

Acquisitions

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The following is a catalogue of some of the materials — manuscripts, typescripts, and photostats — received by the American Jewish Archives during the past twelve months. Unless otherwise specified, the minute books, records, etc., are photostats.

We wish to inform our friends that the Archives is prepared to offer both photostat and microfilm service.

MINUTE BOOKS OF CONGREGATIONS

- Congregation Kahl Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama, Vols. I-II, 1893-1947, German and English
- Chicago Sinai Congregation, Chicago, Illinois, 1897-1899
- Congregation Temple Sinai, New Orleans, Louisiana, Vols. I-III, 1870-1937
- Congregation Temple Sinai, New Orleans, Louisiana, Board of Trustees, Vols. I-II, 1870-1921
- Congregation Shangarai Chassed (Touro Synagogue), New Orleans, Louisiana, Marriage Licenses, 1845-1848
- Har Sinai Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. I-II, 1842-1884, German and English
- Congregation Beth Israel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1891-1941
- Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, New York, Vols. I-II, 1861-1905, German and English
- Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, New York, Marriage Records, 1861-1884, German
- Congregations B'nai Jeshurun and Gates of Prayer, New York, New York, Joint Cemetery Committee, 1857-1902, *Original*
- Congregation Shaaray Tefila (West End Synagogue), New York, New York, Vols. I-III, 1845-1893, *Original*
- Congregation Shaaray Tefila, New York, New York, Board of Trustees, Vols. I-II, 1835-1908, *Original*
- Congregation Shaaray Tefila, New York, New York, Building Committee, 1866-1903, *Original*
- Congregation Shaaray Tefila, New York, New York, Electors of the Congregation, 1847-1908, *Original*
- Congregation Shaaray Tefila, New York, New York, Members' Register, 1879, *Original*
- Congregation Shaaray Tefila, New York, New York, Sunday School Board, 1896-1899, *Original*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Record and Account Book from 1706, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Minutes of the Trustees, Vols. I-IX, 1784-1926, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Electors' Register from 1784, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Register to 1949, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Poll List, 1834, and Congregational Minutes, 1801-1805, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Minutes of the Electors, Vols. I-III, 1790-1932, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Register of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Vols. I-III, 1759-1946, *Microfilm*

- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Births, Deaths, and Marriage Records, 1877-1892, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Treasurer's Book, 1846-1860, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Seat Holders' and Contributors' Book, 1861-1902, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Vols. I-II, 1835-1888, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Board of Trustees, Vols. I-II, 1845-1889, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Building Committee, 1849-1907, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Cash Book, 1830-1845, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mortuary Records, 1894-1942, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Records of Temple Pews, 1836-1855, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Roll of Members, 1867-1881, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, School Board, Vols. I-II, 1854-1888, *Original*
- Congregation Tifereth Israel (The Temple), Cleveland, Ohio, Vols. I-X, 1850-1942
- Congregation Beth Israel, Altoona, Pennsylvania, Vols. I-II, 1874-1907
- Congregation B'nai Zion, Danville, Pennsylvania, 1890-1946
- Congregation Anshe Emeth, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vols. I-II, 1874-1893
- Congregation Anshe Emeth, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Offerings' Book, Vols. I-II, 1873-1887
- Congregation Beth Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1840-1849
- Congregation Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vols. I-IV, 1847-1901, *German*
- Hebrew Congregation Beth El, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1889-1921
- Congregation Beth Israel, Austin, Texas, Vols. I-II, 1876-1924
- Mount Sinai Congregation, El Paso, Texas, Vols. I-II, 1887-1949
- Mount Sinai Congregation, El Paso, Texas, Board of Trustees, 1914-1934
- Moses Montefiore Congregation Adath Israel, Marshall, Texas, 1887-1921
- Congregation Ohel Sholom, Norfolk, Virginia, 1867-1880
- Congregation Beth Ahabah, Richmond, Virginia, Marriage Contracts, 1846-1860, *Original*

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

- Harmony Club, New Orleans, Louisiana, Business Papers and Correspondence, Vols. I-II, 1895-1928, *Original*
- Women's League of Touro Synagogue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1895-1913
- Hebra Gemiluth Hassidim, Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Book of Accounts, 1786-1890, *Microfilm*
- Hebra Hased Va Amet, Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, 1840-1922, *Microfilm*
- Hebra Hased Va Amet, Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Special Meetings, 1867-1920, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Anshe Emeth, Sunday School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1886-1888
- Society Esrath Nashim, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vols. I-II, 1873-1894
- Four Documents pertaining to I.O.O.F. Lodges, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1856-1875, *Original*

CHARTERS, CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS

- Congregation Shangarai Chassed (Touro Synagogue), New Orleans, Louisiana, By-Laws, 1841
- Hebrew Institute, Shreveport, Louisiana, Charter, 1930
- Congregation Shaaray Tefila, New York,

- New York, Constitutions and By-Laws, 1848, 1867, 1869, *Original*
- Hebra Hased Va Amet, Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Constitutions and By-Laws, 1802 and following, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Ancient By-Laws, 1790, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, New York, Constitutions and By-Laws, 1805, *Microfilm*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Charter and By-Laws, 1842-1843, *Original*
- Congregation Bene Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Revision of By-Laws, 1868, *Original*
- Congregation Anshe Chesed, Erie, Pennsylvania, Charter of Incorporation, 1875

