

Recent Acquisitions of the American Jewish Archives, 1996–1997

The archival holdings of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives presently total approximately 9,000 linear feet of material. The vast majority of the collection consists of more than 620 collections of personal papers and organizational records — each ranging in size from 1 box (.4 linear feet) to more than 1,000 boxes. The collection also contains more than 14,000 individually cataloged small collections (holdings consisting of one or more pages stored in a legal-sized file folder). The American Jewish Archives also possesses an extensive nonprint collection: 4,000 audiotapes, 3,000 microfilms, 500 videotapes, as well as a photograph collection containing approximately 20,000 images.

This collection is constantly growing. In 1996 and 1997 the Marcus Center accessioned more than 400 new holdings. Beginning with this issue — and continuing in every fall/winter issue of *The American Jewish Archives Journal* — this space will provide a regular listing and brief analysis of some of the most important elements of our newly cataloged and opened collections. Our goal is to provide our readers and patrons with a partial inventory of our recent acquisitions together with an explanation as to why these materials are important. It is our hope that by showing our users how our archival collection is growing and developing we will simultaneously encourage increased interest in and the use of the remarkable collection housed at the American Jewish Archives.

Questions pertaining to the new acquisitions listed below — or any of the archival holdings in the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives — should be addressed to:

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PERSONAL PAPERS

The Marcus Center has a rich and diverse collection of personal papers ranging from the early eighteenth century to the present. These collections cover the gamut of religious, professional, personal, and communal Jewish life in the United States. This year's new acquisitions are particularly interesting, containing the papers of such noteworthy persons as Marie Syrkin, Benno Landsberger, Marc Tanenbaum, and Samuel H. Dresner.

The Marcus Center also has a large collection of personal papers centering on the American Reform rabbinate. This year's additions to this collection include materials and papers concerning Rabbi Alan M. Sokobin, Rabbi Paul M. Steinberg, Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, and Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, who not only was a preeminent leader in the Reform movement but was also the world's foremost authority on American Jewish genealogy.

Aaron Family. Papers. 1880–1990. 2.4 linear feet.

Consists of the papers of Marcus Lester Aaron (1900–1994), his father, Marcus Lester Aaron (1869–1954), and his grandfather, Louis I. Aaron (1840–1919). Collection includes correspondence, addresses, and other materials reflecting their activities in several Jewish organizations, including the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, World Union for Progressive Judaism, and National Farm School.

Received from Frances Hess, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1996.

Cohon, A. Irma. Papers. 1922–1979. .4 linear feet.

Includes correspondence with colleagues, primarily about Ms. Cohon's editing of the musical manuscripts and scores of Abraham Idelsohn.

Received from Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, California, 1993.

Dresner, Samuel H. Papers. 1943–1960. 50 pp.

Correspondence with various persons, including Robert Gordis and Felix A. Levy.

Received from Elliot B. Gertel, Chicago, Illinois, 1996.

Gottschalk, Alfred. Tribute. 1995. 1 audiocassette.

Tribute to Dr. Gottschalk given at the sixty-third biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Atlanta, Georgia, November 30, 1995.

Received from Alfred Gottschalk, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1995.

Janowsky, Oscar Isaiah. Autobiography. n.d. 500 pp.

Unpublished autobiography of Janowsky's life and work, including his childhood in Poland and career as a professor and author.

Received from Sylvia Moskowitz, Lake Worth, Florida, 1997.

Judah, Samuel Bernard. Diary. 1827. 23 pp.

Diary of a trip from New York City to Vincennes, Indiana, and back. October–December 1827.

Received from Zan E. Van Antwerp, New York City, 1997.

Landsberger, Benno. Papers. 1966–1990. 25 pp.

Correspondence with various persons. In English, French, and German.

Received from Samuel Greengus, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1996.

Sokobin, Alan M. Papers. 1973–1996. 350 pp.

Miscellaneous correspondence and papers.

Received from Alan M. Sokobin, Sylvania, Ohio, 1996.

Steinberg, Paul M. Academic convocation tribute. 1997. 1 video-cassette.

Videorecording of a special academic convocation given by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion honoring Dr. Steinberg. New York City, September 18, 1997.

Received from Paul M. Steinberg, New York City, 1997.

Stern, Malcolm H. Papers. 1882–1994. 13.2 linear feet.

Includes writings, correspondence, and papers pertaining to Rabbi Stern's genealogical research and writing, information on rabbinical associations and activities, and memorials and tributes to Stern. The genealogy series includes materials on Jewish families and communities throughout the United States and dates to the seventeenth century.

