Guide to the Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations Records, Academic Departments and Schools, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)

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Descriptive Summary

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Title: Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations, Academic Departments and Schools, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)

Date (inclusive): 1961-1985 inclusive

Collector: American Jewish University; University of Judaism; Brandeis-Bardin Institute (Brandeis, Simi Valley, Calif.)

Repository: University Archives and Ostrow Library, American Jewish University
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Extent: 9 Folders (Box 15)

Location: Physical files are housed at the Ostrow Library of the American Jewish University.

Abstract: The records in this series contain materials related to the Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations. Subseries include the Radio-Television Department, Public Lectures and Events, and the Earl Warren Chair in Law and Ethics.

Language: Materials are in English and Hebrew

Administrative Information

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Scope and Content:
The records in this series contain materials related to the Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations. Subseries include the Radio-Television Department, Public Lectures and Events, and the Earl Warren Chair in Law and Ethics.
The American Jewish University Archive is a collection of documents, pamphlets, recordings, letters, publications, photographs, scrapbooks, and ephemera that document the history of the University of Judaism and the Brandeis-Bardin Institute which merged to become American Jewish University in 2007, depicting people, places and events at both campuses.

**Organization:**

The collection is part of Series 5: Academic Departments and Schools. It is organized in 3 sub-series.

V. Academic Departments and Schools: 1947-2014

   - Subseries 1. Radio-Television Department
   - Subseries 2. Public Lectures and Events
   - Subseries 3. The Earl Warren Chair in Law and Ethics

**American Jewish University:**

The American Jewish University, with its Familian campus in Bel Air, California and Brandeis-Bardin campus in Simi Valley, California, is the outcome of the 2007 union of Brandeis-Bardin Institute (BBI) and the University of Judaism (UJ).

In 1947, the University of Judaism was founded in Los Angeles, the vision of Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, the author of Judaism as a Civilization, who advocated the creation of an educational institution incorporating diverse elements of Jewish civilization and culture under one roof. To carry out his dream, he received the support of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Los Angeles.

Six years earlier, BCI was founded by Dr. Shlomo Bardin to safeguard against assimilation of young American Jews by making “the great ethical heritage of Judaism” relevant to them. Brandeis Camp Institute was named to honor our nation's first Jewish Supreme Court Justice, Louis D. Brandeis, who was instrumental as the visionary and primary funder of Dr. Bardin’s initial programmatic endeavor. BBI was located for brief periods of time in Amherst, NH, Winterdale, PA and Hendersonville, NC before finding its home in 1947 in Simi Valley.

For more information, please see our history page at the following link: [http://aboutus.aju.edu/default.aspx?id=4742](http://aboutus.aju.edu/default.aspx?id=4742).

**The Bel and Jack M. Ostrow Academic Library:**

The Ostrow Library, is designed to meet the needs of the University's faculty and students, as well as scholars conducting research in all fields of Jewish culture and civilization. Members of the general public are also invited to use the Library’s materials for personal enrichment and enjoyment. With approximately 110,000 print volumes, the library's collections have grown consistently through endowments, gifts of major private collections and an ongoing acquisition program.

**The Burton Sperber Memorial Jewish Community Library of Los Angeles:**

The Burton Sperber Jewish Community Library at American Jewish University now serves as the official Jewish Community Library of Los Angeles. This new library succeeds the original Peter M. Kahn Jewish Community Library that was formerly housed at the Los Angeles Jewish Federation. Dedicated by his family in memory of noted Los Angeles philanthropist and landscape developer Burton Sperber, this library welcomes the entire Los Angeles Jewish community to enjoy its state-of-the-art facility including regularly scheduled programs for children and families as well as author and other literary encounters.

**The Lowy-Winkler Family Rare Book Center:**

The Lowy-Winkler Family Rare Book Center, a gift of Peter and Janine Lowy, is home to the Maslan Bible Collection. This unusual assemblage of exceptional volumes includes approximately 4,000 Bibles, some dating back almost to the inception of the printing press. This collection also features bible translations representing most of the written languages of the world, as well as the Kalman-Friedman Collection of Italian Judaica.