LETTERS AND PAPERS

- ADLER, SAMUEL; 2 letters, 1858, 1859, *New York, New York, German, Photostats*
- In these letters addressed to G. Foreman, the rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, New York, discusses the tasks of a rabbi, his relations to his congregation, the Reform Movement, the foundation of new Reform congregations, his own opinion of Einhorn's prayerbook, and the development of Congregation Emanu-El. (Gift of Dr. Philipson.)
- ALEXANDER, MOSES, 1853-1932; 2 letters, 1914, 1915, *Boise, Idaho, Photostats*
- The Governor of the State of Idaho (1915-1919) reflects back on his early days when he worked as a businessman in Chillicothe, Missouri, for A. Wollbrunn, to whom the letters are addressed, thanking him for the fine education he received in those years. Proud of honors conferred upon him. (Gift of Mr. Frank Weil, New York.)
- ALLEGRO, AMBROSIO; 2 letters, 1815, *Tunis, Africa, Photostats*
- These letters, written to Mordecai Manuel Noah after he was recalled from his position as consul in Tunis, inform him about the state of affairs in that country and discuss the purchase of Noah's furniture and possessions. He comments on the attitude of the American Government upon Noah's recall, and expresses the hope that the President will render Noah the justice he deserves. (Copies from the National Archives, Washington, D. C.)
- ARIAS, DAVID DIAS, *Papers; 32 items, 1759-1760, New Orleans, Louisiana, Mobile, Louisiana, French, Photostats*
- Correspondence between Kerlérec, the Governor of Louisiana, de Rochemore, the ordonnateur in Louisiana, and other French officials in the colony, and the Government in France concerning the confiscation of a ship "Le Texel" and its goods, and the imprisonment of its Captain, the English Jew, David Dias Arias (also written Dias Azarias) as a spy and enemy of the State, Arias' trial, his testimony and his acquittal. De Rochemore explains and defends in his letters his attitude and his actions in this affair. In a letter (October 13, 1759) to the Minister in Paris he gives an account of the sudden death of Arias during the trial, stating that the "Texel" and part of its unsold cargo has been taken over by the attorney for unclaimed property. Some letters discuss also the political, social, and legal situation and the economic activities of the Jews in Louisiana at that time. (Copies from the National Archives, Washington, D. C.)
- BACHRACH, DAVID; letter, 1903, *Baltimore, Maryland, Manuscript*
- About a man, Tobias Cohen, who introduced the silk weaving industry into Hartford, Connecticut, in 1858. (Gift of Howard S. Levi, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)
- BETTMAN, M.; letter, 1842, *Baltimore, Maryland, German, Manuscript*

The secretary of Har Sinai Verein describes in a letter to Gotthold Salomon in Hamburg the bad spiritual situation of the American Jews and the attempts at a spiritual awakening. He asks Salomon to send some copies of his prayer-book to Baltimore and to help in the reforming of the Har Sinai Congregation. (Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

BILLIKOPF, JACOB, *Collection; 17 items, 1918-1950, Chicago, Illinois, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Princeton, New Jersey, Photostats and Typescripts*

The letters written and received by Billikopf deal with Jewish philanthropy, settlement activities, Jewish education, religious affairs, and personal matters. They contain also vivid characterizations of Justice Brandeis, Benjamin Nathan Cardozo, Albert Einstein, and Louis Marshall. Mentioned are Sidney Hillman, Judah Magnes, Julius Rosenwald, Jacob H. Schiff, Harland Stone, F. Warburg. (Gift of Dr. Billikopf.)

BIZARD, I.; *letter, 1871, Strassbourg, France, French, Manuscript*

In the letter addressed to Dr. Adler, New York, Bizard thanks him for his letter of sympathy on the defeat of France and his offer of help for the victims of the War.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

BLOOM, SOL., *Correspondence; 30 items, 1933-1945, Evanston, Illinois, Huntington, New York, New York, New York, Princeton, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., Wynton, California, Photostats*

Letters from William Bankhead, Nicholas Murray Butler, Harold Dodds, Herbert Hoover, Cordell Hull, Charles Lindbergh, Meyer Berlin, Ludwig Lewisohn, F. D. Roosevelt, H. Truman and others to the Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Delegate to the United Nations Conference on international organization, expressing appreciation of Bloom's fine cooperation and valuable aid in all war efforts, his loyal support of foreign policy and leg-

islation, his patriotic, unselfish services, his integrity and self-sacrifice. "An ideal citizen who responded to every call of the poor and under-privileged."

(Courtesy of Dr. Joshua Bloch, New York Public Library.)

FRANKS, DAVID, *Papers; 2 letters, 1779, London, England, Elizabethtown, New Jersey, Photostats*

A letter from Nesbitt, Drummond, and Franks to David Franks on his activities as War Commissary, and from David Franks to Major John André praying for assistance in the settlement of some accounts at Headquarters.

(Copies from the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan.)

