on top. January 1968 to April 1970

### **RRC Faculty/Lecturers**

- Correspondence, 1968-70
- List of senior seminar lecturers, 1973-74

### **Students**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year student lists, September 1970
- Student Rosters

### **RRC General**

Administrative, Press Releases, Policy, Governance, Programs

- RRC calendar, 1969-70
- Requests for RRC candidates to fill positions, 1978
- RRC letterhead
- Policy : proposal for changes to Student Advisory System & Incomplete Work policy change, 1984
- RRC Press Releases, 1969
- Press Release re: Rabbi Gilbert, June 24, 1971
- RRC By-laws
- Letter from Sidney Musher to Ira Eisenstein regarding fundraising for the College, May 11, 1970
- Meeting Minutes of Board of Governors, RRC, January 5, 1977
- Danforth Foundation correspondence, 1969
- RRC mimeographs including: senior seminar syllabus (Spring 1979); bibliography on homosexuality; faculty memo (December 15, 1978) regarding class cancellation; memo for preliminary meeting on admitting an avowed homosexual to RRC (December 14, 1978); Newsletter #8
- blank Application for Admission to RRC
- Program for the Dedication Ceremonies for RRC, October 13, 1968. Ceremonies included affixing the *mezuzah* on the building.
- Material relating to the fourth anniversary celebration of RRC, October 1972.
- Apfel Parlor Meeting lists & correspondence, April 1973
- Drafts of Meeting minutes from Administration, Students, Faculty Meetings, March 9 and March 23, 1970.

Includes note from Arthur Gilbert to Ira Eisenstein regarding the “highly charged” meetings. The minutes indicate the disagreement over awarding Doctor of Hebrew Letters on the basis of a master’s versus a Ph.D.

- Calendar planning & worksheet for 1970-71.

**Exxon Education Foundation Grant: Teaching Medical Ethics to Theological Students.**

RRC received a \$50,000 two-year grant in August 1979 to develop this course. Project director was Ronald A. Brauner. The curriculum was prepared by Dr. Stephen Lammers and Dr. Arnold Eisen and reviewed by others. A year-long pilot program was taught at RRC by Rebecca Alpert. Students upon completion of the course were to receive two RRC credits and a certificate of completion.

- File includes expenditures, semi-annual reports, schedules, correspondence, course outline, meeting minutes & notices, grant notification, press release.
- Syllabus by Dr. Stephen Lammers for Exxon Project.  
Part Three/ Brief Teacher’s Guide to Proposed Seminary Course in Bioethics
- Information regarding Leonard Krivy, on course advisory board and reprints of course reading.

**R.S. 2            Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc.  
Ira Eisenstein, President (1959 -1978)**

January 15, 1940, the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation is established, primarily as a vehicle to take over the publication of *The Reconstructionist*, which had previously been published by the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ). It was established on the model of the Carnegie Foundation to seed a variety of cultural and intellectual expressions of Reconstructionist Judaism. In addition to the publication of the magazine, the organization also was the publisher of the Reconstructionist prayer books in the 1940s and 50s. *The New Haggadah*, 1941; *The Sabbath Prayer Book*, 1945; *The High Holiday Prayer Book*, 1948; the *Festival Prayer Book*, 1958; *Daily Prayer Book*, 1963.) In later years, it served as the overarching organization, bridging both ideologically and administratively the congregational branch of Reconstructionism and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

The Women’s Organization of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation deserves special mention here, since many of the records included in this collection concern *Reconstructionist* subscription promotion and T’hiyah or Reconstructionist University Fellowship (RUF), which are products of the Women’s Organization’s efforts to promote Reconstructionism. Unlike other similar organizations whose primary purpose is philanthropic or sisterhood affiliation, this Women’s Organization concentrated efforts on the promotion of Judaism and self-



knowledge. Initially a local New York metropolitan area group, expansion efforts to nationalize began in 1967.

The Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation ceased to exist as a financial or governance body in September 1982, no longer collecting or distributing funds, but still exists as a legal body.

### **Administrative Records of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation**

These records include information about all parts of the Foundation: Publications, Congregations and College. Correspondence is primarily from Ira Eisenstein or Arthur Gilbert (Assistant to the President, JRF and later RRC's founding dean).

- Minutes, cover letters, agendas for meetings of the Board of Directors and other Board correspondence. Includes: committee reports, financial reports, resolutions, president's report. Organized chronologically within each year, for the following:  
1944; 1957-1958; 1963; 1965-73; 1976; 1978-80
- Individual Board correspondence, 1969-70
- General correspondence, 1963-67
- Individual correspondence, 1967-68
- Membership campaign (Wolfe Kelman), 1965
- JRF Statement of mission, organizational structure, budget, 1942-43
- National Council - JRF - Board of Directors list
- Letterhead Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc.

### **JRF Annual Conferences & Dinners**

- 1944 Annual Conference, program, June 30 - July 1, 1944
- 1948 Annual Meeting and Conference program, January 4, 1948
- Minutes of Convention, November 10, 1955
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner program, JRF, November 20, 1960
- 1967 Annual JRF Dinner invitation, November 19, 1967
- 1969 Annual JRF Dinner program, January 12, 1969
- 1969 Annual Dinner table seating arrangements
- 1977 Annual JRF Dinner & 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RRC, 1977

### **Conferences/Programs/Special Events**

- Summer Conference, June 26 - 28, 1942
- Summary of proceedings at the Conference on Economic Ethics and Group Living, August 26 - 27, 1944
- Reconstructionist Youth House Plan, December 14, 1944

- Seminar plan at Cejwin Camp, Port Jervis, NY, September 1 - 2, 1946
- Summaries of discussions between the American Jewish Congress and JRF, February 21, 1952 & March 7, 1952
- Testimonial Dinner honoring Rabbi Eugene Kohn, May 16, 1957 with Spring workshop insert for May 17 -18, 1957
- 1966 Eisenstein 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner  
Invitation to Dinner; Address delivered by Ira Eisenstein; letter and seating list, October 30, 1966
- Orient Tour brochure and letters to Mrs. Allen Taft, Tour Chairman, 1966-67
- Conference of Executives of National Jewish Organizations  
Merrill Trust Fund granted the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation a grant of \$7,500 in 1965 for the purpose of bringing together Jewish leaders to discuss their common problems. At least two conferences occurred. These files contain meeting notes, correspondence and grant reports.
- Israel Tour and Study Mission, 1977 & 1979
- The Mordecai M. Kaplan Award Dinner program, November 18, 1978
- Israel Summer Program for High School Students, 1979 & 1980
- The First North American Reconstructionist Shabbat Kallah for teenagers, May 1 - 4, 1980

### **JRF Financial Records**

Budgets, Financial Statements, Expenditures: assorted materials 1942 - 1977

Fundraising, 1966-70

### **Press Releases**

- "Why Waste Effort on Fighting Anti-Semitism?," by Mordecai M. Kaplan, October 10, 1941
- Editorial for Release, "The Jewish Student on the American Campus," January 9, 1942
- JRF Press Releases, 1968-69
- JRF Press Releases, 1968-70
- Religious News Service: Rabbi Kaplan Warns 'Hedonism, Promiscuity' Threaten The Family, June 27, 1969
- JRF & Religious News Service Press Releases, 1968-69
- "Reconstructionist Rabbi calls for new sex codes, legalization of marijuana, and Jewish community support of radical alternatives," July 1, 1971
- Press Release, 1976

### **Promotional brochures and Newsletters, Publications**

- Materials relating to the *Reconstructionist Reader*, 1959-60

The Reader was to “reproduce some of the outstanding articles which have appeared in *THE RECONSTRUCTIONIST* during the twenty-five years of its existence.”

