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Abstract: The Seymour Fromer papers document the life and work of the founding director of the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, CA (now the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life). A large portion of the collection is dedicated to Fromer's directorship of the Magnes, including the Western Jewish History Center and the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks, and includes correspondence and working files for its various exhibits and programs, as well as financial and administrative records. Also documented is Fromer's involvement with various Jewish agencies and organizations, such as the Agency for Jewish Education, the American Association for Jewish Education (including performances organized by its Festival of Faith and Freedom Committee), the Jewish Education Council, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, and various other societies and institutions. The collection also contains Fromer's personal files and correspondence.

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Related Materials
Western Jewish History Center Vertical Files, BANC MSS 2010/775, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley.

Further material relating to this collection can be found by searching The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley.

Acquisition Information
Transfer; Judah L. Magnes Museum; 2010.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

System of Arrangement
Arranged to the folder level.

Processing Information
Processed by Lori Dedeyan in 2016.

Biographical / Historical
Seymour Fromer was the founding director of the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, CA. Born in the Bronx, NY, on October 3, 1922, he attended Brooklyn College and Columbia University and worked as a school administrator in New Jersey until moving to Los Angeles in the 1950s. In Los Angeles, he worked with the American Association for Jewish Education to present the Darius Milhaud opera “David” at the Hollywood Bowl. He later moved to Oakland, CA, where he was a founding director of the Jewish Education Council of Alameda and Contra Costa counties and helped form the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks, which was responsible for the preservation of seven gold-rush era Jewish cemeteries.

In 1962, he and his wife, Rebecca, co-founded the Judah L. Magnes Museum, which found its permanent home in an old mansion on Russell Street in Berkeley. The museum collected Jewish art and cultural artifacts from around the world, including objects gathered by the Fromers during their travels through North Africa and Southwest and South Asia. In 1967 Fromer started the Western Jewish History Center, which became the largest regional repository for artifacts documenting the contributions of Jews to the settlement of California and the West. He remained the director of the museum until his retirement in 1998.

Fromer was active in the Jewish community throughout his life, with involvement in Jewish organizations such as the Agency for Jewish Education, the American Association for Jewish Education, the Jewish Education Council, B’nai B’rith, the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, and various other societies and institutions.

Fromer died on October 25, 2009, at age 87.

In 2010, the Judah L. Magnes Museum transferred its collections to the University of California, Berkeley. As part of the agreement, the collection was moved from its Russell Street location to a new building on Allston Way in downtown Berkeley. It is now known as the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life.

Scope and Contents
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Series 1 (Judah L. Magnes Museum) is divided into six subseries: Administrative files; Board of Directors records; Program files; Western Jewish History Center; Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks; and Research files.

Series 2 (Jewish Agencies and Organizations) contains the correspondence and working files for various organizations.

Series 3 (Personal files) contains Fromer's personal correspondence, writing, and documents.

Series 4 (Photographs) contains photographs relating to the Magnes Museum, various Jewish organizations, and personal and family pictures.

Series 5 (Audiovisual) contains various recordings for music and interviews.

The collection also contains digital material: video interviews with Seymour and Rebecca Fromer and Ruth Eis, as well as photographs of the Molekumne Hill and Placerville Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries. This material is unavailable until processed.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Fromer, Seymour, 1922-2009--Archives.
Judah L. Magnes Museum--Archives.
Western Jewish History Center--Archives
Jewish museums--California--Berkeley
Jewish pioneers--West (U.S.)
Museum directors
Jewish cemeteries--California
Jewish art
Fromer, Seymour, 1922-2009
Judah L. Magnes Museum


Physical Description: Cartons 1-8; Carton 9, folders 1-20; Carton 13, folders 1-7; Oversize folder 1

Arrangement
Arranged into six subseries: administrative files, board of directors records, program files, Western Jewish History Center files, Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks files, and research files.

Scope and Contents
Contains material relating to and generated by Fromer’s directorship of the Judah L. Magnes Museum, including the Western Jewish History Center and the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks.

Subseries 1.1. Administrative files 1960-2010

Physical Description: Cartons 1-2; Carton 3, folders 1-31; Carton 13, folders 1-3; Oversize folder 1

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically within topics.

Scope and Contents
Contains the administrative files of the Magnes Museum, including acquisitions and financial records, correspondence, strategic plans and bylaws, and museum renovation and restructuring.

