

Acquisitions

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Since we have written our last report about the acquisitions of the American Jewish Archives, our collection of manuscripts, records, and documents has been considerably increased by copies of material which we have purchased from Archives and libraries and by gifts and loans which we have received constantly through the kindness and the interest of congregational officers, community leaders, secretaries of societies, fraternities, committees, lodges, clubs and homes, and through the courtesy and helpful cooperation of rabbis and others all over the country.

The following Minute Books which we have already arranged, catalogued, and bound are available for any research touching on the problems of Jewish settlement, immigration and emigration, geographic expansion and increase of population, the development of the various types of American Jewry, the difference between European and American communal life, the changes in the concepts of religion within the various congregations, and the gradual assimilation to the cultural, social and economic surroundings.

MINUTE BOOKS OF CONGREGATIONS

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| Congregation Temple Israel, Hollywood, California, 1926-1940 | Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Des Moines, Iowa, 1873-1890 |
| Congregation Beth Israel, Hartford, Connecticut, 1870-1920, German and English | Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Leavenworth, Kansas, 1892-1931 |
| Congregation New Britain, Connecticut, 1896, Yiddish | The Gates of Prayer, New Orleans, Louisiana, Vols. I-III, 1850-1884 |
| Congregation Bnai Israel, Columbus, Georgia, 1880-1919 | Congregation Temple Sinai, New Orleans, Louisiana, Vols. I-IV, 1870-1943 |
| Congregation Bnai Israel, Columbus, Georgia, Correspondence, 1898-1919 | Congregation Temple Sinai, New Orleans, Louisiana, Board of Trustees, Vols. I-II, 1870-1921 |
| Congregation Bnai Israel, Columbus, Georgia, Cash Book, Vols. I-II, 1889-1906 | Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. I-IV, 1851-1922, Original |
| North Shore Congregation Sinai, Winnetka, Illinois, 1920-1927 | Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, Vital Records (Marriages — Births — Deaths), 1840-1861, Original |
| Hebrew Congregation Temple Israel, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1908-1936 | Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, Checkbooks, 1865-1919, Original |
| Hebrew Congregation Temple Israel, Terre Haute, Indiana, Ledger, 1904-1908 | |

- Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, Ledger of Charity Collection Fund, 1904-1914, Original
- Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, Record Book of Offerings, Vols. I-II, 1842-1920, Original
- Congregation Oheb Sholom, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. I-III, 1870-1905
- B'er Chayim Congregation, Cumberland, Maryland, Treasurer's Book, 1865-1900
- Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation, St. Paul, Minnesota, Vols. I-IX, 1859-1946
- Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation, St. Paul, Minnesota, Board of Administration, 1946-1948
- Congregation B'nai Jehuda, Kansas City, Missouri, Vols. I-VI, 1855-1916
- United Hebrew Congregation, St. Louis, Missouri, 1841-1859
- Congregation Emanu El, New York, New York, 1865-1868 (Some excerpts from the Minute Book.)
- Jewish Community Center, White Plains, New York, Vol. I, 1924-1925
- Temple Beth Emeth, Brooklyn, New York, Vols. I-II, 1911-1934
- The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, 1885-1894
- Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vols. I-V, 1811-1910, German and English
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Minute Book, Vols. I-IV, 1781-1895
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Minute Book (Resolutions), 1810-1883
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Board of Managers, 1824-1859
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Financial Records, Group I, Vols. I-VIII, 1782-1796
- Vol. I, Subscription for the Building of the Synagogue, 1782-1784
- Vol. II, Cash Account, 1782-1792
- Vol. III, Offerings Book, 1786-1787
- Vol. IV, Cash Account, 1790-1792
- Vol. V, Offerings Book, 1791
- Vol. VI, Offerings Book, 1792
- Vol. VII, Receipt Book, 1792-1796
- Vol. VIII, Offerings Book, 1795-1796
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Financial Records, Group II, Vols. I-IV, 1817-1858
- Vol. I, Receipt Book, 1817-1858
- Vol. II, Cash Account, 1818-1824
- Vol. III, Offerings Book, 1824-1856
- Vol. IV, List of seats in the Synagogue, 1827-1845
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Financial Records, Group III, Vols. I-IV, 1830-1859
- Vol. I, Offerings Book, 1830-1859
- Vol. II, Lists of persons having Mitzvah, 1840
- Vol. III, Offerings Book, 1844-1847
- Vol. IV, Cash Account, 1848
- Vol. V, Offerings Book, 1848-1851
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vital Records, Vols. I-V, 1776-1884
- Vol. I, Records of Marriages, Births and Deaths, 1776-1842
- Vol. II, Register of the Deaths, 1803-1818
- Vol. III, Certificates of Birth, 1841-1862
- Vol. IV, Certificates of Birth, 1843-1884
- Vol. V, Record of Circumcisions, 1810-1829
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Correspondence, Vols. I-IV, 1782-1899
- Vol. I, 1782-1805
- Vol. II, 1806-1831
- Vol. III, 1831-1857
- Vol. IV, 1858-1899
- (Among the correspondents are:
- 1783, Manuel Noah, Jonas Phillips, Myer Hart, Simon Nathan, Isaac Moses
- 1784, Jonas Phillips, Gershon Seixas, Moses Nathan, Barnard Gratz, Mordecai M. Mordecai
- 1785, Jonas Phillips, Benjamin Nones
- 1786-1793, Manuel Josephson, Jonas Phillips, Benjamin Nones
- 1791, Naphtali Phillips, Jacob Cohen, David Franks
- 1792, Isaac de Costa, Charleston
- 1793, Levi Phillips, Benjamin D. Hart
- 1800, Isaac Hays, Simon Gratz, Jacob Mordecai, Richmond, Va.
- 1804-1805, Hyman Gratz, Jacob Hart, New York, Simon Gratz