- “Reconstructionist Newsletter” No. 6 – April 1967; No. 7 – November 1967; No. 8 – March 1968; No. 9 – September 1968
- JRF publications
  - The Reconstructionist Movement: Theory and Practice*, 1970; 1975; 1977; 1978; 1979; 19<sup>th</sup> printing
  - A Way of Life for the Modern Jew* (between 1955-61)
  - Judaism as an Evolving Religious Civilization*, n.d.
  - Questions Jews Ask*, n.d.
  - Who is a Reconstructionist Jew?* n.d.
  - The Philosophy and Program of Reconstructionism*, 1944
  - God Torah Religion Peoplehood Culture Israel Community*, n.d.
  - The Jewish Reconstructionist Movement* booklet, n.d.
  - Reconstructionist Judaism: A Way to the Future*, 1982
  - The Jewish Layman Views Reconstructionism*, n.d.
  - A Program for Jewish Life Today*, 1951
  - Introduction to the SabbathPrayer Book*, reprint from 1<sup>st</sup> ed., 1945

### Local Reconstructionist Organizations

- *The Reconstructionist View*, published monthly by The Jewish Reconstructionist Society of California: March & April 1968
- Buffalo, NY: Correspondence regarding efforts to form a local Women’s Organization and promotional efforts for subscriptions to *The Reconstructionist*, 1967-68
- JRF, Midwest Region: Promotional, announcements, correspondence, meeting minutes, 1958-59

### Women’s Organization of JRF

Formed 1957 or 1958 (reported in the February 4, 1958 Board of Directors minutes as a recently formed committee of the Foundation. Activities in this report were arranging parlor meetings in all boroughs (NY) and arrangement of a city-wide conference in April, 1958)

- W.O. Board meeting minutes, January 15, 1969; May 7, 1969; June 11, 1969
- T’hiyah, The Reconstructionist University Fellowship (RUF)  
T’hiyah, a project of the Women’s Organization of JRF, offers programming, special events and institute aimed at the college or graduate student.

- a. correspondence, student lists, conference schedule and summary report relating to The Institute, 1969
- b. notes, etc. relating to The Institute and the FRCH 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference, 1969
- c. RUF encampment June 18 - 21, 1970
- d. T'hiyah survey responses re: *Reconstructionist*, 1967
- e. T'hiyah forms/information, 1967
- f. T'hiyah correspondence, 1968
- g. T'hiyah membership, 1967
- h. T'hiyah, RUF brochures
- i. T'hiyah correspondence, 1966-68
- j. T'hiyah Spring Shabbat Institute broadside, 1966
- k. T'hiyah, 1966-67
- l. solicitation to seminary students for free gift subscription, 1966-68
- m. gift subscription renewals list, 1966-67
- n. correspondence - Gilbert & Greenberg, 1970
- o. correspondence - Diamant/Aronstein, December 12, 1968
- p. Hassidic Service for Sabbath Eve by Isadore Freed
- q. T'hiyah Workshop invitation
- r. correspondence, 1970
- s. address delivered by Rabbi Jacob Agus, Rabbinic Fellowship, JRF, November 29, 1965
- t. Hillel speaking contacts, 1967-68

**R.S. 3            The Reconstructionist Press**  
***The Reconstructionist Magazine***

**Ira Eisenstein:**

- **A founder of the magazine, 1935**
- **Associate Chairman of the Editorial Board, 1935-1959**
- **Editor, 1959**

*The Reconstructionist* magazine was established October 8, 1934, by one vote of the Board of Trustees of the SAJ. It was to be published by the SAJ, but be, “an obligation of the individual members of the SAJ” “The Women’s Division, by voting a subsidy of \$500, express their preference for the magazine over the continuation of the Sunday morning forums.” [from the *Silver Jubilee Journal*, S.A.J., May 21, 1947.] On January 15, 1940, the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation took over the publishing of the magazine.

“Dedicated to the advancement of Judaism as a religious civilization, to the upbuilding of Israel’s ancient homeland, and to the furtherance of universal freedom, justice and peace,” from the cover of the first issue of the journal.

A bi-weekly journal of Jewish opinion, the *Reconstructionist* magazine was issued 600 times in the first 30 years.

The Reconstructionist Press publishes new works and reprints.

### **Subscriptions to the *Reconstructionist***

Many of the subscription drives were handled by the Women's Organization.

- Magazine Subscription Promotion Committee meeting minutes and report, October 30, 1967
- Comprehensive Reports on Magazine Subscriptions & Subscription Reports, 1967-68
- Flyers and Circulars, printing, 1968
- Student solicitation for membership in Reconstructionist University Fellowship (RUF) and gift subscription offers by the Women's Organization for the *Reconstructionist*. Correspondence from Rabbi Arthur Gilbert (RUF Advisor) to Jewish Institute of Religion (J.I.R), Jewish Theological Seminary (J.T.S.), Brandeis University, Wellesley College, Hillel, Hebrew Union College (H.U.C.), etc.
- Correspondence also discusses gatherings and lectures for the promotion of Reconstructionism among selected college/seminary students, 1967-68
- Within the folder is: 1) a paper by Norman V. Weitzner, Director B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, sent to Rabbi Gilbert on the Holocaust; 2) a proposal for Havurat Shalom Community Seminary.
- Model Packet for promoting subscriptions to the *Reconstructionist* magazine. "Guidelines to promote subscriptions" kit was created by Marcella Rubel, business manager and newly appointed subscriptions director in 1967.
- Promotional Kit
- Plans for increasing circulation, 1968-70
- Subscription campaign, 1967
- Subscription solicitations, 1967-68
- Subscription solicitations, 1967-68
- Subscription orders
- *Reconstructionist* subscription flyers
- Synagogue promotion of the *Reconstructionist*, 1967-68
- *Reconstructionist* subscription flyers/advertisements - all labeled Exhibit "C"
- *Reconstructionist* subscription flyer
- list of *Reconstructionist* subscribers, graduates of J.T.S.

### **Advertising for Reconstructionist Press**

Flyers for publications, advertisements arranged on an exchange basis with other publications, testimonials used for advertising, catalogs

- Press flyers
- Press flyers, 1967
- Advertisement in *American Zionist*, June 1967
- Advertising exchanges with other publications, 1967-69
- Advertising exchanges, etc.
- Reconstructionist Press catalogs
- Testimonials
- Advertisement for *The Faith of America*, September 15, 1963

### **Reconstructionist Press, Administration & General**

- Memorandum Report - *Reconstructionist* - Income and Expense, 1939
- Memo: Donations from SAJ, 1938 subscription money, printing costs, budget, promised donations, September 11, 1939
- Financial memo regarding the printing of the *Sabbath Prayer Book*, pre-publication of first edition, November 29, 1944  
Introduction for second edition of the *Sabbath Prayer Book*.
- List of those present at Editorial Board Press meeting held on December 29, 1953
- Meeting Minutes of the Chicago Editorial Board, 1955
- Letter from Thomas Yoseloff, Inc. with terms for printing the trade publication of Kaplan, February 13, 1957
- *Tributes to the Reconstructionist on its Thirtieth Anniversary 1935-1965*, booklet
- Editorial Board list, meeting minutes and miscellaneous correspondence, 1967-68
- Letter to Editorial Board announcing the meeting and press conference for launching of a new program for the training of rabbis. Brochure, 1968
- Remunerations, 1980-82
- Contributors to the magazine

### **Magazine Draft Copy**

Note 1: The following copies of the *Reconstructionist* were removed from this Record Group/Record Series and are filed separately with other copies of the magazine: Vol. VII-May 30, 1941; Vol. XXX-April 17, 1964; Vol. XXXV-October 10, 1969; Vol. XXXVII -September 17, 1971; Vol. XLIII-March 1977

Note 2: Reprints from the *Reconstructionist* have been removed and are filed separately with other reprints.

- Notes, correspondence and copy
- Book review and correspondence, 1968

**R.S. 4            Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot (FRCH)**

### Ira Eisenstein, Executive Director

In 1955, The Reconstructionist Fellowship of Congregations (RFC) was created as part of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation. The first four affiliates were: Society for the Advancement of Judaism, NY; Temple Sinai, Buffalo; Temple Beth El Zedek, Indianapolis, Ind. and Niles Township Jewish Congregation, Skokie, Ill. Other congregations also “interested in various aspects of the Reconstructionist program” were present at the Conference: KAM (Chicago), Beth Emet Congregation (Evanston), Jewish Community Center (Aurora, Ill.), Anshe Emet (Chicago).

