

# RECENT ARCHIVAL ACQUISITIONS

## 2011

Here is a selected listing of new accessions added to the collection of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives in 2011.

### **Adler, Samuel**

Recording of an interview with the composer concerning his work and career.

*Received from the Union for Reform Judaism, New York, NY*

### **Alfred and Adele Davis Academy (Atlanta, GA)**

“The Davis Academy History and Background,” containing history, meeting minutes, memos, clippings of the Reform Jewish Day school in Atlanta, GA.

*Received from Harriet J. Zoller, Atlanta, GA*

### **Armonk Independent Fire Company (Armonk, NY)**

Banner bearing a Star of David and menorah, carried by Jewish firefighters of the Armonk Independent Fire Company during parades and other public events.

*Received from Douglas E. Krantz, Armonk, NY*

### **Benamy, Avivah**

*My Two Worlds*, a memoir of her life, focusing on her identity as a Jew and an American.

*Received from Arnona Rudavsky, Cincinnati, OH*

### **Bender, Ann**

Family and personal files, containing genealogy, family history, and miscellaneous information.

*Received from Ann Bender, Brooklyn, NY*

### **Beth Israel Congregation (Florence, SC)**

Brochure and other information on the congregation.

*Received from Jeffrey Ronald, Florence, SC*

### **Bialek, Sheila Hoffman**

Two documentaries produced by Sheila Hoffman Bialek, “A Conversation in My Gardens with Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman of The Jewish Center of the Hamptons: Scholar, Writer, Philosopher” and “Garden Tour in the Hamptons Presents Sheila and Al’s Secret Gardens to Benefit The Jewish Center of the Hamptons.”

*Received from Sheila Hoffman Bialek, New York, NY*

## Bildbericht der Woche (Weekly Picture Report)

Fifty Nazi propaganda film strips from 1940–1942 that were prepared by the Nazi Party to be presented at neighborhood party meetings or at small meetings in outlying areas where people had less access to the weekly newsreel at movie theaters.

*Received from Tom Moser, Crestview Hills, KY*

## Bloom, Jack H.

Reminiscences of Rabbi Bloom's trip to Birmingham, AL, forty-five years after his visit there in 1966 during the Civil Rights movement to march with Martin Luther King, Jr. Together with a letter further describing his work in Birmingham.

*Received from Jack H. Bloom, Fairfield, CT*

## Blumberg, Monica

Talk delivered at Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston, NJ, relating the experiences of her family in Berlin during the Holocaust. 1 May 2011.

*Received from Clifford Kulwin, Livingston, NJ*

## Brandeis University National Women's Committee (Cincinnati, OH)

Newsclipping concerning the work and activities of the Gourmet Study Group of the National Women's Committee, Cincinnati chapter.

*Received from Elizabeth R. Petuchowski, Columbus, OH*

## Cohn, Edward P.

Personal papers concerning his rabbinate at Temple Sinai, New Orleans, LA, together with photographs and other materials pertaining to his public, cultural, and interfaith efforts in the New Orleans and surrounding communities.

*Received from Edward P. Cohn, New Orleans, LA*

## Congregation Mickve Israel (Savannah, GA)

*Our Legacy: 275 Years of Congregation Mickve Israel and Jewish Life in Savannah, 1733–2008*, a tribute book published in honor of the congregation's anniversary.

*Received from Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Levy, Savannah, GA*

## Dave, Barbara and Jerry

Donation of Jerry and Barbara Dave's phonograph album collection, consisting of fifty-eight albums of performances of various and well-known cantors, most notably Robert Segal, Moshe Koussevitzky, and Josef Rosenblatt. 1920–1940.

*Received from Barbara and Jerry Dave, Asheville, NC*

## Eichhorn, David Max

Personal papers concerning his career in the rabbinate and in the Army chaplaincy during World War II.

*Received from Jonathan Eichhorn, Silver Spring, MD*

## Ellenson, David H.

Correspondence with various persons, 2010–2011, pertaining to Dr. Ellenson's work as president of the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion.

