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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Arthur (Art) Green is a distinguished professor and author of Jewish thought, mysticism, spirituality, neo-Hasidism, and theology. Green earned a BA from Brandeis University in 1961, an MHL and his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1964 and 1967, respectively, as well as his PhD from Brandeis in 1975. Notably, Green is credited with founding Havurat Shalom in 1968 in Somerville, Massachusetts, an organization dedicated to renewing Jewish spirituality, education, and community from an egalitarian perspective; Havurat Shalom was a precursor to and inspiration for the Havurah movement in American Judaism.

As a scholar, Green held many positions of honor and prestige across nearly five decades in academia. He taught for more than a decade at the University of Pennsylvania, then became dean (and later president, from 1987 to 1993) at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College outside of Philadelphia, and was named Philip W. Lown Professor of Jewish Thought at Brandeis University, where he taught from 1994 to 2005. He is currently the Irving Brudnick Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Religion and was the founding dean of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. Having studied with Alexander Altmann, Nahum N. Glatzer, and Abraham Joshua Heschel, Green has been

recognized for many awards and honors as one of the leading Jewish scholars and theologians; he has even "been named to Newsweek's list of Top 50 Influential Rabbis in America every year since 2008."

References: http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/rabbinical_faculty <http://artgreen26.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/CV-10-15-15.pdf> <http://artgreen26.com/about-art/> <http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/arthur-green> <http://www.brandeis.edu/facultyguide/person.html?emplid=2d524a7e34800c85f7e4a93f903d552005e203fa>

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Scope and Contents

The Art Green papers consist of documents pertaining to Green's influential role in the founding and early years of operation of Havurat Shalom in Somerville, Massachusetts; files and records relating to faculty positions Green held at various institutions; and course readings, syllabi, and lecture notes for courses he taught at the University of Pennsylvania, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and Brandeis University.

Of particular note are: a report of the first year of Havurat Shalom; a letter to community members about the identity and direction of Havurat Shalom; Green's typewritten speech for his presidential inauguration ceremony at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; and the many course syllabi for the different courses he taught from the 1970s through the early 2000s on numerous Jewish historical, religious, and philosophical topics.

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Arrangement

Arranged in three series: 1. Havurat Shalom, 1968-1993, undated; 2. Professional Activities and Material, 1975-2003, undated; 3. Teaching Materials, 1973-2004, undated. For more information about each series, please consult the series descriptions in the box and folder listing below.

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Access to the collection is in accordance with the policies of the Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections Department, Brandeis University. Please contact the department for more information.

Folder 7 in Box 4 ("Student files, various courses [R], 1995-2001," Series III) contains student records and is restricted until January 2101.

Some advanced notice is needed for access to these materials because the collection is stored offsite. Please contact the department for more details.

Conditions Governing Use

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Acquisition Note

Donated by Arthur Green, February 2017.

Processing Information

Processed by Jeffrey Hayes, August 2017.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Two linear feet of Arthur Green's papers are housed at The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center at New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts. Please contact the center for more information. (Email: jhcreference@nehgs.org and Phone: 617-226-1245)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Jewish college teachers -- Massachusetts
- Yeshivas -- United States
- Green, Arthur, 1941-

Collection Inventory

Havurat Shalom, 1968-1993, undated

Date [inclusive]: 1968-1993, undated

Scope and Contents

This series consists predominantly of materials pertaining to the founding and early years of Havurat Shalom. Includes numerous documents which depict the collaborative planning efforts that went into launching Havurat Shalom as a center for Jewish life and learning. As founder of Havurat Shalom, Art Green authored, co-authored, compiled, or otherwise collected the majority of the records in this series. Arranged chronologically by oldest to most recent.

Title/Description	Instances	
Havurat Shalom Community Seminary Bulletin, 1968-1969 Date [inclusive]: 1968-1969	Box 1	Folder 1
Havurat Shalom Community Seminary Prospectus: 1969-1974 [2 copies], 1969 Date: 1969	Box 1	folder 2
Green, Art letter reporting on first year of Havurat Shalom, June 6, 1969	Box 1	Folder 3

<u>Date</u> : June 6, 1969		
Havurah courses, circa 1970 <u>Date</u> : circa 1970	Box 1	Folder 4
Green, Art letter on Havurah identity and direction, January 18, 1970 <u>Date</u> : January 18, 1970	Box 1	folder 5
Green, Art in Response: A Contemporary Jewish Review, Winter 1970-1971 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : Winter 1970-1971	Box 1	Folder 6
Clipping, "Young Jews Seek a Religious Style" [2 copies], April 25, 1971 <u>Date</u> : April 25, 1971	Box 1	folder 7
Havurah meeting on study for 1971-1972, June 9, 1971 <u>Date</u> : June 9, 1971	Box 1	folder 8
Statistical information on Havurat Shalom, 1973 <u>Date</u> : 1973	Box 1	Folder 9
Green, Art letter about potential seminar/workshop [2 copies], November 21, 1979 <u>Date</u> : November 21, 1979	Box 1	Folder 10
Interview with Art Green, circa 1992 <u>Date</u> : circa 1992	Box 1	Folder 11
Havurat Shalom 25th Reunion planning documents, 1992-1993 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1992-1993	Box 1	Folder 12
Jewish prayers and blessings, English and Hebrew, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 1	Folder 13
Liturgical notes from Havurat Shalom [2 copies], undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 1	Folder 14
Musaf Service: Shabbat Vayishlach, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 1	folder 15