CREMIEUX, ADOLPHE; *letter, 1870, Paris, France, German, Manuscript*

Probably directed to Samuel Adler, the letter describes the sad conditions of the Russian Jews and his (Crémieux's) efforts to improve them. Asks for help. (Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

CRONBACH, ABRAHAM, *Correspondence; 31 letters, 1916-1949, Albany, New York, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jerusalem, Israel, London, England, New York, New York, Manuscript*

Letters from F. Adler, B. Bamberger, S. Brodetsky, I. Elbogen, H. Grinstein, A. Marx, C. Roth to A. Cronbach, from N. Glueck to S. Blank, from A. Marx to J. Morgenstern, from Roth to Blank, about sociological and ethical questions, biblical and historical problems, and the editing of the *Hebrew Union College Annual*.

(Gift of Dr. Abraham Cronbach.)

EINHORN, DAVID; *4 letters, 1864-1878, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New York, German, Manuscript*

In these letters addressed to Samuel Adler and Bernhard Felsenthal, Einhorn discusses scientific, educational, rabbinical, and congregational problems, and his *Prayer Book*. Criticizes Geiger, Leeser, and Wise bitterly.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

EINSTEIN, ALBERT; *letter*, 1948, *Princeton, New Jersey, Manuscript*

A letter of sympathy on the death of Paul Richman's wife. "There is no consolation — we have to take in humility the hardships life is bringing upon us."

(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)

EZEKIEL, SIR MOSES, 1844-1917, *Papers*; 14 letters, 1866-1922, *Arlington, Vermont, Cincinnati, Ohio, Lexington, Virginia, New York, New York, Northampton, Massachusetts, Paris, France, Richmond, Virginia, Rome, Italy, Manuscript*

Letters from friends (including Oscar S. Straus and G. D'Annunzio) to the sculptor expressing their admiration for his art, and from Ezekiel in Rome to his brother and father describing his work and analyzing his opinion of Israel's mission on earth. Shortly after he returned from soldiering in the Civil War, and took up his studies again at the Virginia Military Institute, he wrote to his cousin and sweetheart Lenora Levy. In this letter (1866) he mourned for the death of Stonewall Jackson and recalled with sadness the names and deeds of the fallen heroes of the South.

(Gift of Mrs. Seymour Samuels, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

FAITEL, MESHULAM; *letter*, 1876, *Poland, Yiddish, Photostat*

Before his death he asks his children who are living in America never to desecrate the Sabbath and to maintain their love for the Jewish religion.

(Courtesy of R. L. Rose, Great Neck, Long Island.)

FELDMAN, ABRAHAM J., *Collection*; 4 letters, 1923-1924, *New York, New York, Manuscript and Typescript*

From Bernard Baruch and Kaufmann Kohler to Feldman. Kohler shows his warm interest in Feldman's career as rabbi and preacher and thanks him for the intention to dedicate his collection of sermons to him in honor of his 80th birthday.

(Gift of Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, Hartford, Conn.)

FELSENTHAL, BERNHARD, *Correspondence*; 15 items, 1864-1901, *Chicago, Illinois, Manuscript and Typescript*

Addresses, resolutions, and letters from members of the Chicago Zion Congregation to Felsenthal, a contract between Felsenthal and his congregation (1864), and letters from Felsenthal to friends. In correspondence with Abraham Geiger (1874) and David Philipson (1904) he deals with Zunz's 80th birthday and Geiger's magazine, the *Science of Judaism*, his opposition to the Synod Movement, his opinion on *Geistesfreiheit* and the gradual and natural development of Judaism.

(Gift of Miss Felsenthal and Dr. Philipson.)

FIERMAN, MORTON C., *Collection*; 691 letters, 1943-1945, *Manuscript*

A correspondence between Rabbi Fierman and his friends, colleagues, and many soldiers and officials during the Second World War.

(Gift of Morton C. Fierman, Tulsa, Oklahoma.)

FRIEDMAN, LEE M., *Papers*; 11 letters, 1864-1886, *Laudenbach, Germany, German, Typescript*

Personal letters of Karoline Haenlein to her relatives in America.

(Gift of Dr. Lee M. Friedman.)

GANSEVOORT, LEONARD; *letter*, 1776, *New York, New York, Photostat*

Informs General Schuyler that Haym Salomon "has hitherto sustained the character of being warmly attached to America."

(Copy from the Schuyler Correspondence, New York Public Library, N. Y.)

GEIGER, ABRAHAM; 10 letters, 1863-1874, *Frankfurt, Breslau, Germany, German, Manuscript*

In these letters written to Samuel Adler and Bernhard Felsenthal, Geiger warmly recommends Kaufmann Kohler. Very important to win him for America. Writes about his own scientific work, his activity as rabbi in Frankfurt, and

as lecturer at the *Hochschule* in Berlin, the foundation of his magazine *Juedische Zeitschrift fuer Wissenschaft und Leben*, the political situation in Germany, the Reform Movement in Germany and America, and its mutual influence. Expresses his sympathy for American cultural undertakings and criticizes German, Austrian, and American writers and magazines. Mentioned are: Deutsch, Einhorn, Graetz, Greenbaum, Hirsch, Jastrow, Leeser, Lilienthal, Zunz.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

GRATZ, REBECCA; 546 letters, 1797-1863, *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Photostats*

The letters are mostly addressed to Miriam Moses Cohen, Maria Fenno Hoffmann, Mary Elizabeth Fenno, Benjamin Gratz, Maria Gist Gratz, Ann Shelby Gratz, and other members of the Gratz family. They deal with personal and family affairs, the social, cultural, political, and literary events in Philadelphia and New York, educational and congregational problems, inter-marriages, conversions, music, writers, books, magazines, the theatre, the establishment of the "Female Hebrew Benevolent Society," her position as honorary secretary, and her activities in the Jewish Sunday School.