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carton 1, folder 5  Donor files: Kohs, Ellis B. 1997

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Ghetto of Warsaw (Stefan Mrozewsky) 1966

Carton 5, folder 16  
How Was It Possible? (Ludwig Rosenthal) 1970

Carton 5, folder 17  
Max Helfman: A Biographical Sketch (Philip Moddel) 1972-1974

Carton 5, folder 18  
Free to choose: The making of a Jewish community in the American West (Fred Rosenbaum) 1974-1977

Carton 5, folder 19  
Judah L. Magnes, Pioneer and Prophet of Two Continents: A Pictorial Biography (David Biale) 1977

Carton 5, folder 20  
The Haas Sisters of Franklin Street: A Look Back with Love (F. Rothman) 1978-1981

Carton 5, folder 21  
Architects of Reform: Congregation and Community Leadership, Emanu-El of San Francisco, 1849-1980 (Fred Rosenbaum) 1980

Carton 5, folders 22-24  
Dissenter in Zion: from the writings of Judah L. Magnes (Arthur A. Goren) 1982

Carton 5, folder 25  
Catalog of Ornamented Bags by Ruth Eis 1983

Carton 5, folder 26  

Carton 5, folder 27  

Carton 5, folder 28  
Bittersweet Legacy: Creative Responses to the Holocaust (ed. Cynthia Brody) 1997
carton 5, folders 29-30
A Letter to My Children (Abraham Klausner) 2001

Jews of the Gold Rush (proposal) 2008

Isaac Babel Short Stories (ill. Michael Iofin) 1999-2001


Manuscript: Bergas, Hannah memoir 1989

Manuscript: Borowsky, Bertel Kugelman- "My Story" 1994

Manuscript: Brechin, Gray- "Conserving the Race" 1994

Manuscript: Donig, Deborah- "Lyndon Johnson and Operation Texas" 2009

Manuscript: Feinerman, Lynn- "A Leap of Faith" (screenplay) circa 1985

Manuscript: Fromer, Rebecca Cahmi memoir undated

Manuscript: Frumberg, Irv- "A Taste of Life" 2005

Manuscript: Glaser, Agathe memoir 2000


Manuscript: Heyman, Hartwig circa 1982

Manuscript: Meyers, Odette 2001

Manuscript: Rinaldi, Matthew- "The Disturbing Case of Feodor Feodorenko" 1978

Manuscript: Sterberger, Marcel and Ilse- "The Curse" undated

Manuscript: Sternberger, Ilse- "Conversation with Diego Rivera" undated

Publicity and press

Mailer, programs, press circa 1962-2008

Museum newsletters 1968-2001

Publicity scrapbook 1962-1969

Press clippings 1950s-2006

Jerusalmi, Isaac- "The Constitution of the Burial Society of the Bucharest Sephardic Community" (featuring Magnes holding) 2005

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Subseries 1.4. Western Jewish History Center 1965-2002

Physical Description: Carton 6, folders 10-30

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically within topic.

Scope and Contents
Contains the meeting minutes, correspondence, and program documents of the Western Jewish History Center.

Board meetings 1966-1968

Western Research Fund 1966-1977

Advisory Committee meetings 1965, 1969-1971

Advisory Committee meetings 1974-1985


Correspondence 1974-1979

Correspondence 1986, 2002

Catalog 1976

Seymour Fromer oral history at WJHC 1981

Miscellaneous circa 1983-1993

Physical Description: Carton 6, folders 31-36; Carton 7; Carton 13, folders 5-6
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically within topic.
Scope and Contents
Contains the meeting minutes, correspondence, and working files of the Cemeteries Commission, as well as research for various pioneer cemeteries.

carton 6, folder 31
Meetings and correspondence 1961-1973
Meetings 1977
Meetings 1997
Meetings 2000
Meetings and correspondence 2002-2004
Meetings 2005-2009

carton 6, folder 32
Correspondence 1978-1983
Correspondence 1993-1995
Correspondence 1997-2002
Correspondence 2005-2009

carton 6, folder 33
Carson City 2009
Folsom circa 2005
Jackson- B’nai Israel historic bylaws research circa 1988
Marysville 1994-2008


carton 6, folders 34-36
Placerville 2003-2005
Nevada City circa 2000-2001
Sonora circa 1974-2005


carton 7, folders 1-5
Ava Kahn- teacher’s guide consulting 2008
Mailers and pamphlets undated
Finances 1965-1983
Magnes Trust Agreement drafts 1963


carton 7, folders 6-9
Cemetery deeds and settlements circa 1995-2002
Miscellaneous circa 1981-2007


Physical Description: Carton 8; Carton 9, folders 1-20; Carton 13, folder 7
Arrangement
Artist files arranged alphabetically by artist surname. Subject files arranged by topic, in a roughly chronological order.
Scope and Contents
Contains Fromer’s research files, including artist files, articles, programs and exhibit material from other Jewish institutions, newsletters, museum guidelines, travel material, catalogs, and miscellaneous cultural material.