- 1812-1816, H. S. Polak, B. J. Phillips,
Abraham Hart, Samuel Hays
1825, Haym M. Salomon, New York
1839, Lewis Allen
1841, Moses Montefiore, London
1832-1849, Isaac Leiser
Congregation Rodef Shalom, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania, Vols. I-II, 1880-1912
Congregation Tree of Life, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania, Vols. I-II, 1858-1917
Congregation Tree of Life, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania, Board of Trustees, 1907-
1917
Congregation Tree of Life, Columbia,
South Carolina, Vols. I-III, 1905-1943
Board of Delegates of the Israelites of
the United States, Minute Book, 1859-
1860

Most of these minute books include the constitutions of the congregations, but we are also in possession of separate by-laws, charters and amendments of which the following are typical:

CHARTERS, BY-LAWS, CONSTITUTIONS

- Congregation Gates of Prayer, New Orleans, Louisiana, Constitution and Charter, 1850
Congregation Gates of Prayer, New Orleans, Louisiana, By-Laws (Verbesserung der Nebengesetze), 1859-1861, German
Congregation Temple Sinai, New Orleans, Louisiana, Constitution and By-Laws, 1870
Congregation Adas Emunu, Hoboken, New Jersey, Certificate of Incorporation, February 2, 1872
Congregation Ohev Sholem, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Constitution, December 12, 1855
Congregation Ohev Sholem, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Amended Charter, May 5, 1868

The philanthropic, cultural, social, and educational activities of Jewish corporate life are reflected in the following documents:

MINUTE BOOKS OF SOCIETIES, CLUBS, LODGES, HOMES, SISTERHOODS, HEBRA KADDISHA'S

- Hebrew Social Club, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1896-1899
Hebrew School, Norwalk, Connecticut, 1915
Jewish Ladies Aid Society, Columbus, Georgia, 1874-1927
Kehilath Anshe Mayriv, Chicago, Illinois, Board of Education, 1859-1877
Jewish Ladies Aid Society, Kokomo, Indiana, 1914-1925
Mount Sinai Sisterhood, Sioux City, Iowa, Ledger, 1919-1926
Mount Sinai Sisterhood, Sioux City, Iowa, Minute Book, 1925-1936
B'nai B'rith, Sholem Lodge No. 78, Leavenworth, Kansas, 1866-1915
Jewish Orphans Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, Board, Vols. I-XIV, 1855-1939
Association for the Relief of Jewish Widows and Orphans Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1854-1913
Annual Reports and Orations of Jewish Orphans Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, Vols. I-XX, 1855-1920
Social Club, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1885
Social Club, St. Paul, Minnesota, Ledger, 1883-1884
Purim Association, New York, New York, 1872-1895
Frauenverein, Hamilton, Ohio, 1873-1881, German
Congregation Covenant of Peace, Easton, Pennsylvania, Kranken-und Leichen-Wache-Verein, 1856-1887, German
Congregation Ohev Sholem, Ladies Hebrew Social Circle, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Vols. I-VI, 1870-1925

- Congregation Ohev Sholem, Ladies Hebrew Social Circle, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Ledger, 1907-1918
- Congregation Ohev Sholem, Ladies Hebrew Social Circle, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Record of Sisterhood members, 1913-1935
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Hebra Kaddisha, 1813-1864
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Hebrew Education Society, Constitution and By-Laws, 1848
- Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, The Teachers and Parents Assistant, 1844
- Hebrew Sunday School Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Board of Managers, 1859-1882 (Including a Treasurer's Report, 1859, and the charter of May 10, 1838 "For the instruction of Children belonging to the Jewish faith.")
- Congregation Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1906-1912
- Congregation Tree of Life, Ladies Aid Society, Columbia, South Carolina, 1901-1930
- Council of Jewish Women, Columbia, South Carolina, 1919-1921
- Isaac Mayer Wise, Plan for a philanthropic society, no date