(Copies from the Library of Congress, American Jewish Historical Society Library, University of North Carolina Library, New York Historical Society Library, etc.)

HIRSCH, SAMUEL; 2 letters, 1871-1873, *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, German, Manuscript*

Addressed to Samuel Adler. About theological questions, conferences, controversies and family affairs. Mentioned are Jastrow and Wise.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

JONAS, JOSEPH; letter, 1825, *Cincinnati, Ohio, Manuscript*

An appeal to the Elders of the Jewish Congregation of Charleston for assistance in building a house of worship.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

KAGAN, SOLOMON K., *Papers*; 167 items, 1933-1949, *Ann Arbor, Michigan, Austria, Baltimore, Maryland, Berlin, Germany, Camden, New Jersey, Cincinnati, Ohio, Denver, Colorado, Chicago, Illinois, Jerusalem, Israel, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, London, England, Los Angeles, California, Newark, New Jersey, New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Providence, Rhode Island, Rochester, Minnesota, Roxbury, Massachusetts, San Francisco, California, Washington, D. C., Manuscript and Typescript*

Correspondence between Kagan and medical institutions, hospitals, societies, physicians, scientists on medical articles and biographies.

(Gift of Dr. Solomon Kagan, Roxbury, Massachusetts.)

KAHN, LAZARD, *Papers*; about 100 letters, 1866-1871, *Baltimore, Maryland, Cincinnati, Ohio, Ingweiler, Alsace, Nashville, Tennessee, Selma, Alabama, French, German, Yiddish, English, Manuscript*

Correspondence between members of the Lazard Kahn family about personal, business, and family affairs.

(Gift of the Kahn Family, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

KOHLER, KAUFMANN; letter, 1869, *Fuerth, Germany, German, Manuscript*

In this letter to Samuel Adler, Kohler writes about his intention to emigrate to the U. S. A. and the reasons for his decision. He deals with the religious and political conditions in Germany and his own religious ideals, aims, and scientific work, asking Adler for advice and help.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

LAZARUS, MORITZ; letter, 1895, *Schoenfeld, Germany, German, Manuscript*

A letter of thanks to the Faculty of the Hebrew Union College for the honor of being named "Doctor of Divinity." On his scientific and Jewish development. Judaism source of his philosophy, his spiritual life, his *Weltanschauung*.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

LEVY, HETTY; 2 letters, 1812-1813, *Baltimore, Maryland, Photostat*

An appeal to the "delicate sense of correctness" of Simon Gratz, to whom the letter is addressed, asking him that justice may be done to her in a legal matter concerning the Philadelphia Congregation.

(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

LEVY, LOUIS M., *Collection; 37 items, 1850-1885, Ashland, Pennsylvania, Augusta, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina, Macon, Georgia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Snow Shoe, Pennsylvania, Savannah, Georgia, Photostats*

Love letters from Elias P[olock]. Levy, a relative of Aaron Levy, to his fiancée, Minnie Hohenfels Levy, and letters from Levy to his children on personal and family affairs, business trips, and so on. The collection contains also 17 very interesting letters from Myer Levy, a soldier in the Civil War, to his family, mainly to his brother Elias P. on his camp and battle experiences during the years 1860-1864, and the fate of his friends and fellow-soldiers.

(Copies from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and courtesy of Miss Miriam Levy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)

LEVY, URIAH P., *Papers; 7 items, 1844-1849, New York, N. Y., Washington D. C., Photostats*

A letter of President John Tyler (1844) to the Senate nominating Levy Captain in the Navy. A memorial of Uriah P. Levy to the Senate (1855) complaining of the illegal action, in his case, of the Board of Naval officers whereby he has been stricken from the rolls and asking Congress to restore him to his former position in the Navy. A petition of Jonas P. Levy to the Senate and House of Representatives (1852) proposing to open communications from Vera Cruz and Alvarado on the Gulf

of Mexico to Huatulco in the Pacific, and to convey the mails between New York and New Orleans and San Francisco in twenty days. Including a petition of Jonas P. Levy to the Senate of Mexico to grant a privilege to open communications between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific. Memorial of Jonas P. Levy to the Senate and House of Representatives (1856) urging that provisions be made for the appointment of schoolmasters to teach apprentices desirous of entering the Navy. Also for their promotion in that service.

(Copies from the National Archives, Washington, D. C.)