Artist files

Art, Ellen 1992
Barber, Allen 1991
Barna, Aviva 1971
Benton, Suzanne 1979
Blitt, Rita 2009

Finding Aid to the Seymour Fromer papers BANC MSS 2010/771
BANC MSS 2010/771
carton 8, folder 6  Boussidan, Yaakov 1999
carton 8, folder 7  Blumenthal, Paul 1997
carton 8,  Boynton, Ray and Beryl 1982
folders 8-9

Brauer, Arik circa 1982
Carl, Joan 1991
Cohen, Robi circa 2006
Cornin, John undated

Friedensohn, Elias 2003
Hendel, Meta circa 1935-1960
Kalinsky, George 2002
Lefkowitz, Carol 1996
Lilienfeld, Rosy 2004
Nankin, Harry 1999
Newman, Andrew (Bela Barsony) 1991
Pincas, Abraham 1988
Rose, David 2004
Walker, Shoshanna 1978-1979
Wohl, Laurie circa 1991
Potential acquisitions 1965-2005
Potential acquisitions- Bloch, Carl 2003
Potential acquisitions- Gottlieb, Maury  circa 1987
Potential acquisitions- Soshana 2003
Potential acquisitions- Stauffenberg 2008
Research- Wachtel, William undated

Programs and exhibits- other institutions 1972-2005
Yeshiva University Museum- Purim programs 1979
Articles (1 of 2) circa 1968-2004
Articles (2 of 2) circa 1968-2004
Newsletters and announcements- other institutions circa 1957-2004
Museum guidelines and collection resources 1976-1994
Jewish Studies Microfiche Project 1976-1977
David Lubin circa 1973
Arts and Crafts silver 1977-1991
Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections 1982-1983
Holocaust Memorial Cantata 1987
Synagogue of Tomar (Portugal) 1988
Mira Zussman (writing) 1989-1991
Abramck Koplowicz 1994
Travel to London 1994
Travel to Girona, Spain circa 1994
Jewish Archives in Europe 1998-1999
Miscellaneous documents circa 1933-2008
Postcards 1912-1990
Catalogs- Israeli and Ghetto Fighters' House Museum 1978, undated

Physical Description: Carton 9, folders 21-31; Carton 10; Carton 13, folders 8-12; Oversize folder 1

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by organization.

Scope and Contents
Contains material relating to Fromer's participation in various Jewish educational and community organizations, such as the Agency for Jewish Education, the American Association for Jewish Education (including performances organized by its Festival of Faith and Freedom Committee), the Jewish Education Council, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, and various other societies and institutions. Included are correspondence, minutes, and program material.

carton 9, folders 21-22
Carton 13, Folder 9
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carton 10, folder 4
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carton 10, folder 10
Carton 13, folder 10
carton 10, folder 11
carton 10, folder 12
carton 10, folder 13
carton 10, folders 14-18
carton 10, folders 19-20

American Agency for Jewish Education- minutes 1954-1955

American Association for Jewish Education, Distinguished Service Award 1959

American Association for Jewish Education, Hebrew Educators' Seminar to Israel 1961

Jewish Education Council- correspondence and program documents 1954-1959
Jewish Education Council- cultural programs 1955-1960
Jewish Education Council- correspondence 1961
Jewish Education Council- program documents 1960-1977
Jewish Education Council- correspondence and program documents 1971-1979
Jewish Education Council- correspondence and program documents 1981-1982
Agency for Jewish Education- correspondence and board meetings 1983-1984

Jewish education research: "Exploring Jewish Symbols" Teacher's Kit (Yeshiva University Museum) 1980

Jewish education research: "Death and the Jewish Way of Life" Curriculum Guide (Baltimore Board of Jewish Education) 1980

Jewish education, miscellaneous circa 1960-1979

Multi- Interest Day (M.I.D.) Jewish education program, Service Award certificate 1984
Oakland Jewish Community Center- sculptures circa 1960, 2003
Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center- Jewish Learning Center 2000

Jewish Television Network circa 1981

B'nai B'rith 1961-1998
B'nai B'rith, Akiba Award certificate 1974

Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay 1964-1994
Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay- Task Force on Jewish Education 1982
Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay 1994
Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay- Jewish Open Studios Committee 1999

Jewish Community Federation, Distinguished Service Award: Executive of the Year (plaque) 1997

Jewish Community Federation- Israel @ 60 Mission 2008

Jewish Federation- Fromer Scholarship Fund 1984-1988

Jewish Federation- Fromer Scholarship Fund 1991

Jewish Federation- Fromer Scholarship Fund 1999-2008

Oakland Theater League- "The Pleasure of His Company" 1960-1961


Scope and Contents
Files contain guest lists, solicitations, working files of the Women's Committee, budgets, general correspondence, correspondence with Darius Milhaud, a letter from actor Gregory Peck, an autographed script from Darius Milhaud, and ephemera such as concert programs and stationery.

