
SELECT ACQUISITIONS 2023

Abrams, Jack and Miriam

Scrapbook and album of family photos and documents, photos of Jack Abrams in Europe during WWII, and correspondence including original drawings by Miriam Abrams, 1929–1958.

Received from Debby Abrams, Cincinnati, OH

Adventures in Judaism

Records and recordings of UAHC's Commission on Interfaith Activities' radio program "Adventures in Judaism" including master tapes, catalogues, and supplemental material, 1960–1989.

Received from Richard Boergersen, New York, NY

Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE)

Records of ARJE (formerly National Association of Temple Educators, NATE) including correspondence, executive board minutes, administrative files, placement records, and programming material, 1959–2014.

Received from Stacy Rigler, Association of Reform Jewish Educators, New York, NY

Bernstein family

Correspondence, writings, and personal material of Harold Bernstein of Cincinnati, with papers and videos related to Malcolm Bernstein and his work with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Cincinnati, 1888–1990.

Received from Malcolm Bernstein, Cincinnati, OH

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization / Hillel International

Records of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and Hillel International including administrative files, correspondence, programming material, publications, and photographs, 1976–2012.

Received from Andrew Bloom, Hillel International, Washington, DC

B'nai Israel Synagogue (High Point, NC)

Congregational records including administrative files, correspondence, scrapbooks, bulletins, and photographs, 1961–2006.

Received from B'nai Israel Synagogue, High Point, NC

Brin, Ruth Firestone

Accrual to papers of Ruth Firestone Brin, including music scores and correspondence, 1940s, undated.

Received from David Brin, Sonoma, CA

Central Synagogue (New York, NY)

Archives and records of Central Synagogue including administrative records, microfilm, rabbis' papers, photographs, cemetery and burial records, and architectural plans, 1845–2012.

Received from Central Synagogue, New York, NY

Congregation Beth Hillel (Walden, NY)

Collection of the Walden Jewish Community Center Congregation Beth Hillel Oral History Project including audio CDs, interview materials, and historical material about WJCC, 2006–2007.

Received from Michal Ben Ya'akov, Beit El, Israel.

Eger, Denise

Accrual to papers of Rabbi Eger, including correspondence, sermons and writings, prayers and life cycle services, and Congregation Kol Ami (West Hollywood, CA) records, 1985–2020.

Received from Denise Eger, West Hollywood, CA

Elwell, Sue Levi

Papers of Rabbi Elwell including correspondence, sermons and writings, 1970–2010.

Received from Sue Levi Elwell, Philadelphia, PA

Harby, Isaac

Collection consisting of the personal library of Isaac Harby (1788–1828), including books handwritten by Harby and Isaac Lopez, 1723–1828.

Received from Cliff Harby, Seattle, WA

Kingsley, Ralph

Papers of Rabbi Kingsley including correspondence, sermons and writings, student files, adult education materials, and U.S. Air Force chaplaincy files, 1956–1998.

Received from Ralph Kingsley, Sunny Isles, Beach, FL

Katchko-Gray, Deborah

Papers of Cantor Katchko-Gray including correspondence, press and news clippings, event programs and promotional material, 1992–2015.

Received from Deborah Katchko-Gray, Ridgefield, CT

Kroloff, Charles

Papers of Rabbi Kroloff of Temple Emanu-El (Westfield, NJ) including records from his tenure as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1961–2009.

Received from Charles Kroloff, Westfield, NJ

Levinson, George L.

Collection of correspondence of the American Council for Judaism, from the records of George L. Levinson, 1947–1956.

Received from Thomas Kolsky, Lansdale, PA

Levy, Ruth

Collection of papers of longtime HUC-JIR Cincinnati receptionist, Ruth Levy, including correspondence, photo albums, and HUC-JIR material, 1983–2002.

Received from Joe Levy, Cincinnati, OH

Limmer, Seth

Papers of Rabbi Limmer and Chicago Sinai Congregation including correspondence, sermons, religious education material, and files pertaining to the compilation of the Sinai Prayer Book, 1999–2022.

Received from Seth Limmer, Chicago, IL

Magnus, Eleanor O.

Digital scans of scrapbook compiled and illustrated by Magnus along with genealogical and other Magnus family records, 1880–2002.

Received from Nancy Magnus Kopick, Cincinnati, OH

Mersky family

Collection of genealogical research material compiled by Shirley Mersky in writing her family history “From Suwalki to St. Ignace”, including annotated photos and family correspondence; with material relating to Morris Mersky’s military training and service, 1872–1998.