LILIENTHAL, MAX; *letter, 1841, St. Petersburg, Russia, German, Manuscript*

Lilienthal, who was summoned by the Russian Government to St. Petersburg in order, apparently, to ameliorate the moral, spiritual, and religious conditions of the Jews, describes in a letter to Dr. Loewi of Fuerth, Germany, the poverty and pitiful situation of the Russian Jews, the Emancipation plan of the government, and the need for men to fulfill this task. He asks Loewi to send able German educators to Russia.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

MAILERT FAMILY, *Correspondence; 124 letters, 1832-1861, Bertrand, Michigan, Carbondale, Pennsylvania, Cassel, Germany, Charleston, South Carolina, Clarksburg, Virginia, Lower Nazareth, Pennsylvania, Montrose, Pennsylvania, Newmilford, Pennsylvania, Richmond, Virginia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, German, English, Yiddish, Photostats*

A highly interesting correspondence between members of the German-American Mailert Family (also written Meylert), and between them and their friends, especially between Charles Lucius and his brother August Mailert, and between S. Meylert and his nephew August Mailert. Charles Lucius, a Jewish teacher and principal of a private school in Cassel, writes (1833-1849) to his brother, who emigrated to the U. S. A., about the intolerable political, military,



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and religious situation in Germany, the revolutionary mood of the people, the autocracy of the princes, the unjust laws, the heavy taxes, the suppression of free speech and thought, the depressing economic and social condition of the German Jews, anti-Semitism, the Emancipation Movement, about his job as teacher, his studies of the English language, his love for America, and his intention to emigrate to the land of freedom. Discussion of American business life, the money crisis, and August's intention to become a farmer. Many letters deal with family affairs, relatives, friends, birth of children, engagements, weddings, and the unhappy marriage of the writer, his sickness and helplessness.

S. Meylert, the uncle of Charles Lucius and August, and father of the famous Michael Meylert, who became one of the founders of Sullivan County, a lumberman, editor, banker, road and empire builder, was himself a farmer, land agent, and real estate dealer in Pennsylvania, and, as it seems, a convert. In 25 letters (1832-1846) he discusses with his nephew August the situation of the German Jews in the U. S. A., the American business, economic, and money system, import and export matters, the affairs of the State of Pennsylvania, the education and character of his children, especially of Michael, whom he believes will "make an excellent mathematician." In many letters he deals with the land speculation business, the development of his own farm, and the situation of the American farmer. His son Amos describes in 11 letters (1840-1847) to his cousin August his various professions as a student of law, businessman, and farmer. In this group of letters he comments in considerable detail on American politics, the affairs of the State of Pennsylvania, presidential elections, Democrats and Whigs, the character of Polk and Clay. He wants to go to Texas as this state will become the best country in the world for a businessman.

(Courtesy of Emily Solis-Cohen, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)

MORAIS, SABATO, *Papers*; 22 items, 1854-1869, *New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ramsgate, England, Washington, D. C., Photostats*

Letters from A. Boyd, de Cordova, Abraham Hart, John Hay, J. J. Lyons, Moses Montefiore, and others to Sabato, and from Morais to friends, about congregational affairs, the condition of the Jews, their social and political status in civilized countries, and Montefiore's mission on behalf of "our distressed brethren in Morocco." Including a letter of Abraham Lincoln to Abraham Hart (1862).

(Copies from Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)

NEWMAN, WILLIAM; *letter*, 1892, *Cincinnati, Ohio, German, Photostat*

The writer describes to his brother and sister-in-law the schools in Cincinnati where English as well as German are taught, the four Temples and eight orthodox synagogues. He regrets that he left Germany, as he misses the German *Gemuetlichkeit*. In America everybody tries to become wealthy, but only ten per cent are successful. Referring to Stöcker, he believes that he could never deliver his addresses in America.

(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)

OCHS, ADOLPH S., *Papers*; 153 items, 1893-1939, *Albany, New York, Bourne-mouth, England, Bar Harbor, Maine, Cairo, Egypt, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Cincinnati, Ohio, Knoxville, Tennessee, Lake George, New York, London, England, Mexico City, Mexico, New York, New York, Orange, New Jersey, Panama, Paris, France, Pointe-au-Pic, Canada, Rome, Italy, San Sebastian, Spain, Warm Springs, Georgia, Washington, D. C., Manuscript and Typescript*

Letters exchanged between Ochs and Nancy Astor, William Waldorf Astor, Aristide Briand, Richard E. Byrd, Calvin and Grace Coolidge, Marie Dressler, Marie and Thomas Edison, Douglas Fairbanks, Anita Garibaldi, Cardinal Hayes, Herbert Hoover, Rufus Daniel Isaacs (Lord Reading), Ramsay MacDon-

ald, G. Marconi, L. Marshall, John Rockefeller, Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jacob Schiff, Henry L. Stimson, Oscar S. Straus, W. Taft, Sam Untermyer, H. G. Wells and other politicians, newspapermen, painters, ambassadors, and so on, about actual news, conferences, cultural matters, and Jewish affairs. Many writers express their appreciation for the understanding kindness of Ochs in handling the news, his friendship, and hospitality. The collection contains also a number of family letters, mainly written during 1922-1925 by Effie Miriam Ochs (daughter of Isaac M. Wise) to her daughter Iphigene (wife of Arthur Sulzberger) from a Mediterranean trip, describing famous persons and the places she and her husband are visiting.

(Gift of Mrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, New York.)