Collections of inscriptions on tombstones in old Jewish cemeteries enable us to determine important vital statistics dealing with Jewish personalities. For instance:

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Small Jewish Burial Ground, Cohen and Spruce Streets, Savannah, Georgia, 54 Tombstone Inscriptions, 1797-1882 (Among them the graves of Abraham J. Abraham, b. 1769, d. 1844; Jacob Nunez Cardozo, b. 1786, d. 1873; Isaac Cohen, b. 1793, d. 1871; Mrs. R. B. Cohen, b. 1798, d. 1881; Isaac Russel, b. 1787, d. 1845; Mordecai Sheftall, d. 1798; Sheftall Sheftall, d. 1817.)

Congregation Mikve Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Records of Burials, Vols. I-II, Spruce Street Cemetery, 1843-1886; Federal Street Cemetery, 1844-1909

The personal and everyday life of Jewish individuals, their relationship to their families, to Jewish and Christian friends, their activities in trade and industry, academic or military professions, as peddlers, merchants, storekeepers, manufacturers, farmers, pioneers, teachers, rabbis, physicians, lawyers, soldiers, captains, midshipmen, army commissioners, agents or interpreters, their participation in religious and philanthropic affairs, their first experiences and hardships as immigrants, their contributions to the social, cultural, economic development of the United States, their attempt to combine the old European traditions with the ideologies of the new country, in short the whole process of Americanization are revealed by a large collection of letters and memoirs. Considerable progress has already been made in indexing this material.

LETTERS

ALLEN, MICHAEL MITCHELL; *letter*, 1873, *Hannover, Germany, Photostat*

A letter of this teacher and secretary of the Philadelphia Hebrew Education

Society to a friend in the United States, during a visit in Germany, describing his impressions of the Jewish Congregation in Hannover whose members he

finds strictly orthodox. The Landesrabbiner, S. Mayer, was an uncle of Allen's wife.

(Courtesy of Dropsie College Library.)

BLUCH, JONAS HIRSCHEL, *Papers*; 15 letters, 1789-1804, *Silesia, Berlin, London, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, German, English, French, Photostats*

The papers concern the inheritance of Joseph Joachim Henry Bluch, a son of Jonas Hirschel Bluch, and nephew of Barnard and Michael Gratz, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Joseph Joachim died about 1794 in the United States leaving land in Virginia. In 1789 and 1790 he wrote two letters to his father about business and personal affairs. One letter is written in 1790 by Salomon Henry Bluch, London, to his brother Jonas Hirschel; one letter by Barnard and Michael Gratz to their brother-in-law Jonas Hirschel, 1795, about the death and the inheritance of the young Bluch. Five letters, 1798-1799, are from Jonas Hirschel, addressed to the Prussian government, and one to the American government asking for help. Four letters contain the answer of the Prussian government to Jonas Hirschel. The correspondence also includes two letters from John Quincy Adams, then ambassador to Prussia, to the Prussian government, and two answers of the government to him, 1798-1799. One document contains the power of attorney granted to Barnard and Michael Gratz by Jonas Hirschel Bluch, 1796.

(Originals in Preussische Geheime Staatsarchiv, Berlin-Dahlem; copies from the Library of Congress.)

BOGEN, BORIS DAVID, 1869-1929, *Correspondence*; 961 letters, 1921-1924, *America, France, Holland, England, Poland, Russia, Original*

Correspondence of the well-known educator and social worker; field agent of the National Conference of Jewish Social Service, and, during the first World War, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee. Letters include correspondence with Cyrus Adler, Henry

Alsberg, Scholem Asch, Paul Baerwald, Meyer Berlin, Thomas C. Barringer, James H. Becker, the Lazard Freres, Herbert and Irving Lehman, Judah Magnes, Henry Morgenthau, Charles Montefiore, Felix Warburg, Stephen S. Wise, Herbert Hoover, and many charity organizations and committees. The correspondence touches on his relief work with Jews in Poland and Russia, the distribution of funds he received from American Jewry, and his activities traveling with the Hoover mission as an agent of the Joint Distribution Committee.

(Gift of the Bogen family.)