In 1961, the organization became known as Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Fellowships (FRCF)

In the mid 1970s, both the Reconstructionist Federation of Congregations and Havurot (RFCH) and the Reconstructionist Federation of Congregations and Fellowships (RFCF) names were used.

In the June 13, 1980 by-laws, the name officially became the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot (FRCH).

In 1995, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation replaced FRCH.

#### Annual Meetings:

FRCF 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting	April 27-30, 1961	White Plains, NY
FRCF 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting	May 17-20, 1962	Skokie, IL
FRCF 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	May 2-5, 1963	Buffalo, NY
FRCF 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	May 20-23, 1965	Phila., PA
FRCF 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	May 25-28, 1967	Montreal, Canada
FRCF 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	May 2-5, 1968	Great Neck, NY
FRCF 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	June 19-22, 1969	Port Jervis, NY
FRCF 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	May 21-24, 1971	Phila, PA
FRCF 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual	June 2-4, 1972	Los Angeles, CA
14 <sup>th</sup> Annual	1974	Buffalo, NY
RFCH 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention	May 22-25, 1975	Montreal, Canada
RFCH mid-year conference	Jan.23-25, 1976	Skokie, IL
RFCH & RFCF 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Con.	May 20-23, 1976	Phila., PA
(Havurot and Fellowships are both used on materials for the convention)		
RFCH & RFCF mid-year conference	Jan. 14-16, 1977	Skokie, IL
(Havurot and Fellowships are both used on materials for the conference)		
RFCH & RFCF 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Con.	May 26-29, 1977	Skokie, IL
(Havurot and Fellowships are both used on materials for the convention)		
RFCH & RFCF 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Con.	May 18-21, 1978	Denver, CO
(Havurot and Fellowships are both used on materials for the convention)		

RFCH & RFCF 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Con.	June 7-10, 1979	Phila., PA
(Havurot and Fellowships are both used on materials for the convention)		
FRCH 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention	June 12-15, 1980	Indianapolis, IN
(also referred to as RFCH on list of attendance)		
FRCH 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Convention	June 11-14, 1981	Grossinger, NY
FRCH 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention	June 17-20, 1982	Kiamesha Lake, NY
FRCH 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention	June 14-17, 1984	Buffalo, NY
FRCH 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention	June 13-16, 1985	Chicago, IL
FRCH 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention	May 29-June 1, 1986	Phila., PA

- Fellowship of Reconstructionist Congregations – Statement of Principles, n.d.
- By-Laws of The Reconstructionist Fellowship of Congregations, 1961  
(just prior to the first name change)
- Annual Meetings
  - Agendas, registration forms, pre-meeting correspondence, resolutions:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference, letter and resolutions, 1961
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conference, proposals adopted, 1962
  - 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, letter and first draft proposal, 1963
  - 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting program, 1963
  - 6<sup>th</sup> annual conference sample press release, 1965
  - 6<sup>th</sup> annual conference tentative program, 1965
  - 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference, program, resolutions, registration form, correspondence, 1967
  - 9<sup>th</sup> annual conference, correspondence, reservation form, program/agenda, notes on invitees, 1968
  - 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference, letter, agenda highlights, 1969
  - 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Shabbat Seder, 1969
  - 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference, program, 1969
  - 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference, letters & agenda highlights, 1969
  - East Coast Institute, 5/1-3/1970
  - Cabinet meeting planning, 6/7-8/1970
  - Cabinet meeting, 6/7-8/1970
  - Cabinet meeting highlights, 7/1970
  - 12<sup>th</sup> annual national cabinet meeting and convocation
  - Round-up and Highlights draft prepared by Arthur Gilbert, 5/21-24, 1971
  - 13<sup>th</sup> annual convention – special convention supplement announcing MM Kaplan’s surprise attendance, 5/20/1972
  - Newspaper article on Buffalo convention, 5/10/1974
  - 15<sup>th</sup> annual convention, “The State of the College,” address by Fredric Kazan, 5/24/1975
  - Resolutions adopted at convention, 5/25/1975
  - Mid-year notice and tentative agenda, 1979
  - Program, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention, FRCH & JRF, 6/11-14/1981



- Officer and Member Listings

FRCH statistics on members (between 1961-66)  
 FRCF listing, 12/1966  
 FRCF listing, 9/1967  
 Officer listing with some biographical information, 5/5/1968

Executive Board Minutes: 11/20/1967, 12/4/1968

- Correspondence

“Federation Old File” miscellaneous  
 FRCF mailings, Prayer Services  
 Records of Prayer Books sent, 1963-66  
 Additional Evening Service by Rabbi Harold Silver distributed to members,  
 3/4/1968  
 Letter and survey blanks regarding the religious status of children in mixed  
 marriages, 2/20/1967  
 Letters between A. Gilbert and Hy Chipkin, 1968-69  
 In the Board minutes of 12/4/1968, Rabbi Gilbert describes  
 monthly letters to the S.A.J. Board (Hy Chipkin) “as a means of  
 maintaining contact between the Reconstructionist Foundation and  
 the S.A.J. Board.”  
 Correspondence, 1968  
 Correspondence, 1967-70  
 Correspondence, newsletters, announcements between Rabbi Gilbert and  
 various congregations, 1968-69  
 letter to fellow officers from Leroy Shuster, 2/21/1973

- FRCH Publications

Newsletters  
 letter and mailing list requesting items for Newsletter  
 Newsletter draft materials  
 Pamphlets, other printed matter  
 Envelope designed by Betsy Platkin Teutsch, 1981  
*The Reconstructionist Movement: Theory and Practice*, 1986, 1988  
 FRCH  
*Perhaps you belong in a Jewish Reconstructionist community...*  
 2-pocket folder

**R.S. 5            Mordecai M. Kaplan Birthday Celebrations & Related  
 Fundraisers**

- 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan Shabbat, June 11, 1966
  - JRF notice - Attend synagogue services on June 11, Mordecai M. Kaplan Sabbath, 1966; with a listing of participating synagogues in the northeast.
  - Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan Shabbat brochure
  - JRF Dinner Program honoring MMK on his 85<sup>th</sup> year, 11/3/1965
  - Publication Fund records for "Questions Jews Ask" record album set, promoted as part of the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration
  - Chicago Sinai Congregation Bulletin announcing a Kaplan Shabbat observance, "Rediscovering Reconstructionism," 4/11/1966
  
- 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, 1971
  - Letters to the press regarding the celebration and a possible article on Kaplan
  - Letter & mailing service orders for various committees/events related to fundraising for the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration; 5/28/1971
  - Return postage cards and letters regarding the Sponsoring Committee for the celebration sent to SAJ members
  - Various letters from Ira Eisenstein regarding 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations throughout the country
  - Eisenstein Development materials - contains Kaplan 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration lists and correspondence, and other development activities, 1970
  - Lists & Notes
  - Lists & Correspondence
  - Correspondence
  - California 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
    - Financial Records for California celebration, 1970-71
    - Receipts, California
    - Invitation, California, 1/17/1971
    - Certificate presented by the Board of Supervisors and citizens of Los Angeles County in commemoration of MMK's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
    - publicity, pledge records
  - Fundraising for Library
  - Contribution acknowledgements
  - Philadelphia 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, 5/23/1971
    - Tribute Dinner Celebration invitation, program;
    - Correspondence & Tribute by Eisenstein
  - Newspaper articles relating to 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Celebrations
  - Washington DC area celebrations

Westchester committee

**R.S. 6 Correspondence of Rabbi Ira Eisenstein**

Letter subjects concern a wide range of Reconstructionist issues, relating to the *Reconstructionist*, fundraising, RRC, as well as personal letters.

Files are arranged alphabetically as originally filed by Ira Eisenstein. Letters are grouped by correspondent (when there were incoming and outgoing letters they were stapled together with the most recent date on top). Staples have been removed, but order maintained. Letters are ordered chronologically using the top letter in a grouping as the date.