PHILIPSON, DAVID, *Papers*; 346 letters, 1883-1946, *Albany, New York, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Avignon, France, Bar Harbor, Maine, Berlin, Germany, Birmingham, Alabama, Boston, Massachusetts, Buffalo, New York, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Chicago, Illinois, Cincinnati, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, Des Moines, Iowa, Detroit, Michigan, Elberfeld, Germany, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, Haarlem, Holland, Jacksonville, Florida, London, England, Los Angeles, California, Louisville, Kentucky, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mobile, Alabama, Newark, New Jersey, New Orleans, Louisiana, New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Providence, Rhode Island, San Francisco, California, Seattle, Washington, St. Petersburg, Florida, Washington, D. C., Wien, Austria, Manuscript and Typescript*

Like the Kraus Collection, the Philipson papers cover hundreds and hundreds of addresses, lectures, and sermons delivered by Philipson, his correspondence with the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Hebrew Union College, the C.C.A.R., the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the

Jewish Publication Society, and so on, documents and source material pertaining to Jewish history and the Reform Movement, papers dealing with Jewish-Christian relations, conversions, synagogue and school matters, and copies of letters of famous European and American Jews.

The above-mentioned 346 letters represent — besides family letters — the correspondence between Philipson and I. Abrahams, Dr. Bergmann (Berlin), H. Berkowitz, I. Elbogen, H. G. Enelow, H. Englander, B. Felsenthal, J. Freiberg, Israel Friedlander, Ludwig Geiger, N. Glueck, M. Gries, James and Max Heller, J. Jacobs, K. Kohler, G. A. Kohut, I. Krauskopf, M. L. Margolis, L. Marshall, A. Marx, C. Montefiore, T. E. Moore, H. Morgenthau, D. Neumark, A. S. Ochs, A. S. Oko, V. Reichert, W. Rosenau, S. Schechter, J. Schiff, A. H. Silver, M. Sulzberger, H. Szold, W. H. Taft, I. M. Wise, L. Wolsey, and I. Zangwill on biblical, historical, political, educational, congregational matters, on problems of Reform, Liberalism, Orthodoxy, Zionism, American and European Judaism, anti-Semitism, intermarriages, conversions, conferences and meetings.

PHILIPPSON, LUDWIG; 2 letters, 1862-1869, *Bonn, Germany, German, Manuscript*

To Samuel Adler about translations of the Bible, Jewish literature, and rabbinical affairs.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

SOLOMON, HAYM; 2 letters, 1782-1783, *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Photostat*

Addressed to John Brownlow of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Bart M. Spitzer, Charleston, South Carolina, on business and personal matters.

(Copies from the American Jewish Historical Society Library, New York.)

COLLECTION OF MARIAN NATHAN SANDOR AND HER SONS, JOHN WALTER KRAUS AND FRANCIS VAN PRAAG, SONS OF THE LATE DR. WALTER M. KRAUS OF NEW YORK; *several hundreds of letters, 1738-1940, Albany, New York, Baltimore, Maryland,*

Boston, Massachusetts, Brooklyn, New York, Cambridge Massachusetts, Charleston, South Carolina, Cincinnati, Ohio, Des Moines, Iowa, Georgetown, Pennsylvania, Huntsville, Alabama, Jacksonville, Florida, New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, San Francisco, California, Stamford, Connecticut, Washington, D. C., German, English, Yiddish, Manuscript and Typescript

This collection, which contains thousands of genealogical and biographical documentary data pertaining to colonial Jewish families and individuals, innumerable documents such as deeds, wills, marriage contracts, historical sketches, manuscript histories, diaries, business papers, checks, receipts, tax lists, law suits, church and synagogue records, government records, notes on Jewish heraldry, copies of letters written by immigrants as far back as the middle of the 18th century, is now—thanks to the invaluable help of Rabbi Malcolm Stern who compiled the genealogical data—almost catalogued.

The letters mentioned above represent a correspondence between Dr. Walter Kraus and archives, libraries, congregations, committees, societies, synagogues, universities and individuals on historical, biographical, and genealogical questions. Include also a collection of family letters written by his ancestors, mostly on personal and every-day matters: for instance, a correspondence of 18 letters (1856-1939) between members of the Adler, Fisher, Kraus, Metzger, Stadler, Wolff families; letters (1874-1875) from George Adler to his parents; from Herman Adler (1869) to his mother; from Alexander Abraham (1822) to his family; 8 letters (1858) from Henry W. Bachman to his family; 23 letters (1854-1858) from Solomon Bachman to his sister and brother-in-law; 17 letters (1857-1859) from Herman Baehr to his family; from Julius Flato (1863-1889) to his relatives; and from George Lichtenfels (1857-1858) to Mrs. Adler.

SHEFTALL PAPERS; 36 items, 1776-1805, Charleston, South Carolina, Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania, Savannah, Georgia, *Photostats*

Correspondence between Gershom Cohen and Mordecai Sheftall, James Fisher and Sheftall Sheftall, Richard Leake and Moses Sheftall, Francis Sheftall and Mordecai Sheftall, Mordecai Sheftall and Sheftall Sheftall, Moses Sheftall and his parents Francis and Mordecai, Sheftall Sheftall and Mordecai Sheftall, about the imprisonment of Mordecai and his son during the War of Independence, the release of the son from a prison ship, the siege and capitulation of Charleston (1780), the War of 1812-1814, about political and family affairs such as the wedding of Moses Sheftall in the house of Mrs. Michael Gratz, Mordecai Sheftall's appointment as attorney and agent of the armed whaleboat "Vengeance," 1782, appointment of Moses Sheftall as surgeon of the Regiment of Chatham County Militia, 1802, appointment of Mordecai M. Sheftall as an apprentice to an attorney at law, 1802. In a letter to John Noel (1805), Moses Sheftall, physician at the Chatham County jail, points out to the Council of the City the unfortunate situation of the prisoners and asks for amelioration.