Received from Louise Stern, New York City, 1996.

Syrkin, Marie. Papers. 1915–1989. 4 linear feet.

Consists of correspondence, poetry, published and unpublished articles, addresses, translations, class lecture notes, materials pertaining to Syrkin's work as a representative for Hillel seeking scholarship recipients in Displaced Persons camps following World War II, and miscellaneous items. Important correspondents include Nachman Syrkin, David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, and Irving Howe.

Received from David Brodansky, Seattle, Washington, 1993.

Tanenbaum, Marc H. Papers. 1894–1992. 276 linear feet.

Papers describing Tanenbaum's career as rabbi, author, and activist in interfaith relations. The collection includes newspaper clippings, periodicals, pamphlets, correspondence, reports, press releases, notes, conference materials, lectures, manuscripts, photographs, filmscripts, orga-

nizational records, and personal items.

Received from Georgette Bennett, New York City, 1992.

ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS

Of particular interest in this year's acquisitions of organizational records are the papers of the Cincinnati, Ohio, United Jewish Cemetery; audiotapes of conference sessions at the 104th annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; the records of Temple Israel of Dayton, Ohio; and records pertaining to the Los Angeles Community Relations Committee's efforts at monitoring Nazi activities in southern California during the 1930s.

Beth Israel Cemetery/Ohel Jacob Cemetery (Meridian, Mississippi). Records. 1996. 21 pp.

Burial index for Beth Israel Cemetery and Ohel Jacob Cemetery, Meridian, Mississippi, compiled by Julian H. Preisler.

Received from Julian H. Preisler, Wilmington, Delaware, 1996.

Central Conference of American Rabbis. Conference proceedings. 1993. 54 audiocassettes.

Recordings of conference sessions held at the 104th annual meeting of the CCAR. Montreal, Quebec, Canada, June 20–24, 1993.

Received from the Central Conference of American Rabbis, New York City, 1997.

Community Relations Committee (Los Angeles, California). Reports. 1938–1941. 1 linear foot.

Two reports and three supplements describing Nazi activities in southern California from 1936 to 1941. Taken from a larger collection of records housed at the Urban Archives Center in the Oviatt Library at the California State University, Northridge, California.

Received from the Urban Archives Center at the California State University, Northridge, California.

First International Conference of Judaica and Israeli Librarians. Conference proceedings. 1990. 69 audiocassettes.

Proceedings of the First International Conference of Judaica and Israeli Librarians, with program book and session guide. Jerusalem, Israel. July 3–5, 1990.

Received from Edith Lubetski, New York City, 1996.

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. Records. 1945–1950. 50 pp.

Correspondence and proposals concerning the establishment of the HUC–JIR's School of Sacred Music.

Received from Paul M. Steinberg, New York City, 1996.

National Council of Jewish Women (Fresno, California). Records. 1933–1940. 200 pp.

Minutes of the Fresno chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Received from Temple Beth Israel, Fresno, California, 1996.

Temple Adas Yeshurun (Stockton, California). Records. 1910–1946. 350 pp.

Newsclippings; constitution, 1910; and minute book, 1910–1946.

Received from Selig Salkowitz, Stockton, California, 1993.

Temple Israel (Dayton, Ohio). Records. 1909–1974 (bulk 1961–1974). 3 linear feet.

Collection consists of general files documenting various temple activities such as committee work, membership activities, special events, community outreach, and educational endeavors. Also contains files relating to Rabbi Selwyn Ruslander's activities with the Jewish chaplaincy during the Vietnam War.

Received from Temple Israel, Dayton, Ohio, 1995.

United Jewish Cemetery (Cincinnati, Ohio). Records. 1850–1949. 1.2 linear feet.

Collection consists of correspondence, 1904–1911; cemetery deeds, 1862–1946; interment list, 1850–1930; and minutes, 1862–1949.

Received from the United Jewish Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1996.

United Jewish Charities (Cincinnati, Ohio). Records. 1920. 6 pp.

Papers and documents concerning the establishment of the Robert Krohn Livingston Memorial Camp.

Received from Marcia Goldsmith, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1996.

ORAL HISTORIES

The oral histories listed here include collections compiled on a specific topic or community as well as interviews with various individuals.

Gertel, Elliot B. Oral history interviews. 1994–1997. 17 audiocassettes.