BONDI, AUGUST, 1833-1907, *Correspondence*; 36 letters, 1883-1906, *Salina, Kansas, Photostats*

Fourteen letters, 1883-1884, of this pioneer of Kansas, opponent of slavery, soldier in the Civil War and a Kansas public official, to the Kansas Governor G. W. Glick, dealing with political campaigns, elections, Kansas affairs, politicians and enemies of the government. Twenty-one letters, 1903-1906, to G. W. Martin informing the Kansas State Historical Society, of which he was one of the directors, of his participation in the student's revolutionary movement of Vienna, where he was born, of his membership in the Vienna Academic Legion in 1848, and especially of his military campaign with John Brown in Kansas, 1855-1856. He served as a volunteer with Brown and participated in the battles of Black Jack and Osawatimie in 1856. He also describes the men who fought with him.

(Copies from the Kansas State Historical Society.)

CHAPMAN, ABRAHAM, *Papers*; 2 letters, 1776-1778, *Montreal, Canada, Photostats*

In a letter to Governor Frederick Haldimand in 1778, Chapman emphasized his loyal conduct and his animosity to the rebels. He supplied several regiments during the war, was one of those who repelled the rebels at Long Point and served as a volunteer with the troops when the rebels were defeated at Three

Rivers. Is deeply engaged in trade. Asks the governor for a recommendation.

(Copies from the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa.)

CRONBACH, ABRAHAM, *Correspondence*; 36 letters, 1911-1947, Geneva, Switzerland, Cambridge, England, Scarsdale, New York, Albany, New York, Original

Ten letters from Israel and Freda Abrahams to Abraham Cronbach, 1911-1915, concerning Cronbach's studies at the University of Cambridge. Twenty-four letters of Mary Antin, the well-known authoress, dealing with problems of religion, Judaism, Christianity, personal matters.

(Gift of Professor Abraham Cronbach.)

FELSENTHAL, BERNARD, 1822-1908, *Correspondence*; 91 letters, 1861-1921, Baltimore, Maryland, Chicago, Illinois, Cincinnati, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, German and English, Manuscript, Typewritten, and Photostatic copies

In four letters, 1876-1880, addressed to Julius Rosenthal, Chicago, this rabbi of Zion Congregation in Chicago comments on legal questions, the Jewish Law, and the essence of Judaism. Mentioned are Disraeli, Paul Heyse, Karl Marx. Seventeen letters, 1878-1902, addressed to Benjamin Szold in Baltimore, Maryland, refer to educational, literary, scientific, religious problems, the Zionist movement, the Jewish Publication Society and personal affairs. Nine letters to Henrietta Szold, 1897-1907, deal with the literary and research work of Miss Szold, her English translations, the Zionist and Reform Movement. Mentioned are Cyrus Adler, Emma Lazarus, S. Schechter, Oscar Straus, M. Sulzberger. Fifty-three letters of David Einhorn, 1809-1879, rabbi in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, written to Felsenthal in the years 1861-1865 concerning rabbinical, educational, congregational and personal matters, show his enthusiasm for the Union and the Anti-Slavery Movement. Mentioned are Adler, Friedlaender, Leeser and Isaac M. Wise, whom he attacks furiously. Gotthard Deutsch approves

in four letters he wrote to Emma Felsenthal, 1920-1921, of her plan to write a book about the life and the work of her father.

(Copies from Miss Julia Felsenthal, Chicago.)

GLASS, MAX; *Letter*, April 12, 1864, Norfolk, Virginia, Manuscript

An imprisoned German-Jewish soldier, fighting in the Civil War, appeals to General Benjamin Franklin Butler to be liberated.

GRATZ, REBECCA, *Letters*; 387 letters, 1802-1862, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Photostat

Addressed to members of her family. (Copies from The American Jewish Historical Society.)

GRIES, MOSES J., 1868-1918, *Letters*; 1896-1918

Now being catalogued
(Gift of the sons of Rabbi Moses J. Gries.)

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE *Papers*; 10 letters, 1879-1947, Paris, Cincinnati, Ohio, Pacific Palisades, California, New York, Washington, D. C., Manuscript and Typewritten

Adolphe Crémieux and Isidore Loeb to Isaac Mayer Wise, 1879.

The Alliance Israélite Universelle sends Dr. Wise the proceedings of the third section of the international assembly of the Alliance organized for Palestine work and asks him to join this commission. French and English

Isaac M. Wise to Kaufmann Kohler, 1885, about Dr. Kohut, Dr. Gottheil, American and German Orthodoxy, the consolidation of Reform and united progress. German

Thomas Mann to Julian Morgenstern, 1945, appreciation for honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters. About his "Joseph" work, his *Midrash Studies*, the Jewish people to whom occidental civilization owes so much, and the dark tendencies of our age.

Harry Truman to Julian Morgenstern,

1945. The seventieth anniversary of the Hebrew Union College a significant event. America has received notable contributions from the theological, intellectual and social thought of the Hebrew Union College.

Isaac M. Wise to Henry Marks, 1898, concerning the wedding of Marks's daughter.