(Courtesy of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York, Rabbi Solomon Starrels and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Levy of Savannah, Georgia.)

SPITZ, MORITZ; *letter and draft of a letter, 1877, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, German, Manuscript.*

Addressed to David Einhorn: on intermarriage and the unsuccessful adjustment of the Polish, German, and Portuguese Jews to American life.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

STOLZ, JOSEPH; *letter, 1904, Chicago, Illinois, German, Manuscript*

The writer complains about lack of authority and guidance in American Jewish life. The letter is addressed to Dr. Philipson.

(Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

WISE, ISAAC M.; 3 letters, 1850-1888, *Albany, New York, Cincinnati, Ohio, Manuscript and Copy*

In a letter to Isaac Leeser, whom he regards "as his best friend in this world of flattery and falsehood," he asks Lee-

ser's opinion about his work. In 2 letters to Dr. Philipson, Wise promises him that he will name him Professor of History at the Hebrew Union College. (Gift of Dr. Philipson.)

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COHEN SEIXAS, ELEANOR; *Diary*, 1865-1866, *Columbia, South Carolina, New York, New York, Typescript*

A twenty-six-year-old girl in Columbia, S. C., writes in her diary about her engagement to a man from New York, the separation from her beloved during the Civil War, her family's house and belongings destroyed by fire, and her hatred for the Yankees, resentment at abolition of slavery, her wedding after long months of waiting, and her decision to leave the South with her husband

and move to New York.

(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

KAHN, FELIX; *Diary*, 1868, *translated from the French by Milton D. Kahn, Typescript*

Description of childhood in Ingwiller, Alsace, where he was born in 1849, and emigration to Brazil.

(Lazard Kahn, Papers.)

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INFORMATION ON JEWISH PIONEERS IN ARIZONA, BY THE ARIZONA PIONEER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ARIZONA, *Typescript*

EXCERPTS OF POLK COUNTY HISTORY, FOUNDATION OF DES MOINES, IOWA, 1851, *Typescript*

RECORDS OF THE CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE ACTIVITIES OF LOUISIANA, *Microfilm*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HISTORY OF TEMPLE BETH EL, DETROIT, 1850-1950, *Typescript*

HISTORY OF THE WASHINGTON LODGE, NEW YORK, *as compiled by Robert W. Reid, Typescript*

A BI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY IN CHARLESTON. THE STORY OF CONGREGATION BETH ELOHIM, *by Dr. Allan Tarshish, 1950, Typescript*

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ABRAHAM, CHAPMAN; *Contract with Marie Benoit who is engaged as a servant, Montreal, Canada, 1778, French, Photostat*

(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)

ADLER, HENRY; *Administration granted to him upon the goods and chattels of George H. Adler, New York, 1876, Manuscript*

(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

COHN, ABRAHAM; *Discharge papers and recommendation for Congressional Medal of Honor, Alexandria, Virginia, 1865, Photostat*

(Courtesy of Mr. Raymond Margles, Brooklyn, New York.)

CASTRO, HENRY; *Promissory note, Galveston, Texas, 1853, Manuscript*

DAVID, SAMUEL; *Contract for purchase of land, Montreal, Canada, 1779, French, Photostat*

(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)

- EISENBERG, LEVI; *Buergerpapier and other German documents, Germany, 1850-1873, Manuscript*
- EISENBERG, LEVI; *Citizenship papers, Belmont County, Ohio, 1868, Manuscript*
(Gift of Dr. Bernard Bamberger.)
- HAYS, LAZARUS; *Contract to be an apprentice to a merchant, Canada, 1798, Photostat*
(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)
- KRAUS, WILLIAM; *Agreement between Kraus, Hamilton County, Ohio, and W. Y. Birkhead of Butler County, Ohio, about sale of land in Iowa, 1854, Manuscript Copy*
(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)
- LEVY, ELEAZAR; *Contract for loan of money, Montreal, Canada, 1784, French, Photostat*
(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)
- LEVY, ELEAZAR; *Transfer of land to him, Montreal, Canada, 1766, French, Photostat*
(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)
- LEVY, MARIE; *Registration in Birth Register, Duppigheim, France, 1849, Manuscript*
(Gift of Dr. Korn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)
- LEVY, NATHAN; *Letter of Administration in the estate of Nathan Levy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1761, Photostat*
(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)
- LEVY, SAMUEL; *Passport for emigration to New Orleans, Duppigheim, France, 1869, Manuscript*
(Gift of Dr. Korn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)
- MICHAELS, MEYER; *Contract for loan of money, Montreal, Canada, 1776, French, Photostat*
(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)
- MONSANTO, BENJAMIN; *6 Contracts for sale of negroes and other property, inventory upon his death, Natchez, Mississippi, 1790-1794, Spanish, Photostat*
(Copy from the Office of Chancery, Natchez, Mississippi.)
- MONSANTO, MANUEL JACOB; *Twelve contracts for the sale of slaves, Natchez, Mississippi, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1787-1789, Spanish, Photostat*
(Copy from the Office of Chancery, Natchez, Mississippi.)
- MORAIS, SABATO; *Passport, London, 1854, Italian, Photostat*
(Copy from Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)
- PELS, ALFRED; *Citizenship papers, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1864, Manuscript*
- REISS, JOSEPH; *Citizenship certificate, 1841, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Manuscript*
(Gift of Dr. Marcus.)
- SOLOMON, EZEKIEL; *Sale of a negro girl, Montreal, Canada, 1776, French, Photostat*
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- STADLER, MARX AND MARTIN STADLER; *Mortgage for real estate transactions, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1868, Manuscript*
(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)
- STADLER BROTHERS; *Sale of land from H. and D. Houser in Iowa, 1855-1857, Manuscript*
(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

