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Interview of Rabbi Bernard Frank, D.H.L.

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In Lieu of Field Notes

Interviewee: Rabbi Bernard Frank

Interviewer: Robert Friedrich

Date: March 28 and April 4, 2006

Location: ?

Rabbi Frank was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1932 and grew up in Houston, Texas. He graduated from San Jacinto Senior High in 1951 and from Brandeis University in 1955. He attended Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, a reformed seminary, and was ordained a rabbi in 1960. In 1985, he earned a Doctor of Hebrew Letters.

Rabbi Frank first came to La Salle in 1964 or 1965 to instruct a course in Judaism. At the time, he was a pulpit rabbi at Beth Or. He remained at La Salle until 1982. He helped establish a Jewish Student Union and Hillel chapter on campus. For a time, he served as the campus chaplain.