“A” 1939-1989  
 “B” 1945-1993  
 “C” pre-1942-1997  
 “D” 1945-1993  
 “E” 1945-1997  
 “F” 1945- 5/1990  
 “G” 1945- 6/1996  
 “H” 1941 - 1997  
 “I” 1945 - 1987  
 “J” 1939 - 1983  
 “K” 1937-1993  
 “L” 1936- 7/1983  
 “M” 1941-1982  
 “N” 1944-1999  
 “O” 1946-1982  
 “P” 1930-1983  
 “Q” 1973-1981  
 “R” 1945- 10/1971  
 “S” 1945- 2001  
 “T” 1946- 1994  
 “U” 1930- 1982  
 “V” 1946-1983  
 “W” 1936-1993  
 “Y” 1968-1993  
 “Z” 1946-1982

**R.S. 7 Writing: Sermons, Lectures, Other Liturgy, Manuscripts, Letters to the Editor, Book Reviews, Transcripts & Related Materials**

## R.S. 7.1 Sermons and Lectures

### Notebook 1:

3/18/1933	SAJ	Modern Idolatry
1/30/1937	SAJ	Sins of the Fathers
2/18/1933	SAJ	Religion in the Social Crisis
11/18/1933	SAJ	Rome and Jerusalem
11/3/1933	SAJ	Portion- VEYERA
11/14/1931	SAJ	Sin of Esau
11/25/1933	SAJ	Religion and Religions
11/20/1931	SAJ	Bread to Eat
10/28/1933	SAJ	Bible - Lech Lecha
10/24/1931	SAJ	Lech Lecha
10/31/1931	SAJ	VAYERAH - Truth and Peace
10/21/1933	SAJ	Noah- Dangers of Uniformity
1932	SAJ	Sukkot-2 <sup>nd</sup> - Art in Jewish Life
n.d.	SAJ	Sukkot- 2 <sup>nd</sup> day - Reevaluating Pelestine
1936	SAJ	Sukkot - Shemini - Equality
n.d.		Sukkot
1937	SAJ	Sukkot - 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Constitution
10/3/1931	SAJ	Shemini Azeret
1933	SAJ	Sukkot Sabbath - Judaism as Art
1933	SAJ	Sukkot 2 <sup>nd</sup> day - Plac [sic] of Palestine in Jewish Life
3/1940	SAJ	?
n.d.		Mishteh...
n.d.		Place of Mysticism in Life
1942		Ingratitude
1/2 ??	SAJ	Blindness and Power
n.d.		Conscientious Objection
1940	SAJ	Three Stories about Torah Revelation
3/15/1941	SAJ	Does Believing in God Make a Difference?
1942		
n.d.		The Sabbath was made ofr[sic] Israel
1/14/39		How important is an individual?
n.d.		Judah...
1933		

### Notebook 2:

1953		Rosh Hash - Faith and Responsibility
n.d.		Failure of Nerve
9/6		MMK -Seminar I / Y.K.
1951		Rosh Hashanah: YOM HA*DIN
1947		RH - Immaturity

1948	RH - Medinat Yisrael
n.d.	Shabbat Shubah Outline
1947	Yom Kippur - The Sense of Unworthiness
1948	YK - Spiritually Displaced Jews. What About the Future?
n.d.	Sukkot - 2 <sup>nd</sup> day - Sense of Values
1952	Sukkot - Unity of the Jewish People
1952	Sukkot - 2 <sup>nd</sup> day - Values of the Nomad and the Settled
1948	Sukkot - Rural Virtues in the City
1948	___ God - No Man ~ Living Dead
n.d.	Sukkot - What is Group Equality?
1947	Sukkot - 2 <sup>nd</sup> day - Whither American Zionism?
n.d.	Sukkot - The Tercentenary: The Future of the Diaspora
1953	Sukkot - And Thou Shalt Rejoice
1949	Sukkot - 1 <sup>st</sup> day - Morale....Through Thankfulness
1953	Shemini Azeret - Religion...In the Mass Media
1949	Shemini Azeret - Place of Prayer in Morale
1952	Shemini Azeret - Praying These Days...
1947	Thanksgiving
1947	The Upper Classes and Judaism
n.d.	Shabbat Hanukkah - Social Climbing
1952	Shabbat Hanukkah - 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Right Kind of Minorities
3/6/1949	Script for Purim Telecast - WPIX
n.d.	Sermons
1948	Pesah
1952	Shabuot
n.d.	May 1 <sup>st</sup> - Pesach
n.d.	clipping & notes on Fosdick & Kaplan
1954	Last day Passover - United Jewish Appeal
4/13/1948	Z.O.A. -Spot News
1947	8 <sup>th</sup> day Pesach - Mystery of Lost Despair
1951	Lag Beomer - Mysticism
1949	Shabuot - Torah....Document of Discontent.
1948	Shabuot Pledge
1953	Shabuot - Revelation and Discovery
11/5	Basic Jewish Values
n.d.	How to be Immune to Disillusionment, by Mordecai M. Kaplan
1951	Yom Kippur - Religion and Ethics
n.d.	Future of U.N.
10/20/1953	letter from American Association for the United Nations, Inc. addressed, "Dear Friend"

10/25/1953	News release by I.E. re: United Nations
12/3/1949	Revival of Orthodoxy
11/18/1949	Should American Jews Encourage Youth to Settle?
1948	For Religious Studies Lecture - Freedom and Responsibility - Democracy's Problems
n.d.	"Throughout the centuries of Jewish wandering..."
2/6	clipping: "Conformity is Deplored / Rabbi Eisenstein Calls it Our Top Domestic Menace."
n.d.	Judaism & Democracy
5/24/1948	Benediction...B'nai B'rith Dinner
12/8/1948	Television
1/8/1949	Declaration of the New Curtain [on reverse] The Creative Function
11/5/1948	Services in Honor of the State of Israel 34 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Hadassah, Atlantic City
n.d.	The Effects of Democracy on Judaism
4/13/1953	Jewish Commonwealths - Past and Present - part I
4/20/1953	Jewish Commonwealths - Past and Present - part II
4/27/1953	Jewish Commonwealths - Past and Present - part III
n.d.	Israel Independence Day...5th

Other sermons/lectures/radio broadcast transcripts and related materials:  
All materials were either labeled "sermon" or grouped with sermon  
materials. It has been ordered by date.

n.d.	"Mama Bogner took her son, the doctor aside..."
n.d.	Jewish Social Work
n.d.	Jewish Elements in Jewish Social Work, transcription of talk and following discussions
n.d.	#3, "One of the most important things..."
n.d.	"One of the most difficult questions..."
n.d.	"The story of the golden calf..."
n.d.	Misc.
n.d.	Kind of Religion We Need Today
n.d.	Preparing for Pesah
n.d.	Role of Religion
n.d.	Be Holy
n.d.	Israel and Golah
n.d.	Erich Fromm - Man For Himself
n.d.	re: Leadership
4/8/1936	SAJ, New Enemies of Zion

9/1942	SAJ, Religion of Ethical Optimism, Rosh Hashanah
1/1944	God Hardens Pharoah's Heart
1/28/1944	Source of Our Moral Values, Park Ave. Synagogue
2/5/1944	Sharing the Troubles and the Triumphs
2/20/1944	True Brotherhood
4/1944	Freedom From Fear, Pesah
6/20/1944	Lecture #4, Jewish Religious Teaching - What Guide to American Affairs, many edits
9/18/1944	A Heart of Wisdom
9/27/1944	Program for American Jewry
12/31/1944	Eulogy for Mrs. Sarah Garfunkel
1945	Jacob Prays & Rational Messianism
1/1945	Half-Hearted Mitzvah
4/4/1945	How to Meet V*E Day
4/28/1945	Tooth for Tooth - German Tortures
9/1945	Sukkot -The Joy to Come
12/9/1945	Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS): Church of the Air, 30 minute program outline, Eisenstein speaking on, "Time for Moral Greatness," with music by Cantor Moshe Nathanson and the SAJ choral group under Chemjo Vinaver.
Late 1940s	"Most desperate problem...now is Jews who survive"
1946	Sermon
1946	Hebrews vs. Jews
1946	Shabbat Zukor
1946	Silence is Best
1946	
1946	re: integrity, refers to Judge Rifkin's speech
2/16/1946	Failure of Nerve
4/2/1946	Speech by Judge Simon Rifkind, Delivered at Hotel Biltmore
4/22/1946	Pesah 7 <sup>th</sup> day
5/1946	Crisis in Palestine
11/1946	Sukkot Services Sermon, Zionism Today
11/10/1946	Sukkot Sermon, 1 <sup>st</sup> day
11/11/1946	Sukkot Sermon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> day, Policy of American Zionisms
12/1946	Hanukkah Sermon
1947	Impatience
1947	Right & Wrong: Means & Ends
1947	SAJ - Jewish Unity - With State