Oral histories of Chicago-area Jews, conducted by Gertel. Also includes interviews with members of the New Haven, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts, Jewish communities.

Restricted for thirty years. Must receive permission of Elliot B. Gertel.

Received from Elliot B. Gertel, Chicago, Illinois, 1997.

Goodwin, George M. Oral history transcripts. 1997. 15 pp.

Summary of oral history interviews conducted by Goodwin with members of Temple Beth-El of Providence, Rhode Island.

Restricted. Permission to publish quotations from the interviews must be obtained from the interviewees and George M. Goodwin.

Received from George M. Goodwin, Providence, Rhode Island, 1997.

Gottschalk, Alfred. Oral history interview. 1997. 1 audiocassette.

Interview concerning rabbinic officiation at interfaith marriages. Conducted by Mark Kaiserman in conjunction with Kaiserman's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion rabbinic thesis, *A Historical Analysis of Rabbinical Officiation at Interfaith Marriages in the American Reform Movement*.

Received from Mark Kaiserman, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1997.

Weinberg, Werner. Oral history interview. 1996. 1 audiocassette.

Interview with Weinberg concerning his experiences during the Holocaust; conducted by Ann Mann Millin in association with the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

Received from Gail Mermelstein, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1997.

HISTORIES AND BIOGRAPHIES

Included in this section are theses, biographies, term papers, documentaries, and recollections, together with regional and community histories.

Cohen, Edward. Documentary. 1995. 1 videocassette.

The Natchez Jewish Experience, a documentary and history of the Natchez, Mississippi, Jewish community, produced and directed by Cohen. 1995.

Received from Abraham J. Peck, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1996.

Cohen, Judah M. Thesis (undergraduate). 1995. 200 pp.

Jews in Nineteenth-Century St. Thomas: The Relationship of a Peripheral Jewish Community in the Caribbean with an Established Community of Co-Religionists in Europe, senior thesis submitted to Yale University.

Received from Judah M. Cohen, Maplewood, New Jersey, 1996.

Greenberg, Alvin. Biography. 1996. 25 pp.

In Search of Ben Yishai, a brief biography documenting the life of

the Yiddish poet, David Greenberg.

Received from Alvin Greenberg, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 1996.

Marcus, Jacob Rader. *Recollections.* 1996. 150 pp.

Maunderings about a Centenarian: An Internal Correspondence to Remember the Dean of the American Jewish Experience. A collection of recollections about Dr. Marcus written by his students and friends.

Received from Abraham J. Peck, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1996.

Montana. *Documentary.* 1996. 1 videocassette.

Jewish America: The Making of the West, a documentary of Jewish settlement in Montana and the American West, produced by Montana Public Television.

Received from Montana Public Television, Bozeman, Montana, 1996.

Moses, Jay H. *Thesis (rabbinic).* 1997. 178 pp.

Henry A. Henry: The Life and Work of an American Rabbi, rabbinic thesis submitted to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion.

Received from Jay H. Moses, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1997.

Moskowitz, Michael. *Thesis (Rabbinic).* 1995. 171 pp.

Lessons from Kishinev: The Growth in American Jewish Consciousness and Organization, 1881–1913, rabbinic thesis submitted to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion.

Received from the Estate of Jacob Rader Marcus, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1995.

Rockoff, Avi. *Letter.* 1991. 10 pp.

Letter to Rabbi Marvin Simkovich containing information on Congregation Shaarei Tefillah and the Newton (Massachusetts) Jewish community.

Received from Jonathan D. Sarna, Waltham, Massachusetts, 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter–Day Saints. *Holocaust survivor list.* 1997. 1 compact disc.

Victims of the Holocaust, a compact disc containing a database of names and vital information on nearly 250,000 victims of the Holocaust. Compiled and produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter–Day Saints.

Received from Robert Wise, President, Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Palo Alto, California, 1997.

Fried, Lewis. Anti-Semitism collection. 1993–1996. 500 pp.

Collection of newsclippings and other materials pertaining to claims of black anti-Semitism at Kent State University. Focuses on the publication of articles in the student newspaper linking Jews to the American slave trade. Collection compiled by Lewis Fried, professor of American literature at Kent State University.

Received from Lewis Fried, Kent, Ohio, 1997.

Held, Lewis I., Jr. Genealogy. 1996. 270 pp.

Cansino Family History, a family history and genealogy prepared by Lewis I. Held, Jr., and Jack Cansino.

Received from Lewis I. Held, Jr., Lubbock, Texas, 1996.