*Received from David H. Ellenson, New York, NY*

## Feingold, Dena A.

Collection of four sermons given by Rabbi Dena Feingold in the fall of 2010 on the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Reform Judaism.

*Received from Dena A. Feingold, Kenosha, WI*

## Gertel, Elliot B.

Oral history interviews conducted by Rabbi Gertel with colleagues and associates of Percival Goodman, a major architect of American synagogues from the 1950s to the 1970s, concerning Goodman and his work. Together with personal and rabbinic papers of Gertel concerning his work at Congregation Rodfei Zedek in Chicago, IL.

*Received from Elliot B. Gertel, Chicago, IL*

## Gitelson-Meyerowitz Distinguished Service Award

Programs, publicity, and background materials concerning the presentation of this award to Dr. David Ellenson by Dr. Susan Aurelia Gitelson in memory of Jerome Meyerowitz.

*Received from Susan A. Gitelson, New York, NY*

## Grafman, Milton L.

Numerous items on Rabbi Grafman, including newspaper articles, material on his ordination from Hebrew Union College, tribute program from the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and correspondence with rabbinic colleague Samuel Silver concerning Grafman's involvement in the Civil Rights struggle in Birmingham, AL, in the 1960s. Together with recordings of guest speakers Lou Silberman and Jakob Petuchowski at the Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy, founded by Grafman.

*Received from Stephen W. Grafman, Potomac, MD*

## Greengus, Samuel

Remarks delivered by Dr. Greengus's grandson, Joshua Schultz, at a ceremony in honor of his grandfather's retirement from the faculty of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion.

*Received from Joshua Schultz, New York, NY*

## Grossman, Grace Cohen

“Who Knew?’ The American Jewish Experience—Creating Our Own Image.” An unpublished essay on Jewish museums in the United States and how to use objects to tell the story of American Jewish history.

*Received from Grace Cohen Grossman, Los Angeles, CA*

## Helfman, Jerome

Letter to the Jewish Welfare Board thanking them for their service to Jewish soldiers during World War II. 29 October 1944.

*Received from Jordan Helfman, Cincinnati, OH*

## Hoffheimer, Harry M.

Correspondence concerning Harry Hoffheimer’s involvement in the Cincinnati chapter of the American Council for Judaism.

*Received from Daniel J. Hoffheimer, Cincinnati, OH*

## Hoffman, Lillian Butler

*Freedom from Tyranny: Lillian Hoffman’s Struggles and Triumphs to Save Soviet Jewry. A Fascinating Archive of Conversations and Exhibits of Lillian Butler Hoffman’s Life*, produced by Sheila Hoffman Bialek. Includes a film together with a six-volume collection covering forty years of Lillian Hoffman’s activism and political efforts to save Soviet Jews.

*Received from Sheila Hoffman Bialek, New York, NY*

## Jonas, Nathan S.

*Through the years: An Autobiography*, concerning Nathan Jonas and his careers as a banker, civic worker, philanthropist, member of the board of education, and a founder of the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn and the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities in New York City.

*Received from David Bardin, Washington, DC*

## Kahn, Bruce E.

Personal papers concerning his career in the rabbinate and as a Navy chaplain. Includes information on his participation in a memorial service held at the Pentagon on 11 October 2001 for the victims of the 9/11 attacks, which was attended by President George W. Bush, together with an article on Kahn’s deployment to the Iraqi theater of operations after the onset of hostilities there.

*Received from Bruce E. Kahn, Silver Spring, MD*

## Kastner, Merle

Family history and genealogy books for the Kastner and Ostfeld families, written and compiled by Merle Kastner, together with a book on her parents, Morty and Miriam Kastner.

*Received from Merle Kastner, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*

## Katchko-Gray, Deborah

Personal papers, including family information and notices on her inclusion in two permanent exhibits of the National Museum of American Jewish History.