1947	Unity of Israel (cont.)
1947	__reth - Neglected Boy
1947	Bread to Eat
1947	Toledot - Inter-marriage
1947	Appropriate Solutions
1947	Infinitely Small & Great
1947	Day of Decision
3/31/1947	Summary of talk to be given to National Jewish Women's Organizations
9/6/1947	Article, "Does the Universe Have a Mind?" by William Pepperell Montague, <u>The Saturday Review</u>
10/1947	Summary of Curriculum for first Quarter: Course I, Introduction to Jewish Life and Thought in Our Time; Course II, The American Jewish Community, 7/14/1947 to 10/24/1947. Eisenstein is one of the lecturers in Course II. His lecture outline, Conceptions of Jewish Life in America, and bibliography included in the file, 10/20/1947.
12/2/1947	Seminar, On "Jewish Values," Willkie House
12/2/1947	Seminar, On "Jewish Values," Willkie House w/ correspondence between Arthur Chiel, Anti-Defamation League and Ira Eisenstein
1948	<u>ritual</u>
1948	<u>Charming Legend</u>
1948	State of Israel...
1948	Kiddush Hashem
1948	Lawlessness
1948	Decalogue & Human Need
1948	Solomon Schechter - 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
1948	Criticising Authority
1948	"...characteristic of the man with no <u>feeling</u> ..."
1948	Vayera - Abraham: Love for People who accept the basic deficiencies...
1948	Lek Leka - Ethics of Immigration(?)
5/7/1948	Tribute to Moshe Furmanskyy upon his death.
1949	Shabbat Shekalim (Personal)
1949	Interpreting Israel's Victory
1949	90 <sup>th</sup> birthday - John Dewey
1949	Noah
3/5/1949	Personal
3/19/1949	Idolatry
1950	Bible



1950s ?	Story of the golden calf...
1950s	page 2
1950s	Honoring Cantor Moshe Nathanson
1952	Lek Leka The Land The People and The Idea
1952	Vayigash - Conservatism of Youth
1952	Toledot - Moral Relativism
1952	Vayera - Hospitality - Lost Art
1952	Bershit - Man God and the Devil
1952	Noah - Babel - Problem of Communication
3/29/1952	Shannat Vayikra, "Shall we restore sacrifices?"
1953	Behaaloteka
1953	Behar Behukotai Fear and Love of God
1953	Vayikra, SAJ, The Evolution of Worship
1953	Zakor, Germany
1953	terumah, The Craving for Direction
1953	Noah/ Unity: Flood Generation vs. Babel Generation
1954	Notes for Reconstructionist Brunch - marking 20 years of the <i>Reconstructionist</i> .
1954	When to be Sensitive to Public Opinion
1/9/1954	The Art of Compromise, Excerpts from a sermon, SAJ
9/12/1954	Tercentenary Service at Anshe Emet and program from the Synagogue Council of America
9/20/1954	Outline: Jews Opportunities & Responsibilities Under Freedom: 300 <sup>th</sup> Year in America/ College of J. Studies
10/29/1954	Program and Sermon: What is a Demagogue?
11/12/1954	Order of Service and Sermon: Is Race Equality Feasible? and clippings
11/15/1954	World Jewry and World Protestantism: Our Common Problems
12/10/1954	Where Are Our Intellectuals
12/17/1954	Can we live by Jewish Law
12/24/1954	What Youth Should Expect of the Synagogue
12/31/1954	Prospect and Retrospect
1955	Shabbat Zakor - Can We Fight Anti Semitism
1955	The Legend of Theodor Herzl
1955	Jewry's Debt to Solomon Goldman
1/1955	Notes on (Albert) Schweitzer w/ newspaper clippings.
1/7/1955	What's Wrong with Jewish Philanthropy
1/14/1955	Notes for Sermon on Education.

- Includes summaries of The College of Jewish Studies, High School of Jewish Studies and article on Jewish Education through camping.
- 1/21/1955 Who Owns the Earth? w/ newspaper clipping
- 2/4/1955 The Arts in Jewish Life
- 3/11/1955 Positive Thinking...Solve Problems? w/ clipping N.V. Peale
- 3/18/1955 Toynbee and the Jews
- 4/2/1955 Conflict of the Generations
- 4/15/1955 Joys of Being Needed (for Rose Towbin)
- 4/22/1955 A New Zionism
- 5/6/1955 The Religion of Albert Einstein
- 5/13/1955 Is Prayer Necessary?
- 11/4/1955 Red Star Over Egypt
- 11/18/1955 Shall Jews Be Missionaries
- 12/2/1955 Stranger Among the Best Sellers: The Romance of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- 12/10/1955 Why is Hanukkah Today A Major Festival?
- 12/23/1955 We Need Jewish Professionals, Homecoming
- 1/6/1956 The Ethics of the Arab Refugee Problem
- 1/13/1956 Ludwig Lewisohn...A Tribute
- 1/27/1956 Art and Jewish Living - Jewish Music Month
- 1/10/1958 Can We Have Religion Without Revelation?  
Delivered at the Anshe Emet Synagogue
- 1958 R.H. Rosh Hashanah Sermon (incomplete)
- 11/25/1958 Naturalism - Goldman Lecture
- 12/1958 Woman of Valor...Old and New Style
- 1/2/1959 What's in a Name
- 1/20/1959 Remarks from the Pulpit
- 1/30/1959 Intellectuals - Part Two
- 2/13/1959 Religion of Lincoln
- 12/1960-1961 materials relating to 25<sup>th</sup> World Zionist Congress:  
Reprint of: "Zionists Convene in Jerusalem" 12/16/1960  
mss. Re. 25<sup>th</sup> World Zionist Congress, 12/1960-1/1961  
Bulletin of the Press Bureau, WZO, 12/29/1960
- n.d. (1960s) T'Shuvah as Return to God
- 1964 Ideas about God and Prayer according to Reconstructionism
- 1965-66 Forums: Reconstructing the J. Family
1. Changing Patterns, 10/20/1965
  2. Cultivating Nostalgia, 12/1/1965
  3. Towards a Mature Idea of God, 2/2/1966

- 1/1966 Given to Bd. Members; Rosen/Friedman?  
 1966 The Value of Our Doubts, 5/13/1966  
 The Inalienable Human Rights, n.d.  
 Beth Shalom Synagogue, White Plains, NY  
 10/30/1966 Address delivered - Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation,  
 Annual Dinner  
 1966-67 Copies of NY Times articles, 5/16/1966, 12/29/1966,  
 1/10/1967  
 1967 Where was God?  
  