**The University Archives:**

The University Archives of the American Jewish University is a collection of documents, pamphlets, recordings, letters, publications, photographs, scrapbooks, and ephemera that document the history of the University of Judaism and the Brandeis-Bardin Institute which merged to become American Jewish University in 2007, depicting people, places and events at both campuses.

**Photograph and Digital Archive:**

The American Jewish University Digital Archive includes photographs, scrapbooks, and ephemera that document the history of the University of Judaism and the Brandeis-Bardin Institute which merged to become American Jewish University in 2007, depicting people, places and events at both campuses. These photographs include great Jewish thinkers who founded AJU and were involved with its growth over the years. The creation of both institutions was made possible by philanthropists to whom we owe the building of University of Judaism and the
Audio-Visual Archive:
The American Jewish University Audio-Visual Archive is a collection of audio-visual records of lectures, shows, and events taking place at or produced by the American Jewish University (formerly University of Judaism and Brandeis-Bardin Institute) over the years.

Louis Shub Documentation Center:
The Louis Shub Documentation Center at the American Jewish University is a collection of thousands of articles from various newspapers and periodicals covering a range of subjects. Gathered by Dr. Shub, the former library director of the University of Judaism, the collection was used by students to research subjects such as Israeli and Jewish figures, Foreign Policy, Global Jewish Communities, Israel, the Middle East and many other issues and subjects. The importance of this collection is the juxtaposing of articles from major papers with those of small local papers both covering the same event. The finding aid to the collection can be viewed at:
http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c85h7jcf/

Subjects:
Note
(Library of Congress Subject Headings)

Personal and Corporate Names:
American Jewish University
Brandeis-Bardin Institute (Brandeis, Simi Valley, Calif.)
University of Judaism
Camp Ramah.
Women's League for Conservative Judaism
United Synagogue of America.
Jewish Theological Seminary of America.
National Women's League
University Women of the University of Judaism
Sinai Temple (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Shub, Louis
Lieber, David L.
Greenberg, Simon, 1901-
Wexler, Robert
Turner, Justin G.
Fligelman, Julius, 1895-1980
Heschel, Abraham Joshua, 1907-1972
Kohn, Jacob, 1881-1968
Swig, Benjamin Harrison, 1893-1980
Pressman, Jacob;
Kaplan, Mordecai Menahem, 1881-1983
Finkelstein, Louis, 1895-1991
Levine, Sid
Wise, Aaron M.
Vorspan, Max
Zemach, Benjamin
Helfman, Max
Warren, Earl, 1891-1974
Eisenshtat, Sidney, 1914-2005
Gindi, Elie M.
Bergman, Martin
Jospe, Erwin
Alexander, Hanan A., 1953-
Bradley, Tom, 1917-1998
Dorff, Elliot N.
Cohen, Gerson D. (Gerson David), 1924-
Dortort, David
Goodhill, Victor, 1911-
Gordis, David M.
Schulweis, Harold M.
Glass, Judith
Ray, Eric
Krems, Nathan
Ackerman, Walter I.
Kahn, Peter M., 1878- [from old catalog]
Gordis, Robert, 1908-
Wolfson, Ron
Cohen, Aryeh
Oppenheim, Lois Hecht
Schary, Dore
Zevit, Ziony
Familian, Isadore
Seewack, Benjamin
Ostrow, Jack
Ostrow, Bel
Easton, Harold

Subjects and Indexing Terms

General Subjects:
Judaism.
Zionism and Judaism.
Israel.
Education.
College presidents.
Jewish college presidents
Rabbis.
Philanthropists
Scholars.
Art.
Patrons of education
Board of directors--United States.
College administrators
Libraries.
Jewish artists
Jewish college teachers
Authors.
Faculty, University
Women.
Musicians
College campuses.
Subseries: 5.6: Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations 1961-1985

1. Radio-Television Department 1961-1985

Related Materials: For film recordings of Insight, Commitment, and other Television and Radio recordings, please contact the Archive regarding our Audio-Visual Archive (http://callimachus.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p15008coll10)