Three letters of Isaac M. Wise to Julius Mayerberg, 1888-1893. Will make him a competent Jewish preacher. Advises him how to instruct a proselyte.

Isaac M. Wise to H. N. Son, 1889, concerning the Hebrew Union College.

(Gift of the Hebrew Union College. The Archives takes this opportunity to thank Dr. J. Victor Greenebaum, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, for his efforts to further the collection of Americana manuscripts and materials during the period when the Americana manuscript division was a part of the Hebrew Union College Library.)

HOFFMAN, MARVIN, CAPTAIN; *Letter*, June 28, 1948, Dallas, Texas, *Typewritten copy*

To William J. Mack, Cincinnati, about the heroism and soldierly death of his son Leon.

LEVI, ISAAC; SOLOMONS, LEVI; LYON, BENJAMIN; LEVI, GERSHON; SOLOMONS, EZECHIEL; CHAPMAN, ABRAHAM; *Letter*, no date, probably between 1768-1770, Quebec, Canada, *Photostat*

Addressed to Guy Carleton, the Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Quebec. The petitioners who suffered heavy losses and misfortunes as commissaries of the armies during the French and Indian War, 1763, are unable to pay their creditors and ask for help through the settling of their affairs by a commission of bankruptcy.

(Copy from the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa.)

MARCUS, JACOB RADER, *Papers*; 8 letters, 1929-1948, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jerusalem,

New York, Washington, D. C., Original Brandeis, Louis Dembitz; three letters to Marcus from Washington, D. C., 1929-1937. Thanks for interesting articles and papers.

Kagan, Solomon R., M. D.; letter, 1948, Roxbury, Massachusetts, to Dr. Marcus. Information about Dr. J. Horwitz, the great American Jewish physician, a pioneer in his field and the first American Surgeon-General of the Navy.

Marcus, Jacob R.; letter, July 18, 1926, Jerusalem. In this letter to Judah Magnes he gives his impressions of Palestine, his opinion of the political, economic, cultural conditions, the English foreign policy, the Balfour declaration, the Arab-Jewish relations, the probability of a big-visioned university, declaring the university must produce not only students, but also Jews. He also includes a short history of Palestine and a brief description of Palestine as a Jewish cultural center.

Roosevelt, Eleanor; letter, 1947, New York. Thanks for sending an article in which she was mentioned.

MINIS, ABIGAIL; *Letter*, 1780, Charleston, South Carolina, *Photostat*

Requests payment for some articles of provision she delivered to the allied army.

(Copy from the Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia.)

RAISIN, JANE L., *Papers*; 4 letters, 2 papers, 1 ancestry table, 2 poems, 1897-1910, Wilmington, North Carolina, Brentwood, Long Island, London, *Manuscript and Typewritten*

Two letters from William Calder to Mrs. Lee C. Harby, 1901, deal with the Lazarus family. One letter from B. F. Stevens for M. E. Harby, 1897, deals with Sir Clement Harby, Consul at the Morea, 1681.

(Gift of Jane L. Raisin.)

ROSENAU, WILLIAM, 1865-1943, *Papers*; 1889-1943, *Manuscript and Typewritten* Correspondence with rabbis, congrega-

tions, Catholic leaders, communities, the Hebrew Union College, the Mayors of Baltimore, the Governors of Maryland, Presidents of the United States, students, the HIAS, CCAR, and refugees from Germany. Among the correspondents are: Bernard Felsenthal, Gotthard Deutsch, W. F. Albright, 1938-1942, Cyrus Adler, 1933-1939, Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, 1929-1939, Ismar Elbogen, 1942-1943, Maurice Eisen-drath, 1943, Sol Freehof, 1939-1943, Harry Friedenwald, 1933-1939, Chief Rabbi Hertz, London, 1936, Judah Magnes, 1939, Israël Zangwill, 1929, Woodrow Wilson, 1916, William Howard Taft, 1911, Claude Montefiore, Henrietta Szold, 1903-1906, Kaufman Kohler, 1906. Now being catalogued.

(Gift of the Rosenau family.)

ROSENWALD, JULIUS, *Papers*; 1 *ancestry tree*, 1 *letter*, 1861, *Manuscript*

One ancestry tree of the Rosenwald family. No date

One letter of Moritz Mannheimer to his children, Dinkelsbuehl, Germany, 1861. In the hour of his death he begs his children not to depart from the path of virtue. German with an English translation.

(Gift of Dr. Robert Rosenthal, St. Paul, Minn.)

SCHLESINGER, *Papers*; *letter*, 1871, *German, Manuscript*

In a letter to her uncle, Moritz Schlesinger, living in Des Moines, Iowa, Julie Schlesinger, living in Olnhausen, Germany, writes of her intention to emigrate to the United States.

