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Summary Information

Repository:	Brandeis University
Creator:	Brandeis University. Center for Spiritual Life
Title:	Brandeis Three Chapels collection
ID:	04.MWalB00299A
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Physical Description:	0.50 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	1 manuscript box other_unmapped
Abstract:	Arranged in one chronological series.

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Biographical / Historical

The Three Chapels at Brandeis were dedicated on October 20, 1955. Designed by the architectural firm of Harrison and Abramovitz, these innovative structures were the first inter-denominational chapels (Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic) built on a U.S. college campus. They were designed to be equal in size and placed so as never to cast a shadow on one another. The Jewish chapel (Berlin Chapel) was designed to resemble a sacred scroll and was named for Mendel and Leah Berlin. The two Christian chapels were intended to resemble the Bible. Bethlehem Chapel, the Catholic chapel, was named by Cardinal Richard Cushing, for the birthplace of Jesus. The Protestant chapel (Harlan Chapel) was named for Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, John Marshall Harlan, in recognition of his dissent against "separate but equal" provisions in the law. In 1956, the Three Chapels received the American Institute of Architects Award of Merit. Over the years, they have been used for religious services, weddings, funerals, and special University events such as the Helmsley Lecture Series.

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Scope and Contents

The collection houses materials related to the Three Chapels at Brandeis University, including their dedication and re-dedication ceremonies. In addition to programs, event brochures, news clippings, newsletters, memos, and announcements, the collection contains photographs of the Three Chapels during and after their construction.

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Publication Statement

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Source of Acquisition

Acquired from various sources over time.

Accruals and Additions

Catholics of Boston item by Feeney, undated, given by anonymous donor. Source unknown.

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Related Materials

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<http://lts.brandeis.edu/research/archives-speccoll/findingguides/archives/periodicals/concern.html>

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Other Descriptive Information

Addenda to this collection may not be listed in the finding aid, but may be available for research use. Please contact us for more information.

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Letter from Archbishop Cushing to Abram Sachar, 1954 <u>Date:</u> 1954	Box 1	Folder 1
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Dedication, Oct. 30, 1955 <u>Date:</u> 1955	Box 1	Folder 3
Endowment brochure, 1955, circa 1965 <u>Date:</u> 1955, circa 1965	Box 1	Folder 4
Harlan Chapel lecture series, 1958	Box 1	Folder 5

<u>Date:</u> 1958		
"Concern," vols. 1-3, 1963-1965	Box 1	Folder 6
"Concern," vols. 1-3, 1963-1965	Box 1	Folder 7
"Concern," vols. 1-3, 1963-1965	Box 1	Folder 8
Rev. Troy and Liturgical Arts Inc. letter, 1964	Box 1	Folder 9
<u>Date:</u> 1964		
Letters to and from Abram Sachar, Rev. P.N. Williams, and E. Goldberg, 1965-1967	Box 1	Folder 10
<u>Date:</u> 1965-1967		
"Religion on the American Campus," 10th Anniversary of the Three Chapels, 1966	Box 1	Folder 11
<u>Date:</u> 1966		
Bethlehem renovation, 1966	Box 1	Folder 12
<u>Date:</u> 1966		
Helmsley dialogue series, 1968-1974	Box 1	Folder 13
<u>Date:</u> 1968-1974		
Announcements and events, 1974, undated	Box 1	Folder 14
<u>Date:</u> 1974, undated		
Berlin Chapel brochure, circa 1980	Box 1	Folder 16
<u>Date:</u> circa 1980		
"Brandeis three chapels mark 25th anniversary," Jewish Advocate, 1980	Box 1	Folder 17
<u>Date:</u> 1980		
"Anniversary of a religious turning point," Boston Globe, 1980	Box 1	Folder 18
<u>Date:</u> 1980		
"Brandeis Honors its Three Chapels," Middlesex News, 1980	Box 1	Folder 19
<u>Date:</u> 1980		
Chapel re-dedication: Middlesex News press clippings, 1980	Box 1	Folder 20
<u>Date:</u> 1980		
Photographs of the Three Chapels, 1982, undated	Box 1	Folder 21
<u>Date:</u> 1982, undated		
"The three chapels of Brandeis as symbols of peace," address by Jaime Cardinal L. Sin, Archbishop of Manila, 1984	Box 1	Folder 22
<u>Date:</u> 1984		
Interfaith bacculaureate service invitations, 1988-2006	Box 1	Folder 23

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Bethlehem Chapel announcements, 1990s <u>Date</u> : 1990s	Box 1	Folder 24
Memos and announcements, 1991-2007 <u>Date</u> : 1991-2007	Box 1	Folder 25
"The Three Chapels," by Judah Nadich, 1996 <u>Date</u> : 1996	Box 1	Folder 26
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Helmley Dialog Series "The Role of the Individual in Social Change", 1967 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1967	Box 1	Folder 34
Letter on the Consecration of the Bethlehem altar, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 1	Folder 35
Berlin Chapel arc curtains, designed by Mitchell Siporin, circa 1955 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : circa 1955 (<i>approximate</i>) <u>Physical Description</u> : Box is over-size flat	Box 2	
Berlin Chapel arc curtains condition report, 2019 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2019	Box 1	