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Professional Activities and Materials, 1975-2003, undated

Date [inclusive]: 1975-2003, undated

Scope and Contents

This series includes Art Green's teaching award letters, and a range of correspondence pertaining to his faculty status at the University of Pennsylvania, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and Brandeis University. A

large majority of the materials relates to Green's nomination for and tenure as president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. This series also contains some personnel records such as employment contracts. Arranged chronologically by oldest to most recent.

Title/Description	Instances	
Career-related documents and correspondence, University of Pennsylvania [1 of 2], 1975-1991, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1975-1991, undated	Box 1	folder 16
Career-related documents and correspondence, University of Pennsylvania [2 of 2], 1975-1991, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1975-1991, undated	Box 1	folder 17
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College press coverage, 1984-1992 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1984-1992	Box 1	folder 18
Employment contracts, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Brandeis University, 1986-2003 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1986-2003	Box 1	folder 19
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College presidency inauguration materials, 1987 <u>Date:</u> 1987	Box 1	folder 20

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Teaching Materials, 1973-2004, undated

Date [inclusive]: 1973-2004, undated

Scope and Contents

Includes lecture notes, course syllabi, course readings, and exam prompts for a wide range of courses taught by Art Green, at Brandeis University, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the University of Pennsylvania, and others. Arranged alphabetically by course title. Folder 7 contains student files and is restricted until January 2101.

Title/Description	Instances	
Aspects of Classical Jewish Thought, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 1973 <u>Date:</u> Fall 1973	Box 2	Folder 1
Classical Jewish Thought, Brandeis University, Spring 2000 <u>Date:</u> Spring 2000	Box 2	folder 2
Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought, Brandeis University, Spring 2001 <u>Date:</u> Spring 2001	Box 2	folder 3
God, Creation, Revelation in Classical Judaism, Brandeis University, undated	Box 2	folder 4

<u>Date</u> : undated		
Hasidism as a Religious and Social Movement, Brandeis University [1 of 2], Fall 2000-2003 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : Fall 2000-2003	Box 2	Folder 5
Hasidism as a Religious and Social Movement, Brandeis University [2 of 2], Fall 2000-2003 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : Fall 2000-2003	Box 2	folder 6
Hasidism course lecture notes, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 3	Folder 1
Ideas of Revelation in Classical Judaism, Brandeis University, Fall 1995 <u>Date</u> : Fall 1995	Box 3	folder 2
Introduction to Classical Judaism, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 1976 <u>Date</u> : Spring 1976	Box 3	folder 3
Jewish Messianism (through the 16th century), University of Pennsylvania, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 3	folder 4
Jewish Mysticism courses, various institutions [1 of 2], 1974-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974-1994	Box 3	folder 5
Jewish Mysticism courses, various institutions [2 of 2], 1974-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974-1994	Box 3	folder 6
Jewish Thought Since the Holocaust, University of Pennsylvania, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 3	folder 7
Judaism and Religious Quest: The Place of the Seeker in Judaism, Brandeis University, Spring 1995-1997 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : Spring 1995-1997	Box 3	folder 8
Judaism and Religious Quest: The Place of the Seeker in Judaism, Brandeis University [1 of 2], Spring 2004 <u>Date</u> : Spring 2004	Box 3	folder 9
Judaism and Religious Quest: The Place of the Seeker in Judaism, Brandeis University [2 of 2], Spring 2004 <u>Date</u> : Spring 2004	Box 3	folder 10
Judaism on the Eve of Modernity, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 1982 <u>Date</u> : Spring 1982	Box 4	Folder 1
Midrash and the Religious Imagination, Brandeis University, Spring 1997	Box 4	folder 2

Date: Spring 1997

Myth and Symbol in Classical Judaism, Brandeis University,
undated

Box 4

folder 3

Date: undated

Rabbinic Theology: The Concept of Torah, Reconstructionist
Rabbinical College, Fall 1985

Box 4

folder 4

Date: Fall 1985

The Spiritual Life in Judaism and Christianity, University of
Pennsylvania, undated

Box 4

folder 5

Date: undated

Unidentified course, undated

Box 4

folder 6

Date: undated

Student files from various courses [R], 1995-2001

Box 4

folder 7

Date [inclusive]: 1995-2001

Scope and Contents

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