

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Here is a selected listing of new accessions added to the collection of the American Jewish Archives in 2004.

American Conference of Cantors

Divrei Shir/Words of Song: A Curriculum for the Study of Synagogue Music

A curriculum booklet for the study of synagogue music, published jointly by the American Conference of Cantors and the Union for Reform Judaism. 2003.

Received from Cantor Alane S. Katzew, New York, NY

Bennett, Alan D.

Vision and Will: A History of the National Association of Temple Educators, 1954-2004.

Received from Alan D. Bennett, Cleveland Heights, OH

Blumberg, Janice R.

“Alphabet’ Browne in New York: Meddler or Stoned Prophet?”
Essay on Rabbi Edward B. M. Browne (1845-1929), written by Janice R. Blumberg. 2004.

Received from Janice R. Blumberg, Washington, D.C.

Borish, Linda J.

“Girls’ Athletic Program in the Gymnasium of the Temple: Sport for Jewish Girls, Gender and Generational Concerns in Early 20th Century American Jewish Culture.”

Paper delivered at the American Jewish History Scholars’ Conference, Washington, D.C., June, 2004.

Received from Linda J. Borish, Kalamazoo, MI

Central Conference of American Rabbis

Audio recordings of sessions from the 1999 CCAR conference in Pittsburgh, PA, including the opening plenary together with sessions on American Jewish history, gay and lesbian issues, prayer book revisions, and a program of reflections.

Received from Elliot L. Stevens, New York, NY

Cohen, Henry

“Kindler of Souls: The Life and Times of Rabbi Henry Cohen”

Biography of Rabbi Henry Cohen (1863-1952) of Galveston, TX, written by his grandson. 2004.

Received from Henry Cohen, Wynnewood, PA

Cohen, Phil

Journal. n.d.

Yiddish journal kept by Cohen on a nineteenth century trip to Argentina that includes references to the journey, settlement in Argentina, and the difficulties in immigration.

Received from Gary Felsten, Columbus, IN

Finberg, Vera

“The Bondy Family of Doini Mesto and Lipnice, Bohemia.”

Family history and genealogy, written by Vera Finberg. 2003.

Received from Vera Finberg, Fairfax, VA

Franzblau, Abraham Norman

“A Quarter-century of Rabbinical Training at the Hebrew Union College: Report of a Survey conducted for the Faculty Committee on Survey,” prepared by Rabbi Franzblau. 1933.

*Received from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion,
Cincinnati, OH*

Free Sons of Israel (Leavenworth, KS)

Membership ledger. 1880-1884.

Membership ledger for the fraternal order, consisting of a questionnaire for prospective candidates.

Received from Marge Brodtkin, through Barton P. Cohen, Leawood, KS

Ginsberg, Ruth Bader

Letter to Dr. Gary P. Zola, together with the text of an August 2004 talk given by Justice Ginsberg at Touro Synagogue, Newport, RI, on the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American Jewish life.

Received from Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Washington, DC

Grafman, Milton Louis

Personal papers of Rabbi Grafman, including sermons, correspondence, student manuscripts, and materials concerning his work in the civil rights movement while a rabbi in Birmingham, AL, 1952-1971.

Received from Stephen W. Grafman, Potomac, MD

Grotta, Emily

“Changing the Name of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations,” a paper on the name change of the UAHC to the Union for Reform Judaism. Also contains background information and material on this decision. March 2004.

Received from Emily Grotta, New York, NY

Gruber, Mayer

Funeral and wedding talks delivered by Rabbi Mayer Gruber as assistant rabbi at Congregation Oheb Shalom (South Orange, NJ), 1970-1972, and as rabbi at Mikdosh El Hagro Hebrew Centre (Evanston, IL), 1976-1980.

Received from Mayer Gruber, Beersheva, Israel

Hark, Thomas

“Moshe Lieb of Russia and His Descendants: Solomon Hark of Philadelphia, PA; Alexander Hark of Philadelphia, PA; Samuel (Sauna Hark) Snyderman of Philadelphia, PA; and Sia Hark of Russia.”

Family history and genealogy, written by Thomas Hark. 2004.

Received from Thomas Hark, Charleston, WV

Hebrew Union College

Letter issued and signed by Jacob Ezekiel, secretary of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College, soliciting publishers to donate to the College’s library a copy of their publications “relating to the History, Science, Religion, Literature, etc., of the Israelites.” 1879.

Received from Arnold Kaplan, Allentown, PA

Hendrix, Janel D.

“A History of Temple Beth-El, Pensacola, FL, 1876-1990.” 2004.

Received from Harry D. Kahn, Pensacola, FL

Howlitt, J. L.

“The Judaic Experience at the U.S. Naval Academy.”

A term paper submitted to the faculty of the Department of History of the U.S. Naval Academy in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a degree with honors. 2003.

Received from Leonard Kaplan, Coral Gables, FL

Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (Cleveland, Ohio)

“The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland: Centennial Curriculum Master Notebook,” February 2004.

Received from Nachama Skolnik Moskowitz, Cleveland, OH

Lane, Albert E.

