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## Summary Information

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## Biographical or Historical Information

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Rabbi Albert Axelrad served as the Brandeis Rabbi and Hillel Director for 34 years, from 1965 to 1999. Born on October 22, 1938, Rabbi Axelrad attended the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School in Brooklyn, New York, and went on to receive his undergraduate degree in sociology from Columbia University. He received his Master's Degree in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College, and in 1965 he was ordained as a rabbi at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). Rabbi Axelrad's activities at Brandeis included the rabbinical duties of counseling and spiritual guidance, as well as running and directing the Brandeis B'nai B'rith Hillel group. His other interests included topics in Israeli-Palestinian relations, Soviet, East European, Ethiopian, Syrian, and Cuban Jewry issues, and issues of amnesty. Rabbi Axelrad also took an active role in social activism and civil issues. He is the author of numerous articles, prayers, and essays. After retiring from Brandeis in 1999, Rabbi Axelrad took a rabbinical position with Emerson College in Boston.

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## Scope and Contents

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The materials in this collection were created from 1966 through 2000. The files include personal, professional, and spiritual advice correspondence, speeches and prayers written by Rabbi Axelrad, and biographical information about him. Also included are calendars, daybooks, photographs, reports, pamphlets, memorabilia, and posters. The collection documents both his work at Brandeis and his

professional activities outside of the university. Some of the documents in this collection are written in Hebrew, German, and French.

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Arrangement: By subseries, then chronological This series contains documents related to Rabbi Axelrad's work at Brandeis. These documents include reports, planning, correspondence, notes, and publications on Hillel, campus ministry, and other topics.

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Arrangement: By subseries, then chronological This series contains documents related to Rabbi Axelrad's broader professional activities as a rabbi, which include involvement in anti-war issues, labor issues, Cuban, Ethiopian,



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Date: 1966-1998

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