(Gift of Dr. Robert Rosenthal, St. Paul, Minn.)

SCHULMAN, SAMUEL, *Letter*; 1921, *New York, Original*

To Joseph Krauskopf concerning an educational lecture

WOLSEY, LOUIS, *Papers*; 19 *items*, 1877-1925, *Cleveland, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio, Charleston, West Virginia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New York, Manuscripts, Typewritten and Photostats*

A letter of Abraham Cronbach, 1923, to Louis Wolsey deals with the the problem of intermarriage.

In three letters, 1879-1881, to William and Mrs. Hackenburg, Philadelphia, Marcus Jastrow, the rabbi of Rodeph Shalom Congregation, Philadelphia, criticizes American Jewish students, their education and knowledge. Not yet emerged from medieval ignorance. These papers include Jastrow's contract with the Congregation Rodeph Shalom, May 29, 1866. Julian Morgenstern discusses, in a letter to Louis Wolsey, 1924, the affairs of the Hebrew Union College, some students, and the question of intermarriage.

(Gift of Rabbi Louis Wolsey.)

MEMOIRS

COHEN, CAROLINE; *Records of the Myers, Hays and Mordecai Families from 1703-1913, Published for the family, no date, 57 pp.*

About family affairs, social relations and intermarriages with Christians, the economic, social and commercial conditions of that period, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, society life in Boston, Richmond, Virginia, Mobile, Alabama, Philadelphia, Petersburg, Virginia, and the Mordecai School in Warrenton, North Carolina.

ELSAS, JACOB; *autobiography, Typewritten*

Memoirs of a man who was born near Stuttgart in Germany, in 1818, came to the United States in 1839, began as a peddler in Philadelphia and Cincinnati, entered a dry goods and clothing business in Portsmouth, Ohio in 1841 and ended as a well-known and respected businessman in Cincinnati

(Courtesy of Mrs. Fred H. Roth, Cincinnati, his grand-daughter.)

NONES, JOSEPH B., 1797-1887; *Naval Reminiscences*, 1812-1822, *Photostat*

Memoirs written in 1887, at the age of 90, dealing with his ancestors in Italy and Spain, his father Benjamin Nones, the career of his brothers and nephews in the army and in public service, but mainly of his own experiences as an American sailor and midshipman during the War of 1812, as private secretary to Henry Clay, the peace commission of the Ghent mission which concluded the peace between England and the United States. These memoirs also touch on his service under the command of Decatur on the *Guerriere* during the Algerian War in 1815, and his participation in naval encounters. The memoirs are interspersed with many anecdotes, drawings, pictures, historical essays, economic and social observations, descriptions of foreign countries he visited such as Holland, England, Norway, Spain, Italy, Algier, Tunis, Tripoli, India, and biographical sketches of famous personalities he met when abroad.

(Copy from the American Jewish Historical Society.)

PROSKAUER, JOHN; *Reminiscences of his life written by his grand-daughter, Jenny Proskauer, St. Louis, Missouri, 1948, Manuscript*

John Proskauer, a son of Professor Joseph Mayer ben Halevy, native of Breslau, Germany, a follower of Carl Schurz, came to Philadelphia in 1848 after he was forced to flee from Germany. He was on the side of the Union during the Civil War, while his son Adolph fought as a major on the Southern side. After the war John joined the Portuguese Temple in Richmond, Virginia.

(Courtesy of Miss Jenny Proskauer.)

SEESEL, H.; *Memoirs of a Mexican Veteran, 1822-1897, Printed*

His youth as an orphan in Southern Germany, his emigration to Paris in 1838 and to the United States in 1842. At first he was a peddler in Natchez, Mississippi, a trunk maker in Cincinnati, a clerk in Lexington, Kentucky, then a soldier in the Mexican War, 1846-1847, and a peddler again in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1848 he made a trip to Germany where he married, came back to the United States and lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Richmond, Virginia, as a peddler, boarding-house proprietor and so on, till he moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he entered the butcher business and bought a farm.

ADDRESSES, LECTURES, AND SERMONS

ALLEN, MICHAEL M.; *Sermons and diary as Jewish Army Chaplain, July-September, 1861*

(Courtesy of Mrs. Clarence Allen, New York.)

EINHORN, DAVID; *Inaugural sermon before Har Sinai Verein, September 29, 1855*

(Through Rabbi C. A. Rubenstein, Baltimore, Maryland.)