Received from Elizabeth Mersky, Yellow Springs, OH

Neusner, Jacob

Accrual to papers of Jacob Neusner and family, including correspondence, student files, honorary degrees and diplomas, and Neusner Memorial Lecture series material, 1978–2017.

Received from Suzanne Neusner, Rhinebeck, NY

Nussbaum, Max

Papers of Rabbi Nussbaum including correspondence, writings, subject files, and photographs, 1941–1947.

Received from Temple Israel of Hollywood, Hollywood, CA

Oppenheim, David

Collection of family history material compiled by David Oppenheim including photographs, family trees, genealogies, correspondence, and other material, 1910–2023.

Received from David Oppenheim, Heriot Bay, BC, Canada

Sarna, Jonathan D.

Papers of Dr. Sarna including correspondence, writings, academic advise files and papers, and research files, 1981–2010.

Received from Jonathan D. Sarna, West Newton, MA

Sasso, Dennis and Sandy

Papers of Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, including sermons and writings, prayers and services, correspondence, photographs and trip materials, and files of Congregation Beth-El Zedek (Indianapolis, IN), 1973–2023.

Received from Dennis and Sandy Sasso, Indianapolis, IN

Schwartz, Eleanor R.

Personal papers of Eleanor Schwartz, Associate Director of NFTY, Associate Director and Executive Director of NFTS, 1958–2009.

Received from Laura Schwartz Harari, Laguna Woods, CA

Smith, H.D. Uriel

Papers of Rabbi Smith including sermons, academic writing, rabbinic thesis and additional student papers, and correspondence, 1972–2017.

Received from Hanna Smith, Lexington, KY

Spiegel, S. Arthur

Personal and professional papers lawyer and Judge S. Arthur Spiegel, who served as district Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, including law school notes and papers, correspondence, case files, and memoirs, 1948–2007.

Received from the Spiegel family, Cincinnati, OH

Sussman, Leonard

Papers of Leonard R. Sussman related to his activities with the American Council for Judaism, including letters honoring the ACJ's 20th anniversary from Dwight Eisenhower and Harry Truman, 1940–1979.

Received from Mark Sussman, Montreal, QC, Canada

Temple Chai (Long Grove, IL)

Congregational records including administrative files, Sisterhood and Religious School records, photo albums, bulletins, and papers of Rabbi Stephen Hart, 1983–2023.

Received from Alison Siegel Lewin, Temple Chai, Long Grove, IL

Temple Tremont (Scarsdale, NY) and Temple Emanuel (Yonkers, NY)

Early archives of Temple Tremont and Temple Emanuel including scrapbooks, nearprint, and ledgerbooks, 1906–1973.

Received from Scarsdale Synagogue, Scarsdale, NY

Trepp, Leo

Papers of Rabbi Trepp including correspondence with Mordecai Kaplan, 1945–1976.

Received from Gunda Trepp, San Francisco, CA

Untermeyer Family

Untermeyer family papers and correspondence between Frank Untermeyer and Richard Hawkins, 1889–2001.

Received from Richard Hawkins, Wolverhampton, UK

Weiland, Richard

Papers of lawyer and philanthropist Richard Weiland including correspondence, speeches, scrapbooks, photographs, awards and certificates, and audio/visual material, 1970–2022.

Received from Jeanne Weiland, Cincinnati, OH

Zedek, Michael

Papers of Rabbi Zedek including correspondence, sermons, writings, and records of Emanuel Congregation (Chicago, IL), Temple B'nai Jehudah (Kansas City, MO), and the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 1971–2008.

Received from Michael Zedek, Chicago, IL

Zeldin, Michael

Papers of Dr. Zeldin including correspondence, writing, and records of HUC-JIR Rhea Hirsch School of Education, and program records for Day Schools for the 21st Century, a joint program of HUC-JIR and PARDeS, 1994–1999.

Received from HUC-JIR, Los Angeles, CA

Zerin, Edward

Professional papers of Rabbi Zerin including correspondence, sermons, academic writing, and research files, 1958–2003.

Received from Judith Kneeter, San Francisco, CA

Zoberman, Israel

Papers and writings of Rabbi Zoberman including remarks printed in the Congressional Records on the war in Ukraine; letters of recommendation to the board of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum; and news article on Zoberman's family history, 2011–2023.

Received from Israel Zoberman, Virginia Beach, VA