Festival of Faith and Freedom (American Association of Jewish Education): "David" by Darius Milhaud- vocal score 1954
Festival of Faith and Freedom Committee (American Association of Jewish Education): "Moses" 1965
Arthur Szyk Society- minutes, correspondence, and program material 2000-2009

LACIS Museum 2005-2008
Lehrhaus Judaica 1983, 1985
American Jewish Historical Society, Torchbearer Award certificate 1995
Lifetime Achievement Award, Council of American Jewish Museums (plaque) 1998
American Israel Numismatic Association Award (plaque) undated

Series 3. Personal papers 1918-2009

Physical Description: Carton 11; Carton 13, folder 13; Oversize folder 1
Arrangement
Correspondence listed first in chronological order. Other material arranged in chronological order.
Scope and Contents
Contains Fromer's personalia, including correspondence, early notes and writing, family documents, business material, and ephemera.

Correspondence 1951-2009
Correspondence with JonDavid Bachrach 1968-1976
'Get Well' cards and correspondence 1978
Correspondence with Charles Gray Fine Arts 2002-2007
Correspondence undated

Childhood notebook and Bronx Boy Scouts program 1931, 1936
Yearbook, Stuyvestant High School 1941
Early notes circa 1945-1951
Order of E. Clampus Vitus membership certificate 1963
Passports 1950, 1968-1979
Biographical information 1957-1981
Series 3. Personal papers 1918-2009

- carton 11, folders 19-20
  Notes for speeches circa 1990s
- carton 11, folder 21
  Untitled notes undated
- carton 11, folder 22
  Personal and family documents 1918-2005
- carton 11, folder 23
  Publications, speeches, and publicity 1958-1994
- oversize_folder 1
- carton 11, folder 24
  Manuscript: "Jewish Education in the Colonial Period" 1967
- oversize_folder 1
  Magnes Museum, Certificate of Appreciation 1982
- carton 11, folder 25
  Manuscript drafts: "Role of the Jewish Museum" 1994-1997
- carton 11, folder 26
  Rebecca Fromer poetry and correspondence 2002, 2008-2009
- carton 11, folder 27
- carton 11, folders 28-29
  Berkeley Townhouse Corporation 2006-2009
- carton 11, folder 30
  The Muse (furniture gallery) 1972
- carton 11, folder 31
  D.J. Puffert consignment claims 1993
- Carton 11, Folder 32
  Miscellaneous documents circa 1979, 2006

Series 4. Photographs circa 1919-2008

- Physical Description: Carton 12
- Arrangement
  Arranged in a rough chronological order. Similar subjects grouped together.
- Scope and Contents
  Includes personal and family photographs, event photographs for various Jewish agencies, Magnes photographs and images of potential acquisitions, travel photographs, photographs for the Cemeteries Commission, and various untitled events.

- carton 12, folder 1
  Family photographs circa 1919
- carton 12, folders 2-3
  Photographs of Seymour Fromer circa 1923-2008
- carton 12, folder 4
- box 1
  American Association of Jewish Education, Festival of Faith and Freedom: "David" (negatives) 1955-1956
  Conditions Governing Access
  NEGATIVES RESTRICTED. Available for use by appointment only.

- carton 12, folder 5
  Agency for Jewish Education circa 1953-1970
- carton 12, folder 6
  Jewish Welfare Federation circa 1958
- carton 12, folder 7
  Jewish Education Council circa 1966-1978
- carton 12, folder 8
  Magnes Museum 1963, 1982
- carton 12, folder 9
  Magnes events and exhibit (30 by 15) circa 1979
- carton 12, folder 10
  Magnes photographs undated
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  Museum displays undated
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**Series 5. Audio 1995, undated**

- **Physical Description:** Carton 13, folders 14-16
- **Scope and Contents**
  - Contains various recordings of interviews and music.
- **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**
  - Special equipment or further processing may be required to access this material. Please contact the reference desk in advance of your visit.

**Carton 13, Folder 14**
- **Untitled recording undated**
  - **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**
    - 1 reel of 1/4 inch magnetic tape

**Carton 13, Folder 15**
- **"Tamar" opera by Marc Lavry, Act I undated**
  - **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**
    - 1 reel of 1/4 inch magnetic tape
Carton 13, Folder 16

"WFAS AM 'From a Jewish Point of View', Rabbi Wm. Herskowitz" (1995); "Hartman, Thurs. AM"; "Hartman, Thurs. PM" 1995, undated

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
3 compact audio cassettes