GRIES, MOSES J.; *Addresses delivered in Cleveland at Special Services, Conventions, etc.*

1896 Cleveland Associated Charities Annual Meeting

1899 Cleveland Chamber of Commerce
1900 Convention of Council of Jewish Women

1905 Citizens Thanksgiving Service at Unity Church

1907 Installation of Rabbi Louis Wolsey

Addresses without date and place:

"The Faith by Which We Live"

"The Jew of History"

"The Religion of History"

"The Jew through the Centuries"

"The Immigrant"

"Humanity and the Bible"

Addresses in Memoriam and Tribute

Addresses and Reports to Central Conference of American Rabbis

Addresses delivered before out-of-town organizations

Addresses at meetings of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Holyday Sermons during the period 1902-1907

Sunday Morning Addresses at the Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, 1902-1917

ROSENAU, WILLIAM;

Addresses delivered at Baltimore and out-of-town synagogues

Papers read at and prepared for learned societies

Addresses and papers for the Jewish Chautauqua Society

Addresses at Jewish institutions in Baltimore and elsewhere

Addresses at U.S.O., Jewish Welfare Board, etc.

Funeral Services

Prayers for Bar Mitzvah Boys

Wedding Addresses

Prayers for various occasions

Memorial Services for Cemetery

Thanksgiving Services

Lectures on the Talmud, Prophets, and Biblical Archeology, the Midrash, on Jewish History, etc.

ROSENWALD, JULIUS; *Address, November 26, 1920*

Delivered at the Euclid Avenue Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the Hebrew Union College

MANUSCRIPT HISTORIES

HISTORY OF THE JEWS OF CALIFORNIA, 1848-1880

(Copy from Oregon State Archives.)

Excerpts from books, newspapers, almanacs, encyclopedias, historical works, memoirs, and the publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History

(Copy from The American Jewish Historical Society.)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, PORTLAND, OREGON (*The Golden Book*), 1858-1888, *Manuscript*

SHORT HISTORY OF THE LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, 1888-1948

HISTORY OF THE JEWS AND THE CONGREGATION OF HENDERSON, KENTUCKY, by S. O. Heilbronner, 1942

HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION BETH ELOHIM, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, *No date*

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Handwritten transcriptions and newspaper clippings concerning the history, the business life, the community affairs of the Congregation B'nai Israel, the Hebra Kaddisha, the Hebrew Ladies Aid Association, etc.

(Courtesy of Mrs. E. H. Beckman.)

HISTORY OF THE JEWS IN GALVESTON, TEXAS, by RABBI HENRY COHEN (*Newspaper clippings concerning the Jewish Congregation.*)

EARLY HISTORY OF TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, 1903-1946
PORTLAND, OREGON

Church records and notes concerning Jews in Oregon and notes on Jewish Congregations

FORTH WORTH, TEXAS

Notes concerning the Jews in Ft. Worth, especially their part in the meat packing business, 1850-1880. Excerpts from a manuscript of many volumes prepared by the History Records Survey of W.P.A.

(The original volumes are in the Public Library, Ft. Worth, Texas.)

CERTIFICATES OF CITIZENSHIP, BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH

BLACHSCHLEGER, ABE; *Citizenship paper, October 10, 1888*

A Russian, admitted as a citizen at the Court House in Cincinnati, Ohio

(Gift of Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger, Montgomery, Alabama.)

LILIENTHAL-EISENBERG PAPERS;

Geburtsurkunde der Louise Lilienthal, Volkmarchen, Germany, November 27, 1837

Todesurkunde des Moses Lilienthal, Volkmarchen, Germany, April 4, 1847

Reisepass fuer Louise Lilienthal, Kurfuerstentum Hessen, March 31, 1857

Heiratsbewilligung des Kurhessischen Landesrabbins Kassel fuer Louise Lilienthal and Levi Eisenberg aus Hofgeismar, April 4, 1857

Buergerbrief fuer Levi Eisenberg, Kassel, November 16, 1850

Citizenship paper for Levi Eisenberg, St. Clairsville, Ohio, May 18, 1868

(Courtesy of Dr. Bernard Bamberger.)

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF EMILE KAHN TO AURELIA HYMAN, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 2, 1869, signed by Isaac M. Wise, Original

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF LEOPOLD MOCK TO TONY WEIL, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 16, 1865

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH OF KATHARINA FRANCISCA HOLZER, daughter of Salomon and Rachel Holzer, née Klauber, Neustadt, Austria, September 5, 1834, mother of Rabbi Moses Gries

POLITICAL MATRIMONIAL CONSENT OF THE IMPERIAL AND ROYAL DISTRICT COURT OF EGER for Katharina Francisca Holzer to marry Jacob Gries of Altofen, Ofen, September 16, 1856

MISCELLANEOUS

SALOMON, HAYM, *Collection*;

An issue of *The Pennsylvania-Packet*, September 21, 1784, containing on the last page a full column of the advertisement of Haym Salomon

A photographic record of the Diary in Office of Finance, 1782, showing the actual notation in the hand of the Finance Officer, Robert Morris, of his contact with Haym Salomon, on the date of May 8, reading: "This morning I sent for Haym Salomon, etc."

