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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Goodman and Levy family papers and scrapbooks,

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Creators: Levy familyGoodman family

Extent: Number of containers: 11 cartons and 10 oversize boxes (linear feet: 14.6)

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

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The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

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Goodman, Aaron
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Acquisition Information
The Goodman and Levy family papers and scrapbooks were gifted to the Bancroft Library by the Judah L. Magnes Museum in 2010.

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No future additions are expected.

Processing Information
Processed by Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life staff in 2011.

Biographical Information
Estelle Goodman Levy was born in El Paso, Texas, where her father, Aaron, owned the Lion Grocery Company. Her grandfather, Parez Levy, was an optician in Nashville, Tennessee. She attended Science Hall in Shelbyville, Kentucky and graduated from Throop Academy in Pasadena, now the California Institute of Technology, in 1910. Estelle returned to El Paso and married Charles Levy in 1916. She was active in the political, civic, social, historical, philanthropic and Jewish life of El Paso and the Southwest, belonging to Mount Sinai Temple and many other local organizations including: the National Council of Jewish Women; the Texas State Federation of Sisterhoods; the Women’s Club of El Paso; the Red Cross; the Parent Teachers Association; and the Cloudcraft Recreation Camp baby sanitarium. With Isidore Bernard and Fanny Sattinger Goodman, two of her relatives, Estelle supported the El Paso Historical Society and contributed articles to its quarterly. Estelle Levy’s daughter, Amelia Rose, moved to Oakland, California in 1966 and married Edgar Guy Lemmon, Jr. in 1967.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains the following: a few items relating the life of Parez Levy in Tennessee, including a scrapbook and a Masonic certificate; items relating to the life of Aaron Goodman in El Paso, Texas, including family scrapbooks with documents and correspondence from Aaron's Lion Grocery Company and an 1889 legal document (in Spanish) relating to a Goodman's interests in a mine in Juarez; the handwritten diaries of Estelle Goodman Levy (Aaron's daughter); a wedding book and marriage certificate from the wedding of Estelle Goodman and Charles Levy; a number of scrapbooks documenting the life of Estelle Goodman Levy in El Paso; and a significant number of items relating to the life of Amelia Levy Lemmon, including 48 scrapbooks and photo albums dating from Amelia's school years through 2003. These document Amelia's experience at UC Berkeley and in the San Francisco Bay Area, her activities in the Sisterhood of Oakland's Temple Sinai and in the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, and her travels around the world. Amelia's childhood is also documented in the Goodman family scrapbooks in the collection. The collection includes genealogical information about members of the Goodman, Levy, Frank, Lederer, Baruch, Brandt, Schenck, and Sattinger families. Also included are some historical writings, including "My Parents, Joseph Hillel Goodman and Sarah Rothschild Goodman" by Isidore B. Goodman and "In the Beginning: The Jewish Community of El Paso Texas" by Fanny Sattinger Goodman.

Series 1: Family Papers. 1850-1980

Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 1-12; Carton 11; Oversize Box 2, Folder 8; Oversize Box 3; Oversize Box 8, Folders 4 and 6

Carton 1, Folder 1
Oversize Box 8, Folder 6
Oversize Box 8, Folder 4
Genealogy and family history, circa 1970-1980

Parez Levy Royal Arch Mason certificate, 1850

Scope and Content Note

Carton 1, Folder 2-4
Diaries of Estelle Goodman, 1904-1908

Scope and Content Note
1907-1908 diary contains description of James Whitcomb Reilly, based on personal meeting and conversation.

Carton 1, Folder 5
Oversize Box 3
Oversize Box 2, Folder 6-7
Carton 1, Folder 5
Carton 1, Folder 9-12
Carton 11
Estelle Goodman Levy: assorted loose materials, circa 1915-1947


Carton 1, Folder 8
Carton 1, Folder 6-7
Carton 1, Folder 9-12
Carton 11
Booklet on history of El Paso, Texas, circa 1890

Amelia Levy Master Thesis draft, 1956

Amelia Levy Lemmon teaching materials, 1965-1966

Amelia Levy sympathy notes on occasion of mother's death, 1953-1954

Amelia Levy school year books, 1953-1954

Scope and Content Note
El Paso High School (1945-1949); Texas Western College (1949-1950); University of Illinois (1948).

Series 2: Scrapbooks and Photo Albums. 1875-2003

Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 13-25; Cartons 2-10; Oversize Box 1; Oversize Box 2, Folders 1-7; Oversize Boxes 3-10
Parez Levy: Practical Optician scrapbook, circa 1875-1891
Scope and Content Note
Small leather-bound scrapbook with the following embossed on the cover: Parez Levy: Practical Optician. The book includes clippings on social events and professional testimonials from various prominent Nashville residents.