“Gerson-Slatkin Family Tree 100th USA Anniversary Reunion Book, July 24, 2004.”

A family history and genealogy celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Cincinnati Gerson-Slatkin families.

Received from Albert E. Lane, Cincinnati, OH

Levitt, Norma U.

Personal papers, including materials documenting the many programs and organizations that Mrs. Levitt participated in through her work with the Women of Reform Judaism, the United Nations, and various international organizations. 1945-2004.

Received from Norma U. Levitt, Great Neck, NY

Levy, Theodore S.

Oral history interview. December 17, 2002.

Audiorecording of interview with Rabbi Theodore S. Levy and his wife, Ina Rae, concerning their sponsorship and involvement in the Burdman-Levy Archival Expedition to Europe to gather archival materials for the American Jewish Archives.

Received from Theodore S. and Ina Rae Levy, Hilton Head, SC

Levy, Uriah P.

Original copy of the published proceedings of the court martial of Uriah P. Levy (1792-1862) titled *Record of Naval Court of Inquiry No. 3 in the Case of Uriah P. Levy, Late a Captain in the U.S. Navy, Washington, DC November, 1857.*

Received from Melvin A. Young, Chattanooga, TN

Mattoon, Illinois

Brief list of burials in the Jewish cemetery at Mattoon, IL, compiled in 1961.

Received from David Locketz, Minnetonka, MN

Mehlman, Bernard H.

Audio recording of a sermon delivered by Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman with Rabbi Ronne Friedman regarding their trip to the Soviet Union and a meeting with Soviet “refuseniks.” March 21, 1986.

Received from Bernard H. Mehlman, Boston, MA

Morris, Jacques Charles

Transcriptions of letters written by Jacques Charles Morris while serving in the U.S. Army and stationed in the Pacific Theater of operations during World War II. February 1944 – July 1945.

Received from Jacques Charles Morris, Louisville, KY

Niebergall, Fred

Papers of Lt. Fred Niebergall, an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army, consisting of correspondence and reports pertaining to the Nuremberg war crimes trials. Includes sketches of persons involved in the trial, drawn by Niebergall. 1945-1948.

Received from Kenny Niebergall, Warsaw, KY

Oakwood Country Club (Leavenworth, KS)

Microfilm copy of records of the club, 1846-1993.

*Received from the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection, through
Barton P. Cohen, Kansas City, MO*

Rothenberg, Jean W.

L'chayim: A History of Dr. Jean W. Rothenberg

Biography of Jean W. Rothenberg, together with background materials such as audio recordings, photographs, interviews, and family genealogy charts. 2004.

Received and produced by Pangea Productions, Ltd., Cincinnati, OH

Sandmel, Samuel

Three lectures given at Temple Emanu-El (Birmingham, AL) by Rabbi Samuel Sandmel (1911-1979), a professor of Bible at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. 1959 and 1972.

Received from Stephen Grafman, Potomac, MD

Saperstein, Harold

The papers of Rabbi Harold Saperstein (1910-2001), including sermons, writings, correspondence, and printed materials pertaining to his career as a congregational rabbi; his work as a Jewish chaplain during World War II; and his active participation in the Reform movement, including his involvement in the World Union for Progressive Judaism. 1930-1998.

Received from David and Marc Saperstein, Washington, DC

Scott, Adrienne Pollock

"An Analysis of Dr. Jane Evans' Professional Contributions to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods," a rabbinic thesis submitted by Adrienne Scott to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; together with a transcript of an oral history interview with Jane Evans, conducted by Scott as part of her research for the thesis. 2002-2003.

Received from Adrienne Pollock Scott, Cincinnati, OH

Sokobin, Alan Mayor

Correspondence and papers pertaining to his career as a rabbi at Congregation Shomer Emunim (Sylvania, Ohio). 2000-2004.

Received from Alan Mayor Sokobin, Sylvania, OH

Temple Israel (Blytheville, Ark.)

Records of the congregation including constitution and bylaws, correspondence, financial reports, membership lists, Sisterhood records, and B'nai B'rith Women minutes and correspondence. 1947-1997.

Received from Temple Israel and Richard Falkoff, Blytheville, AR

Weston, Leo

Talk given by Leo Weston on the history and genealogy of the Westheimer family. 1986.

Received from Claire Grossman, Santa Fe, NM

Wise, Louise Waterman

Letters from Louise Waterman Wise and Stephen S. Wise to Matilda Samuels, regarding the work of the Women's division of the American Jewish Congress. 1942-1945.

Received from Albert Slomovitz, Marietta, GA

Wohl, Samuel

He Really Had Something to Say: The Ideas of Rabbi Samuel Wohl. A Biographical Presentation and World Perspective of Scope and Compassion, written by his sons, Theodore H. Wohl and Amiel Wohl. Together with letters and papers of Rabbi Samuel Wohl, 1927-1976.

Received from Theodore H. Wohl, Cincinnati, OH

Yad Charutzim-Tiferes Israel Congregation (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Minute book for the congregation. 1948-1964.

Received from Paul Nathan, Cincinnati, OH