 3/8/1978 The Emerging American Judaism, talk to Indianapolis

### Other Liturgy

Prayer for the Jewish Dead in the American Armed Forces  
 Promise of the Restoration of Zion  
 "Thou O God Art One..."  
 "...Oh Lord God of the Spirits of All Flesh..."  
 Invocation for Federation Meeting, 1/13/1955  
 Brotherhood Prayer - JTS Dinner, 5/2/1954

### Manuscripts

The writings of Ira Eisenstein, a bibliographic compilation of materials  
 gathered by Richard Libowitz, 1976  
 Assimilation, n.d.  
 Assimilation, submitted to Commentary, with letter to Elliot Cohen,  
 6/2/1947  
 Comments sent to Conservative Judaism, 8/19/1946  
 Now we are forty, Saturday Review of Literature, 8/1/1946  
 Jewish Traditions and Ceremonials, Encyclopedia article, 6/1946  
 The only way to go to a children's theatre..." n.d.  
 "Jewish religious and social practices..." n.d.  
 Jews and Judaism, c. 1945  
 "Relations between religious groups in America..." n.d.  
 Radio address on station W.H.O.M., 11/20/1939  
 Biblical Eschatology, A Philosophic Evaluation (student paper?) n.d.  
 "The Jewish people today..." n.d.  
 Thanksgiving Day 1946, published in World Over, 11/15/1946  
 The Contemporary American Jewish Scene?, mid-late 1940s  
 Reconstructionism Hailed in Several Books, n.d.  
 Church of the Air, CBS, 2/15/1948  
 The Zionist Movement, 1960  
 Chalutz in America, published in The Jewish Frontier?, 11/14/1945

All in a Rabbi's Day, (includes biographical sketch) n.d.  
 Radio broadcast, Faith for Living Today, United Jewish Layman's  
 Committee, Inc., 2.7.1954  
 The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, article prepared for CCAR  
 Journal, 1974  
 Patterns of Living of the Jewish People on the American Scene, 1953  
 The Naturalistic Religious Philosophy of Mordecai M. Kaplan, 1975?  
 Tennis Tournament, 7/31 to Commentary, n.d.  
 "The Catholic Church..." 1946-7

### Letters to the Editor/Book Reviews/Transcripts

Letter to Editor of Commentary, Rejoinder to Dr. Gaster, 2/18/1946  
 Letter to Editor of Commentary, Back Talk from 86<sup>th</sup> Street, 9/1946  
 Letter to Editor of Commentary, re: Nathan Glazer, 1/30/1947  
 Letter to Editor of Commentary, The Parlour Terrorists, 3/1947  
 Editorial for the Reconstructionist, 12/17/1946  
 Letter to the Editor of Christian Century, n.d.  
 Editorial for the Sentinel, 1959  
 Editorial, "The plain Englishman...", 2/20/1947

Book review: *The Arts and Religion*, ed. By Albert Edward Bailey, 1944  
 Book review: *Great Prisoners*, by Isidore Abramowitz, 1946  
 Book review: *Psychology of Religion*, by Paul E. Johnson, 1945  
 Book review: *Jews in Remote Corners of the World*, by Ida Cowen, 6/1970  
 Book review: *A Voice Still Heard*, by Eric Werner, 1976  
 Book review: *Leo Baeck: Teacher of Teresienstadt*, by Albert H. Friedlander,  
 Jan. or Feb., 1969  
 Book review: *In the Beginning Love*, by Mark Van Doren, etc., 1973  
 Book review: *Law and Theology in Judaism*, by David Novak, c. 1974  
 Book review: *The Shaping of Jewish History*, by Ellis Rivkin, 1971  
 Book review: *Guideposts in Modern Judaism*, by Jacob B. Agus, 1954  
 Book review: *Israel: Its Role in Civilization*, ed. Moshe Davis, 1956

### Lecture/Program Announcements

n.d.	Winter Lecture Series, "Jewish Religion Today," Hillel Foundation, 3/6. Eisenstein, "Reconstructionism: A New Approach to Jewish Religion."
1946	Outdoor Vesper Services, 1946 Summer Series, sponsored by the Croton Valley Ministers' Association Eisenstein on 7/28/1946

- 10/15/1947    Announcement – The Men’s Club Clarion, Temple Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis – open meeting. Ira Eisenstein speaking on, “The Individual in a World of Chaos,” 10/22/1947
- 11/3/1947    Announcement – Monday Evening Series of courses, 1947-1948, presented by the Adult Education Committee of the Park Avenue Synagogue, 11/3/1947 to 4/5/1948. Lecture & Discussion by Eisenstein, “In Reconstructionism” on 12/1/1947.
- 1/7/1948      Announcement – Men’s Club of Temple Emanu-el, Dinner and Forum with Guest speaker Ira Eisenstein on 1/13/1948
- 10/31/1948    Program – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New York Metropolitan Section, National Jewish Welfare Board. Eisenstein, chairman for Parlor B, “New Perspectives for Cultural Programming.”
- 1962-63      Schedule of Distinguished Ministers 1962-63, Unitarian Church of Germantown. Eisenstein scheduled for the pulpit 12/9/1962
- 4/7/1967      Letter announcing weekend sponsored by the Jewish Reconstructionist Society of Brooklyn. Eisenstein and Goldsmith to speak. 4/7 – 4/9/1967.
- 6/6/1971      Announcement - A-Unique TV Event: The Reconstructionist “Point of View.” A Panel Discussion. Four Generations of Reconstructionists. Panelists: M.M. Kaplan, I. Eisenstein, A. Gilbert, Moshe Birnbaum (student RRC)

#### **R.S. 7.6      Lecture Bookings**

Records of Ira Eisenstein from speaking engagements through the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board. 1945 - 1948 Contains information on the group, lecture subject, attendees, fees and expenses. Front of the file contains 2 versions of Eisenstein’s biographical information.

File has been put in chronological order by scheduled lecture date.

File containing the following forms:

Speaker's Reports  
 Confirmation of Booking  
 Booking Memorandum  
 Speaker's Information Form

**Printed Materials: Columns, Articles, Book Reviews**

- n.d. magazine published by The Jewish Center Lecture Bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board, article by Eisenstein, "Jewish Cultural Values," pp. 4-5
- 8/15/1944 "Zionism in American Jewish Life," in The New Palestine Reconstructionist Calls for the Creation of a Kehillah
- 2/1945 "Reconstructionism's 10<sup>th</sup> Year," by Ira Eisenstein, The National Jewish Monthly, pgs. 180-181.
- 4/1945 Book Review in Jewish Social Studies of, *Sabbath, the Day of Delight*, by Abraham E. Millgram, Jewish Publication Society.
- 6/1946 Book review of *Psychology of Religion* by Paul E. Johnson, Jewish Education, pgs. 53-54
- 11/15/1946 "Thanksgiving Dream," published in World Over. (see manuscript copy also)
- 4/1947 Letter and Metropost with first column, page 2, written by Eisenstein entitled, "Orientation of the Jewish Veteran." Letter asks Eisenstein to continue writing columns.
- 4/1947 Metropost column, page 2, written by Eisenstein entitled, "Orientation of the Jewish Veteran."
- 6/1947 Dr. Eisenstein's Column, page 2, Metropost
- 1947 Book Review of *The Arts and Religion* in Jewish Education, summer 1947
- 11/1950 "Cultural Democracy," (incomplete), in Israel Life and Letters
- 9/1954 Reprint of editorial by Ira Eisenstein from Commentary, "The Jewish Prayerbook."

## R.S. 8            Personal

### Personal Correspondence

- Originally in 2 folders specifically marked “personal correspondenc” (other personal correspondence was found in Eisenstein’s alphabetical letter files in R.S.6 and were left a part of those files):

Folder A (1947-1948) is now divided into 3 folders, A1, A2, A3.

Folder B (1946-1947) is now divided into 5 folders, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5

Original order was kept for these files - most recent date at file front.

