

Guide to
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Rabbi Floyd Fierman collection

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Biography

Rabbi Floyd Fierman (1916 – 1989) was an El Paso rabbi, teacher, and prolific writer of southwestern Jewish history. Born in Ohio, he graduated from John Carroll University and Hebrew Union College. He was ordained in 1945. Rabbi Fierman taught in Pennsylvania and earned his PhD in 1949 from the University of Pittsburgh.

In 1949, Rabbi Fierman moved to El Paso and became the rabbi of Temple Mt. Sinai. After his retirement in 1979, he held the position of rabbi emeritus and resident scholar at Temple Mt. Sinai. Rabbi Fierman was also a visiting lecturer in philosophy at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). He founded the El Paso Jewish Historical Society in 1980 and was active in the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Rabbi Fierman's publications include: *Roots and Boots: from Crypto-Jew in New Spain to Community Leader in the American Southwest* (1987); *Guts and Ruts: the Jewish Pioneer on the Trail in the American Southwest* (1985); *Insights and Hindsight of Some El Paso Jewish Families* (1983); and *The Schwartz Family of El Paso: the Story of a Pioneer Jewish Family in the Southwest* (1980).

He was married to Edythe Beren and they had two children, Leslie and Gordon.

[Sources: <https://jewishelpaso.org/history-overflow>, <http://collections.americanjewisharchives.org/ms/ms0649/ms0649.html>, accessed April 29, 2020].

Series Description or Arrangement

This collection is minimally processed. Files are primarily in alphabetical order.

Scope and Content Notes

The Rabbi Floyd Fierman collection, MS266, dates circa 1920 – 1989. Primarily consists of topical files (photocopied material) with correspondence, articles, and notes about subjects, organizations, families, and individuals in southwestern and southwestern Jewish history. Also includes biographical information about Rabbi Fierman, publications, and photographs and negatives of Sheldon Ranch.

Provenance Statement

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Small Accrual of 4 Pamphlets added 1/22/2024, added to end of box 15.

Restrictions

None.

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Notes to the Researcher

Copies of Rabbi Fierman's papers from the University of Arizona do not seem to be complete.

See also:

Floyd Fierman papers, No. 649, American Jewish Archives

Papers of Floyd S. Fierman, SJA003, Southwest Jewish Archives, University of Arizona

Books by Floyd Fierman

Container List

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1	4	<i>The El Paso Jewish Historical Review</i> Vol. IV No. 1	February 1987
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