STADLER, MARX; *Five documents pertaining to his graduation from school, religious school, and completion of apprenticeship, German, 1835-1840, Manuscript*

(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr.

Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

STERNE, ADOLPHUS; *Promissory note, Nacogdoches, Texas, 1835, Manuscript*

WASSERMAN, KAROLINE; *Passport, Illertissen, Germany, 1864, Photostat*

(Simon Adelsheimer Papers, Courtesy of Dr. Korn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)

MARRIAGE CONTRACTS AND LICENSES

FRANK, MAX AND BERTHA MORGENTHAU; *Marriage License, San Francisco, California, 1883, Manuscript*

(Gift of Mr. Elkan Voorsanger, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.)

HART, ALEXANDER AND LEONORA LEVI; *Ketubah, Richmond, Virginia, 1866, Hebrew, Manuscript*

(Gift of Mrs. Amy Stewart, Norfolk, Virginia.)

KLAUS, JOSEPH AND FANNIE LAUER; *Marriage Contract, signed by Isaac M. Wise, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1863, Manuscript*

(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

ISRAEL BEN SIMON (probably Nussbaum)

and REBECCA, DAUGHTER OF RAPHAEL; *Ketubah, Austin, Texas, 1865, Hebrew, Manuscript*

MORDECAI, SON OF NATHAN THE LEVITE, AND GITTELE, DAUGHTER OF MENAHEM; *Ketubah, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1846, Hebrew*

PELS, ALFRED AND REGINA VOLK; *Marriage Contract, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1868, Manuscript*

SEIXAS, ABRAHAM MENDES; *Ketubah, 1725, Hebrew*

(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

Marriage Records of David Philipson in Cincinnati, Ohio, 1893-1894, Manuscript
(David Philipson Collection.)

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FRANKS, FREDERICK; *Aldgate, England, 1785, Photostat*

FRANKS, JACOB I., *London, 1812, Photostat*

ISAACS, AARON; *New York, 1798, Manuscript Copy*

LEVY, MOSES; *New York, 1728, Photostat*

LEVY, RACHEL; *Baltimore, Maryland, 1794, Typescript*

LEVY, SAMSON; *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1829, Photostat*

LUCENA, ABRAHAM DE; *New York, 1716, Photostat*

MICHAELS, MICHAEL, II; *New York, 1736, Photostat*

MICHAEL, MOSES; *Curacao, 1740, Manuscript Copy*

SEIXAS, ABRAHAM MENDES; *New York, 1738, Manuscript Copy*

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TOURO, JUDAH; *Testament, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1854, Photostat*

(Gift of the Hebrew Union College Library.)

WASSERMANN, LUDWIG; *New Ulm, Germany, 1873, German, Photostat*

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- ETTING, HENRY; *Records of Proceedings of the General Court Martial of Henry Etting, 1832, Microfilm*
- HAYS, DAVID; *Bill of complaint against Nathan Levy, New York, 1738, Manuscript Copy*
(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)
- LEVY, URIAH P.; *Records of Proceedings in his case, 1857, Microfilm*
- LEVY, URIAH P.; *Defense of Levy by Butler, 1857, Microfilm*
- SEIXAS, MATHIAS MENDES; *Trial of Seixas, son of Diego Mendes Pereira of Covilhao, 1745, Spanish, Manuscript Copy*
(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

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- ANDREW, JOSEPH; *born 1753*
- CARDOZO, AARON NUNEZ; *came to New York in 1752*
- COHEN, PHILIP; *born 1781*
- FRANKS, AARON (Abraham); *born circa 1627, Grandfather of Jacob Franks*
- HART FAMILIES; *(In Canada, Charleston, South Carolina, Connecticut, Easton, Pennsylvania, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)*
- HAYM, SALOMON; *born 1740*
- HAYS, DAVID;
- HAYS, JACOB;
- SEIXAS, BENJAMIN MENDES; *born 1748*
- SEIXAS, GERSHOM MENDES; *born 1745*
(Compiled by Rabbi Malcolm Stern, Norfolk, Virginia.)
- ISAACS AND HENDRICKS FAMILIES; *Notes in Family Bible, Photostat*
- ISAACS, JOSHUA; *Notes in Family Bible, Photostat*
- TOBIAS FAMILY; *Notes of Tobias and Minis Families from 1741 on, in Family Bible*
(Collection of Marian Nathan Sandor and her sons, John Walter Kraus and Francis Van Praag, sons of the late Dr. Walter M. Kraus of New York.)

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