A photographic reproduction of the marriage license of Haym Salomon as well as a Promissory Note of \$400.00 by F. Hopkinson, Treasurer of Loans of Pennsylvania dated 1780, and also a Promissory Note made out to Haym Salomon in the sum of 67 pounds by John W. Wilcocks in Philadelphia in 1783.

(Courtesy of A. Straus, Baltimore, Maryland.)

ANDREW CLOU & Co.; September 21, 1790
Check payable to Mr. Jonas Phillips

POLOCK, RACHAEL; Last Will, August 23, 1817, Chatham County, Georgia

LEVY, URIAH PHILLIPS; Last Will and Testament, May 13, 1858, New York

OPPENHEIMER, E.; Income Tax, June 19, 1868

Collector's office received payment
(Courtesy of Mrs. Frank L. Weil, New York.)

GUTHEIM, JAMES KOPPEL AND HEIDINGSFELD, E. WOHL; *March* 5, 1878, New Orleans, Louisiana

Certificate for Emil R. Isaac (Toerner) Turner's conversion to the Jewish religion

(Courtesy of Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman, Temple Sinai, New Orleans, La.)

KNOX, GEORGE WILLIAM; *The Lion of the Tribe of Judah*, October 9, 1871, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Printed

A missionary pamphlet to be distributed among the Jews

(Copy from the Public Library, New York.)

DE FORD COLLECTION;

Paper clippings concerning the Gratz family, the beginnings of the Mikveh

Israel Congregation, Philadelphia, Isaac Moses, Jonas Phillips, Haym Levy, Haym Salomon

(Copies from scrapbook in possession of Miss Alice de Ford, Philadelphia.)

DEATH OF HERMINE JOHNSTONE GRATZ, last grandchild of Benjamin Gratz, Lexington, Kentucky

Newspaper clipping from the *Lexington-Leader*, May 15, 1948.

Some newspaper clippings from the *New Orleans Bee*, 1852, touching on the Jewish Burying Ground and the election of J. P. BENJAMIN as Senator

Congregation B'nai Israel, Columbus, Georgia Resolutions in memory of RABBI FRANK L. ROSENTHAL, March 13, 1940

Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Newark, New Jersey, Temple Museum Articles for Centennial Exhibit at Newark Museum One Hundredth Anniversary, April 20, 1948

GENEALOGY OF SEVERAL OLD NEW YORK FAMILIES

Arranged with particular reference to the Ancestry of the Lewis, Goldstone, Hendricks and other families

(Courtesy of Rabbi Daniel L. Davis, New York.)

The Archives also possesses many scrapbooks of clippings, papers, and pamphlets touching on Jewish notables, historic, economic, cultural, congregational affairs, meetings, conferences, cases, trials and the like, and a collection of reproductions of portraits and silhouettes. For instance:

Barnard Gratz by Charles Peale Polk
Mrs. Barnard Gratz by Robert Feke
Mordecai Manuel Noah by John Wesley Jarvis

Mrs. Solomon Etting by John Wesley Jarvis

Samson Levy, Jr., 1761-1831, charcoal drawing by Saint-Mémin

Samson Levy, Jr. by Thomas Sully

Solomon Jacobs by Thomas Sully

Commodore Uriah P. Levy by Thomas Buchanan Read

Manuel Josephson by Jeremiah Theus

Rebecca Gratz by Thomas Sully

Michael Gratz by Thomas Sully

Rachel Gratz by Edward Greene Malbone

Abraham Touro, Mrs. Michael Gratz, Samuel Myers, Judah Hays, Moses Myers, Mrs. Myers, Colonel Isaac Frauks, Solomon Moses by Gilbert Stuart

(This material was secured from Mrs. Hannah London and is known as the Hannah R. London Collection of Portraits and Silhouettes of Early American Jews.)

We are also very grateful to the Reverend Dr. Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Connecticut, for a collection of photographs of American Jewish notables, most of them autographed. This collection includes pictures of Benjamin Winter, David Belasco, Saul Raskin, Leo Orenstein, Herman Bernstein, Otto Rosalsky, George Gershwin, Ossip Gabrilowitch, Richard Gottheil, Mortimer L. Schiff, Felix M. Warburg, Paul M. Warburg, Simon Wolf, Adolph M. Ochs, Louis Marshall, Irving Lehman, Louis D. Brandeis, Boris D. Bogen, Ernest Bloch, Jacob Billikopf, Cyrus Adler, Yehudi Menuhin, Mischa Elman, Fannie Hurst, Eddie Cantor, Waldo Frank, Herbert H. Lehman, David Philipson and Joseph M. Proskauer. This collection will be known as The Abraham J. Feldman Collection.