- post card from Gertrude Samuel to Ira & Judith, 8/2/1947
- Misc. letters:
  - A. To Ike & Sadie from Papa, Aug. 15
  - B. To J.D. Eisenstein from Rabbi Leo Jung regarding a manuscript, 3/13/1945
  - C. To Judith Eisenstein from Morton Wishengrad regarding the Levi Yitzhok script, 3/4/1947.
  - D. To Quaker Moving from I.E., 8/24/1981
- correspondence between Ira and Grandpa (J.D. Eisenstein), and letters from Judy. (removed from the general letter files under “E.” 1920s-60
- Miriam’s Statement of her purpose in going to college, 11/1955

### Collected Articles, Liturgy, Bulletins, etc.

*Hymnal* from Keneseth Israel & 3 article tear sheets

*A Common Service*

*The Temple Bulletin*, Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburg, PA 1954-1968

*Catalogue/The Eternal Light Radio Scripts* (scripts date from 3/25/1956 to 9/25/1966)

*Call Me – Madam President*, May, 1958

*Raayonot/Great Teachers*, Fall 1987

*Esther/A Drama of a Jewish Girl Who Made Good* by Henry M. Rosenthal

Smith College Morning Worship, 1/15/1961

Materials on Robert Starer (1924-4/22/2001)

My Criminal Career, by Ian Stone

Jacob Weinstein materials, 1968

*World Over/A Magazine for Boys and Girls*, 10/29/1954

*The Gaster Festschrift*, The Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society of Columbia University, 1953

*Four New Songs of Solomon ibn Gabirol*, inscribed to Ira Eisenstein, 1951

*World Jewry*, 1968 -p. 15 notated, “Israelis Aid Arab Students”

Popular Jewish Reference Library lists

Quotations collected by I.E., summer 1980  
 Amos vs. Amaziah, by Shalom Spiegel, Essays in Judaism Series, No. 3, JTS  
 Hebrew, Kaplan  
 in Hebrew  
 Modern Trends in Jewish Religion by Emanuel S. Goldsmith, Judaism  
 pamphlet series, published by B'nai B'rith Youth Organization  
*Hebrew Roots and Fruits*, inscribed by the author Avivah Benamy,  
 12/28/1983  
 reprint of *The Pharisees: Their Origin and Their Philosophy* by Louis  
 Finkelstein, 7/1929. Inscribed to Ira Eisenstein.  
 2 reprints from The Jewish Quarterly Review of Harold M. Schulweis'  
 article, "Karl Barth's Job, n.d.

### Organizations

Notice of Special Meeting of Members of SAJ with Attached By-Laws,  
 2/19/1974  
 Information on Hebrew Union College, CA regarding grant funding,  
 student body, course work, committee meeting minutes. I.  
 Eisenstein served on the Professional Advisory Committee for the  
 School of Jewish Communal Service, 6/11/1971  
 Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Inc., (CJFWF), includes,  
 memos, correspondence, calendars, 1956-1970.  
 Memorial Meeting for Jacob H. Rubin (Pres. Of CJI 1917-1930).  
 Chapter and Group Presidents of the Westchester Region of Hadassah,  
 1967-68  
 Jewish Educational Workshop - Monograph #3  
 National Jewish Welfare Board -Re: role of JWB, 1971  
 Jewish Reconciliation Board of America, Inc.  
 Meeting, minutes & correspondence, 1973.  
 I.E. member of Board of Directors  
 Report of the Curriculum Committee to the Faculty  
 I.E., student at JTS, one of submitters, 5/1929  
 Outline and annotated reading list for course on Modern Jewish Thought  
 prepared by Rabbi Neil Gillman, distributed by The Rabbinical  
 Assembly, 2/11/1982

### Calendars

1983 -loose notes & RRC meeting and Event calendars for 1983-84  
 1984 - post-its taped onto dates  
 1986 - includes handwritten 1987 calendar



### Miscellaneous

White House Worship Service, 1/21/1973  
 Invitation & Program to Dr. Ira Eisenstein to attend the National Layman's  
 Institute of JTS, 6/15-20/1948  
*The Anshe Emet Synagogue*, 1873-1973  
 book lists, festivals on Jewish Music

### Judith Kaplan Eisenstein

(items found in Ira Eisenstein's papers relating to Judith)

Reception invitation in honor of Dr. Judith K. Eisenstein and her new  
 series, "Music of the Jewish People," 9/17/1987  
 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Judith Kaplan's Bat Mitzvah - various celebration  
 materials  
 Newspaper clippings, 1973-74  
 Partial manuscript  
 Letter transferring copyright for *Heritage of Music* to Judith,  
 3/3/1981.

### Newspaper clippings

- R.G. 4 Ira Silverman papers - 2<sup>nd</sup> RRC  
 President, RRC, 1981-86  
 (Organized - Record Series to be detailed shortly)
- R.G. 5 Arthur Green - 3<sup>rd</sup> RRC President  
 Dean of RRC, 1984-86  
 Acting President, RRC, 1986-87  
 President, RRC, 1987-1993  
 Faculty, RRC, 1993-94
- (Organized - Record Series to be detailed shortly)
- R.G. 6 Ronald Brauner, Dean RRC
- R.S. 1 Teaching Applications; 1978 - 1982  
 R.S. 2 Faculty & Guest Lecturers  
 R.S. 3 Students  
 Misc., includes student course evaluations  
 R.S. 4 Committee meetings:  
 Curriculum Committee, 1980-81  
 Academic Committee, 1977-79  
 Steering Committee, 1978-83

- Admissions Committee,  
President Search Committee, 1980-81  
College Council; 1972-78  
Philadelphia Friends of RRC & The Institute of Jewish Studies, 1978-1982
- R.S. 5 Board of Governors Meetings
- R.S. 6 Jewish Medical Ethics Committee  
Albert Einstein-Northern
- R.S. 7 Jewish Civilization: Essays and Studies Vol. 1 and 2, ed. Ronald A. Brauner  
Correspondence files
- R.S. Correspondence  
Ordered chronologically
- R.G. 7 Rebecca Alpert, Dean RRC  
(Organized - Record Series to be detailed shortly)
- R.G. 8 Jacob Staub, Dean & VP, RRC  
(Organized - Record Series to be detailed shortly)
- R.G. 9 David A. Teutsch - 4<sup>th</sup> RRC President  
President, RRC, 1993-2002  
(Organized - Record Series to be detailed shortly)
- R.G. 10 Reconstructionist Rabbinical College  
General files, Administrative records, publications, promotional materials,  
financial records, event materials, graduation materials
- R.S. 1 RRC Catalogues  
1968-69  
1969-70  
1970-71  
1973  
1978  
1980-82  
1982-83  
1983-85  
1985-87  
1988-1990  
1990-1993  
1993-1996  
1996-1999  
1999-2002  
2002-2004  
2005-2007

## R.S. 2 Newsletters

RRC Newsletter (from Rebecca Alpert's files) 9/10/1984 to 10/22/1984  
 Internal Journal (from Rebecca Alpert's files) 10/29/1984 to 5/20/1985  
 R.R.C. Report, Summer 1984 to Winter 1995 (issues missing)  
 Talmidei Haverin, 2004  
 Kol Hahadashot 2005-2006  
 Letters from Dan Ehrenkrantz

## R.S. 3 Printed Materials

Booklets:

*Our Rabbis: Serving Diverse Jewish Communities*, 1995 ?  
*Reconstructionist Rabbinical College/For the Journey of a Lifetime*, 1999  
*The RRC Roster of Speakers*, within 1993-2002  
*Scholarship, Teaching and Faculty Achievements*, 3/2006

Brochures:

The leaders of the next Jewish generation... n.d.  
 During the 90's almost 20% of American Jews... n.d.  
 Rabbinic Training with a focus on Jewish Education, n.d.  
 Rabbinic Training with a focus on Jewish Education, n.d. (water damage)  
 The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1968-69  
 Mordecai M. Kaplan Library brochure, c. 1971  
 The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, prior to 1981  
 Fundraising booklet, prior to 1981  
 Development booklet for giving opportunities, 1981  
 The main purpose of education is... 1981-86 (water damage)  
 Help build... 1981-86  
 The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, prior to 1982  
 The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, prior to 1982  
 Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1981-86  
 "The thing I enjoy most about teaching is..." c. 1986  
 "The thing I enjoy most about teaching is..." c. 1986 (water damage)  
 Imagining The Jewish Future, 12/25-27/1988  
 "Join us..." brochure and letter from Ira Silverman, 8/1/1993  
 Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1993-94  
 Master of Arts in Jewish Studies, 1998+  
 Promotional folders  
 Promotional folders

## R.S. 4 Student Handbooks

Revised 8/1994  
 Revised 10/1997  
 Revised 7/2005

R.S. 5 RRC Annual Reports

1993-95  
 1997-99  
 2001-2  
 2005-6

R.S. 6 RRC Financial Statements & Budget materials

Found in Dean's papers (RRC basement files) and miscellaneous sources already existing in the archives.