*Received from Deborah Katchko-Gray, Ridgefield, CT*

## Kerstine, Mona

*50 Years of Marriage, Memories, and Music*, a collection of music given to guests at the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Dick and Mona Kerstine (30 July 1961) and Jackie and Dick Snyder (27 August 1961); together with papers and miscellaneous items on the Kerstine family.

*Received from Mona Kerstine, Cincinnati, OH*

## Langsdorf, Abraham

Birth record for Abraham Langsdorf.

*Received from Ralph B. Lawrence, Spuyten Duyvil, NY*

## La Vine, Hal

Recorded recollections of Hal La Vine's service as an Army Air Corps navigator in the European theater of operations during World War II.

*Received from Stanley R. Miles, Louisville, KY*

## Lefkowitz, David, Sr.

Papers of Rabbi Lefkowitz and his son, Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., including an ark and Torah scroll belonging to them. Together with audio recordings of sermons of David Lefkowitz, Jr., 1953.

*Received from Helen Horowitz, San Marino, CA*

## Leffler, William J., II

Genealogical information on the Ballin, Bruml, Stadler, and Leffler families; together with minutes of two women's groups of Central Synagogue (New York, NY), containing information of Leffler family relatives who were prominent in these groups.

*Received from William J. Leffler, II, Kennebunkport, ME*

## Lindauer, Shelley

Three addresses given at assembly meetings during her tenure as executive director of the Women of Reform Judaism. 2005–2009.

*Received from Shelley Lindauer, New York, NY*

## Magnin, Edgar

Scrapbooks containing articles written by Rabbi Magnin and published in Los Angeles area newspapers. 1961–1981

*Received from Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Los Angeles, CA*

## Mandel Foundation

Records of the Mandel Foundation, a philanthropic organization founded by Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel. The collection documents the work of the Mandel Foundation in promoting Jewish education and nonprofit leadership, primarily through the work of two entities created and sustained by the foundation: the Commission on Jewish Education in North America and the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education. 1984–2011.

*Received from Morton Mandel, Cleveland, OH*

## Meltzer, Alyne

Personal, family, and other papers pertaining to her work in the National Council of Jewish Women and other organizations.

*Received from Alyne Meltzer, New York, NY*

## Merel, Sheldon F.

Articles from the *Canadian Jewish News* concerning Toronto area cantors and the Toronto Council of Cantors.

*Received from Sheldon F. Merel, San Diego, CA*

## Naamani, Israel T.

Papers concerning Israel Naamani and the Israel Naamani Memorial Lecture at the University of Louisville. Naamani was a Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Louisville and was a former director of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

*Received from Edward A. Goldman and Roanete B. Naamani, Cincinnati, OH*

## National Association of Jewish Chaplains

Collection consisting of annual board meeting and various committee minutes of the NAJC from 1991–2011.

*Received from the National Association of Jewish Chaplains, Whippany, NJ*

## National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis

Recorded interviews with NAORRR members and spouses of deceased members (with transcript summaries) concerning their work and lives in the Reform rabbinate.

*Received from Rav Soloff, Lansdale, PA*

## National Association of Temple Administrators

NATA journals, board minutes, memos, publications, correspondence, and membership rosters. 1976–2006.

*Received from the National Association of Temple Administrators, New York, NY*

## National Home for Jewish Children in Denver (Kansas City Auxiliary)

Cookbook produced by the home and compiled with the assistance of Marge May Ergas of Kansas City.

*Received from Aimee Ergas, Farmington Hills, MI*

## Posner, Philip M.

Correspondence and sermons concerning Rabbi Posner's involvement as a Freedom Rider during the Civil Rights movement. 1961–1971.

*Received from Philip Posner, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico*

## Priesand, Sally J.

*Raising up the Light! A Hanukkah Celebration of the 'First Lights' of Women Rabbis*, a ceremony honoring the first-ordained North American Reform, Reconstructionist, and Conservative women rabbis and Open Orthodox rabba, sponsored by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts. 2010.