Amelia Levy Goodman scrapbook, circa 1880-1902
Scope and Content Note
Inscribed "Compliments of Jacob M. Levy to Amelia Levy, January 1885." Includes pasted decorative decals; miscellaneous clippings on social events and news in Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi; and mementos

Goodman family scrapbook, 1881-1910
Scope and Content Note
Material relating to Aaron Goodman, Amelia Levy Goodman, and Estelle Goodman. Business documents include invoices of family grocery stores, business letters and statements for: P. Levy and Company, Nashville, Tennessee; A. Goodman at Earlham, New Mexico; El Paso Grocery Co. Also included are clippings re Lion Grocer Co., El Paso. (The El Paso Grocery Co. of 1903-1904 was Goodman Produce Co.; in 1907, perhaps the Southwestern Commercial Co.; by 1911 the Lion Grocery Co.. Family papers included are telegrams on the occasion of the 1890 wedding of Aaron and Amelia; wills for Amelia Levy Goodman and Aaron Goodman; obituaries; and some masonic material for Aaron Goodman. The scrapbook also includes personal correspondence. Among the correspondence is a letter dated 15 May 1878, from Esther Goodman, Amelia’s sister and first wife of Aaron Goodman, to her mother Rosa Levy. (Esther presumably died in childbirth before 1890). Refers to Pauline and Jacob (perhaps her sister Pauline and her brother J. W. Levy). Genealogy note: It is possible that this is the Pauline who became Mrs. Joseph Frank and later Mrs. Edward Lederer. Pauline and Joseph’s son, Perry Frank (Sr.) married Amelia Baruch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig M. Baruch and niece of Bernard Baruch. In 1934, Amelia Baruch Frank divorced Perry Frank Sr. and in 1937 married Polan Banks, a writer, in Havana. They were later divorced. Perry Frank Sr. and Amelia Baruch Frank had a son, Perry Frank Jr., of the New York Times advertising staff and American Broadcasting Company. Perry Frank Jr. married Joanne Schenck, daughter of Loew’s president, Nicholas Schenk (1931?), who later divorced him and married Robert Brandt. Perry Frank Sr. married Dora (Doree?), who already had two children, Charles Levy, who married Estelle Goodman, was a cousin of Perry Frank Jr. J. W. Levy, brother of Amelia Levy Goodman, of Nashville, Tennessee and Union City, Tennessee, was connected with Friedman and Levy store that by 1881 had become New York Store. Photos in the scrapbook include images of the Frank family, Rosa Levy, Leonard Goodman Sr. (Estelle Goodman Levy’s brother and son of Amelia Levy Goodman and Aaron Goodman), Amelia Levy Goodman and L.S. Cunningham, friend of Aaron Goodman.

Estelle Goodman Levy scrapbook, 1907-1910
Scope and Content Note
Business documents and records of Lion Grocery Company in El Paso; family documents relating to Rosa Goodman Levy (Estelle's grandmother); personal correspondence of Estelle Goodman; childhood recollections of Estelle Goodman, school reports; copies of The Tattler (El Paso High School) from 1907; a 1910 copy of "Junior Polytechnic," a publication from Throop Polytechnic Institute in Pasadena, Calif.

Estelle Goodman Levy scrapbook, 1909-1916
Scope and Content Note
Family documents, general correspondence of Estelle Goodman Levy, engagement correspondence; mementos and memorabilia. One letter from Charles Levy to Estelle Goodman, sent on April 23, 1914, mentions a possible attack by Pancho Villa on El Paso (an attack that never materialized).
Carton 1, Folder 20-22

**Estelle Goodman Levy scrapbook, circa 1916-1928**

Scope and Content Note

Family documents; correspondence; wedding materials from 1916 wedding and honeymoon of Charles Levy and Estelle Goodman (including photographs); condolences sent to Estelle on the death of her mother; Amelia Levy Goodman; congratulations on birth of son, Robert Aaron; baby care pamphlets and publications; clippings relating to marriage of Karl Goodman, Estelle's brother, to Helen Pinkert; clippings relating to Baruch, Frank, and Lederer marriages; correspondence and ephemera relating to Estelle's involvement in Mt. Sinai Temple in El Paso, the Council of Jewish Juniors, and the Women's Club of El Paso.

Oversize Box 10

**Estelle Goodman Levy scrapbook, circa 1911-1953**

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, documents, and ephemera relating to Estelle Goodman Levy's life in El Paso, Texas, her philanthropic activities, and her work with the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Oversize Box 9

**Estelle Goodman Levy scrapbook, circa 1920-1963**

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, documents, and ephemera relating to Estelle Goodman Levy's life in El Paso, Texas, her philanthropic activities, and her work with the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Oversize Box 2, Folder 1-3

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #37: UC Berkeley, 1951-1952**

Scope and Content Note

Amelia Levy's UC Berkeley scrapbooks include a range of UC Berkely ephemera and memorabilia as well as menus, programs, and other ephemera from her life in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Oversize Box 2, Folder 4-6

Carton 1, Folder 23-25

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #1: Temple Sinai (Oakland, Calif.) Sisterhood, 1969-1973**

Carton 1, Folder 26

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #2: Temple Sinai (Oakland, Calif.) Sisterhood, 1973-1990**

Carton 2, Folder 1-2

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #2: Temple Sinai (Oakland, Calif.) Sisterhood, 1973-1990**

Carton 2, Folder 3-4

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #3: Temple Sinai (Oakland, Calif.) Sisterhood, circa 1974**

Carton 2, Folder 5-7

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #4: Brandeis University National Women's Committee, 1973-1979**

Carton 2, Folder 8-12

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #5: Brandeis University National Women's Committee, 1980-1982**

Carton 2, Folder 13-17

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #6: Brandeis University National Women's Committee, 1982-1986**

Carton 2, Folder 18-21

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #7: Brandeis University National Women's Committee, 1987-1996**

Carton 3, Folder 1

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #7: Brandeis University National Women's Committee, 1987-1996**

Carton 3, Folder 2

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #8: Brandeis University National Women's Committee, 1996-2000**

Oversize Box 4

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #39: Europe, 1954**

Oversize Box 4

**Amelia Levy Lemmon scrapbook/photo album #40: Europe, 1954**

Oversize Box 8, Folder 5

**Folie Bergeres program (loose item found in scrapbook #40), circa 1954**
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