Financial reports ending 1978 - 2004:

Budgets - draft and final versions

9 Files from the papers of Ronald Brauner, Dean, RRC

Papers include budgetary information from 1975 - 1984

Includes: notes, memos, drafts and final budgets

(Budget and Finance Committee folders remain with the Brauner papers)

R.S. 7 Periodic Reviews & Self-Studies

Submitted to Middle States Commission on Higher Education  
 accrediting agency

Periodic Review Package 2000, 3/10/2000

RRC Self Study (bound document), 6/12/1944

RRC Self Study documents

RRC Self Study, 1989

R.S. 8 Planning Reports

Five Year Plan, 6/30/1988 (2 copies)

Draft materials for Long-Range plan 1993-1998

Long-Range Plan 1995-2000

Long-Range Plan 1995-2000 (draft version, 8/24/1995)

Long-Range Plan 1995-2000 (draft version, 10/2/1995)

R.S. 9 Program Proposals

Proposal for Program in Jewish Civilization to begin 9/1998

## R.S. 10 Student Files

Photocopies of student profiles by class and year; 1983 to 2007  
 Student lists: 1969-70; 1970-71; 1971-72; 1974-75; 1975; 1975;  
 1975-76; 2004; 2005  
 Student biographies, 2005 ?  
 Admissions Report, Fall 2004  
 Admissions Report, Fall 2005  
 Admissions Report, Fall 2006  
 Student Employment and Internships 2005-06

## R.S. 11 Staff Lists

Photocopies of staff lists by year; 1995 to 2007  
 Lists and phone list; 2003 to 2006

## R.S. 12 Course Materials

Introduction to Hebrew class, Rabbi Ivan Caine, 1971  
 Student info. Regarding placement - Basic Studies & Biblical Civ.,  
 Rabbi Caine, 1971-72  
 Rabbinic Civilization, bibliography, R. Brauner, 1976 ?

## R.S. 13 RRC Stationery

Various addresses, logos, styles  
 Letterhead & Envelopes

## R.S. 14 Visitor Log Book

9/23/1996 to 9/28/1998

## R.S. 15 RRC Prizes

The A. Walter Socolow Prize  
 Lillian And David Fern Awards, 2005

R.S. 16 Memos, General Letters, Class Schedules and academic calendar,  
 Administrative and College Council materials, Faculty meetings  
 (see R.S. 19 - Oversized items also)Miscellaneous Items:

RRC Library fund gift notice, n.d.  
 Excerpts from the essays of 3 RRC applicants, n.d.  
 "Statement on Educational Philosophy and Policy of the Reconstructionist  
 Rabbinical College," c.1968  
 Faculty meeting announcement, 1970s

RRC Board of Directors meeting Agenda, 2/7/1971  
 RRC solicitation to establish the Kaplan Library, 1971  
 MMK 90<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner, RRC records, 5/1971  
 College Council Meeting Minutes - 12/15/1971 - 10/20/1980  
 Letter to Friends from Ira Eisenstein reporting on RRC's progress, 5/1977  
 Administration Meeting minutes, 4/30/1985  
 JTS-HUC-RRC First Annual Woman Rabbinical Student's Conference,  
 1985-86  
 RRC Creative Liturgy Project, 1985-1988  
 Library job description, 7/1988  
 RRC building plan as of 7/2001  
 Memos, announcements, 2004-2006  
 RRC Committees, 2005-06  
 Calendar/class schedule:  
 1971; 1971-72; Fall 2004; Fall 2005; Spring 2005; Fall 2006; Spring 2006;  
 Fall 2006; Spring 2007  
 Fact Sheets for RRC; 2005 - 2007

Note: The following 8 folders were kept intact, there is some overlap in dates, however, it was determined that integrating files into one chronology was not possible in a precise manner due to some undated material.

File 1: Notices, Memos, Newsletters, etc., 1968 - 1974

“capsule image” of life at RRC

All documents are 3-hole punched. Order is kept as found.

Includes: memos to students, staff and faculty; Internal Journal; meeting notices & agendas; course descriptions & schedules; lecture announcements; news clippings; RRC Newsletter; event invitations; student and faculty/staff lists; surveys; policy memos; curriculum changes/developments; student internship listing; placement memos.

File 2: Notices, Memos, Newsletters, etc., 1975 - 1979

“capsule image” of life at RRC

All documents are 3-hole punched. Order is kept as found.

Includes: memos to students, staff and faculty; Internal Journal; meeting notices & agendas; course descriptions & schedules; lecture announcements; news clippings; RRC Newsletter; event invitations; student and faculty/staff lists; surveys; policy memos; curriculum changes/developments; student internship listing; placement memos.

File 3: Notices, Memos, Newsletters, etc., 1979 - 1982

“capsule image” of life at RRC

All documents are 3-hole punched. Order is kept as found.

Includes: memos to students, staff and faculty; Internal Journal; meeting notices & agendas; course descriptions & schedules; lecture announcements; news clippings; RRC Newsletter; event invitations; student and faculty/staff lists; surveys; policy memos; curriculum changes/developments; student internship listing; placement memos.

File 4: Notices, Memos, Newsletters, etc., 2/1980 to 5/1983

“capsule image” of life at RRC

All documents are 3-hole punched. Order is kept as found.

Includes: memos to students, staff and faculty; Internal Journal; meeting notices & agendas; course descriptions & schedules; lecture announcements; news clippings; RRC Newsletter; event invitations; student and faculty/staff lists; surveys; policy memos; curriculum changes/developments; student internship listing; placement memos.

File 5: Notices, Memos, Newsletters, etc., 9/1982 to 8/29/1985

“capsule image” of life at RRC

All documents are 3-hole punched. Order is kept as found.

Includes: memos to students, staff and faculty; Internal Journal; meeting notices & agendas; course descriptions & schedules; lecture announcements; news clippings; RRC Newsletter; event invitations; student and faculty/staff lists; surveys; policy memos; curriculum changes/developments; student internship listing; placement memos.

File 6: Notices, Memos, Newsletters, etc., Fall 1985 to 4/1987

“capsule image” of life at RRC

All documents are 3-hole punched. Order is kept as found.

Includes: memos to students, staff and faculty; Internal Journal; meeting notices & agendas; course descriptions & schedules; lecture announcements; news clippings; RRC Newsletter; event invitations; student and faculty/staff lists; surveys; policy memos; curriculum changes/developments; student internship listing; placement memos

File 7: Administrative Meeting Minutes - 9/15/1981-6/18/1985

Details of RRC Administration

All documents are 3-hole punched. Order is kept as found.

File 8: Liason Committee Meeting Minutes - 1/26/1981 - 2/13/1984

R.S. 17 RRC Annual Event  
2002-2006

R.S. 18 RRC Other Events

R.S. 19 RRC Graduation

R.S. 20 Oversized Items

“Welcome” by the City of Philadelphia to Dr. Ira Eisenstein, 3/10/1974

RRC logo - original art - by Ethan J. Weiner-Kaplow and William M.  
Strongin, 9/1987

Certificate for Donald Lewis Shapiro of Harvard to attend the Inauguration  
of David A. Teutsch as President of RRC, 10/17/93

Honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to Ira Eisenstein by RRC,  
6/7/1998

*Connections*, Newsletter of the RRC  
Shevat 5766/issue 1  
Elul 5766/issue 2

Entering Students (images): Fall 2004; Fall 2005; Fall 2006

Schedule of classes: 1969-70; 1975

Diplomas:

Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters  
Doctor of Divinity  
Doctor of Humane Letters  
Certificate attesting to service as rabbi  
Certificate for the title of cantor

R.S. 21 Jewish Women’s Study Project (JWSP) at RRC, 1990-92  
Initiated by students, undertaken jointly by students and faculty.  
Gail Milgram Beitman, chairperson  
Sonya Starr, project intern  
Elizabeth Bolton  
Files contain: Meeting minutes and notes; Correspondence; memos

R.S. 22 Kolot - Center for Jewish Women’s & Gender Studies



R.S. 23 Hiddur - The Center for Aging & Judaism

R.S. 24 Center for Jewish Ethics

R.S. 25 Kaplan Institute

R.S. 26 Public Relations

1. Press Releases
2. Newspaper clippings & magazine articles

R.S. 27 Photographs