*Received from Sally J. Priesand, Ocean Township, NJ*

## Rabbinic Vision Initiative

Statements and discussion of Reform rabbis concerning the creation, purpose, and mission of the Rabbinic Vision Initiative, an alternative movement within the American Reform community. 2010–2011.

*Received from Samuel Joseph, Cincinnati, OH*

## Reiner, Fred N.

*Standing at Sinai: Sermons and Writings*. Published by Temple Sinai, Washington, DC, to mark the retirement of Fred N. Reiner, senior rabbi, 1985–2010.

*Received from Fred N. Reiner, Washington, DC*

## Rosenthal, Michael

*Rosenthal Genealogy: A Historical Account of Rosenthal, Loeffler, Cohen, Ziman, Greenberg and Wedeles families within the Kansas City Jewish community*, created by Michael Rosenthal.

*Received from Michael Rosenthal, Overland Park, KA*

## Rosenzweig, Gershon

Scrapbook, together with published writings by Rosenzweig and biographical data on him; plus photographs of the graves of Rosenzweig and his wife, Hannah, taken by John and Alice Troy.

*Received from John and Alice Troy, San Antonio, TX*

## Rudin, A. James

Correspondence, personal papers, and other materials relating to his work at the American Jewish Committee involving civil rights and other matters. 1958–2008.

*Received from A. James Rudin, New York, NY*

## Sagarin, James L.

*Water's Tale*, a children's story written by Sagarin and illustrated by Freddie Levin.

*Received from James L. Sagarin, Wilmette, IL*

## Saltzman, Murray

*Between You and Me: The Words and Wisdom of Rabbi Murray Saltzman*, a collection of writings, speeches, and sermons of Rabbi Murray Saltzman, compiled by Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, Sanibel, FL.

*Received from Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, Sanibel, FL*

## Samel, Frieda

*My Lost Youth: A Memoir*, by Frieda Samel, as told to Jessica Schroeter.

*Received from Karen Fox, Los Angeles, CA*

## Schoolman, Leonard A.

Materials concerning the centennial anniversary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (1973); the department of camp and youth education of the UAHC; and papers concerning Rabbi Schoolman's attendance at the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem (1961).

*Received from Leonard A. Schoolman, New York, NY*

## Schussheim, Morton J.

*This I Remember (Or Looked Up): A Houser's Story*, a memoir of Schussheim's work in public housing during the Kennedy administration.

*Received from Morton J. Schussheim, Washington, DC*

## Seidel, Arnold

*The Seidel Story*, a family history written by Arnold Seidel.

*Received from Arnold Seidel, Beverly Hills, CA*



## Sharff, Robert S.

*Appian Way Experience*, a memoir of the final class (1971) to matriculate from the Appian Way campus of the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.

*Received from Robert S. Sharff, Houston, TX*

## Shur, Bonia

*Celebrating the Life and Work of Bonia Shur*, recording of a concert performed by the Constella Trio in honor of Bonia Shur. January 16, 2011.

*Received from Jean Eglinton, Cincinnati, OH*

## Silver, Harold S.

*Converting to Reform Judaism*, together with a review of the book.

*Received from Harold S. Silver, West Hartford, CT*

## Soman, Jean Powers

Letters recommending Hamlin Spiegel, son of Civil War veteran Colonel Marcus Spiegel, to attend West Point Military Academy, 1870; together with letters from John Y. Simon to Ms. Soman concerning her book, *Your True Marcus*, which contains letters written by Colonel Spiegel during the American Civil War, 1985–1986.

*Received from Jean Powers Soman, Pinecrest, FL*

## Spiegel, S. Arthur

Writings and memoirs detailing his career as a federal judge in United States District Court as well as his family life and friends, together with his interests in aviation, painting, and automobiles.

*Received from S. Arthur Spiegel, Cincinnati, OH*

## Stix, Charles

Recorded interview with Charles Stix as part of the Veterans History Project, 28 July 2010; together with an article on Stix written by Sara Maratta, December, 2010.

*Received from Charles Stix, Cincinnati, OH*

## Tanenbaum, Marc H.

Two oral history interviews given by Marc H. Tanenbaum, 1972 and 1980, focusing on his life and his work in the American Jewish Committee.

*Received from Georgette Bennett, New York, NY*

## Tanenbaum, Patricia Wise

Obituaries, tributes, and other articles on Mrs. Tanenbaum, following her passing in 2008.

*Received from Jerry Tanenbaum, Hot Springs, AR*

## Task, Arnold P.

Papers and clippings concerning his rabbinate at Congregation Gemiluth Chassodim, Alexandria, LA.

*Received from Arnold P. Task, Alexandria, LA*

## Temple Concord (Syracuse, NY)

Materials concerning the congregation's service commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary and rededication of their sanctuary. 2011.

*Received from Daniel J. Fellman, Syracuse, NY*

## Temple Emanu-El (Dothan, AL)

History of Temple Emanu-El, Dothan, AL, written by Davis Turner, containing a daily narrative of congregational events from 1941–1946.

*Received from Stanley J. Garfein, Tallahassee, FL*

## Temple Israel (Charleston, WV)

Records of the congregation, 1874–1960, including ledgers, cash book, minutes, and records of the Hebrew Educational Society.

*Received from Temple Israel, Charleston, WV*

## Temple Israel Sisterhood (Charleston, WV)

Minutes, records, and cash books of the Temple Israel Sisterhood, 1874–1965.

*Received from Temple Israel Sisterhood, Charleston, WV*

## Temple Israel (Springfield, MO)

Bulletins, pamphlets, brochures, liturgy, announcements, and other publications of Temple Israel.

*Received from Mara Cohen Ioannides, Springfield, MO*

## Temple Sinai (Washington, DC)

*An Archival History of Temple Sinai* consisting of recordings of interviews with past presidents of the congregation detailing their experiences as well as personal history of the congregation.

*Received from Temple Sinai, Washington, DC*

## Tobias Family

Genealogy charts, documents, and family data, compiled by Jill Gelb.

*Received from Jill Gelb, Chicago, IL*

## Union for Reform Judaism

Opening remarks and meeting summary of the second annual meeting of the URJ-CCAR Joint Commission on Lifelong Learning, including a focus on education in Israel, 2–4 March 2003. Together with a statement of purpose issued in December 2006 and papers on the Educational Summit Campaign for Youth Engagement, presented at the 2011 biennial meeting of the URJ.

*Received from Samuel Joseph, Cincinnati, OH*

## Union for Reform Judaism

Recording of performances given at the URJ in celebration of Hanukkah, together with a Jewish Federations of North America promotional piece, “What’s Yourish.”

*Received from the Union for Reform Judaism, New York, NY*

## Wohl, Amiel

Personal papers, including a talk given at the Bethesda Baptist Church in New Rochelle, NY, on “Solidarity Sunday.”

*Received from Amiel Wohl, New Rochelle, NY*

## Women of Reform Judaism

Video, “Women of Reform Judaism: Touching Lives... Say YES,” together with photographs, postcards, publications, yearbooks, and printed material. 1999.

*Received from the Women of Reform Judaism, New York, NY*

## Zeitlin, Oreen

Questionnaire and survey results for a project concerning ritual practices observed during bar and bat mitzvah ceremonies, conducted while a student at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. 1990.

*Received from Philip Miller, New York, NY*

## Zoberman, Israel

Photo of Rabbi and Mrs. Zoberman with Barack and Michelle Obama, taken at the White House; articles by Rabbi Zoberman from the *Congressional Record* concerning Israel’s sixty-second and sixty-third anniversaries, the only articles in the *Congressional Record* for those occasions given from someone outside Congress.

*Received from Israel Zoberman, Virginia Beach, VA*