Historical Note: The Radio and Television Department produced television programs, such as Ethics, Insight, The Young Look, Interfaith Dialogues, Devotionals, Shevuot-Festival of Weeks, The Days of Awe, The Seder of Passover, Commitment and radio programs such as the Bible, University of Judaism Specials, Biblical Insights, Interfaith Dialogues, Spirit of Today, and Insights into the Contemporary Scene. Starting with Saul Rubin and his assistants, Louis Rudolph and Francine Parker, the University became interested in television. The University produced Insight, which included many Hollywood writers, actors and directors. This continued with additional shows, such as the "Young Look" produced by Rabbi Pressman, and "Ethics" produced by Yosef Miller, and hosted by Max Vorspan and Milton Sperling. "Commitment" started in 1970, with Max Vorspan as host. It developed "into the longest-running Jewish discussion program in Los Angeles".

Biography/Organization History

Historical Note: The Earl Warren Institute was established in 1961, with the announcement made at the Independence Day dinner on July 4. It was named in honor of Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was the recipient of the University’s honorary degree in 1951. The institute’s aim was to "examine the interaction between law and human relations". The Institute awarded the Earl Warren Medal to individuals such as William J. Brennan, Jr., Wayne Morse, Benjamin Swig, Samuel Dash, Shirley Hufstedler, and Eugene Rostow. The Institute also produced television programs such as Ethics, Insight, The Young Look, Interfaith Dialogues, Devotionals, Shevuot-Festival of Weeks, The Days of Awe, The Seder of Passover, Commitment and radio programs such as the Bible, University of Judaism Specials, Biblical Insights, Interfaith Dialogues, Spirit of Today, and Insights into the Contemporary Scene. The Institute also held Luncheon Seminars from 1970-1983 and additional seminars took place in 1985-1987. The Warren Institute was transferred to the University’s Department of Continuing Education (DCE) in the late 70s.
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**b. Television and Radio Programs 1961-1985**

1. News Clippings
   a. General
   b. The Young Look 1961-1962
   c. Music of the Bible 1962-1963
   d. Days of Awe 1963
   e. Ethics 1963
   f. Insight/Insight into Judaism 1962-1965

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2. News Releases 1964
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes news release regarding the television special, Shevuot - The Feast of Weeks.

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3. Program Scripts 1964-1966
   a. Like a Golden Thread, Insight, KNXT Channel 21964-06-11

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   a. Television Program Schedules 1982-1985
   b. Newspaper Clippings 1975-1979

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2. Public Lectures and Events 1962-1966

   **Related Materials:** For materials on the Public Lectures (1952-1962), under the School of Education, please see Box 15.
   
   **Related Materials:** For materials on the Faculty Forum, Public Lectures (1962-1964), please see the Graduate School (Box 15);
   
   **Related Materials:** For materials on the Library Lecture Series (1964-), please see the University Institute (Box 15).
   
   **Related Materials:** For materials on the Public Lecture Series (1976-), please see the Department of Continuing Education (Box 18).

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   Scope and Content Note
   Lecture Scripts.

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Box 15, folder 17

   Biographical/Organization History
   
   **Historical Note:** During this dinner, taking place at the Beverly Hilton with over 500 people, the Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations was announced, as well as the Earl Warren Chair in Law and Ethics. Warren’s address was titled “Freedom in an Era of Threatened Security”, utilizing the Declaration of Independence as text. The committee for this event was chaired by Julius Fligelman. One article lists Victor M. Carter, Rosemary Clooney, Theodore Cummings, Jose Ferrer, Jerry Geisler, John Ford, Greer Garson, Samuel Goldwyn, Bob Hope, Jennifer Jones, Stanley Kramer, Jack Lemmon, Groucho Marx, Maureen O’Sullivan, Dore Schary, Frank Sinatra, Benjamin Swig, Jerry Wald, Walter Wanger, and Paul Ziffren as part of the sponsoring committee. A congratulatory message from former President Harry S. Truman was read. Another states that “public interest in the event was indicated by the wide press, radio, television, and newsreel coverage”.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes news clippings.
2. Public Lectures and Events 1962-1966

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   Scope and Content Note
   Includes news clippings.

Box 15, folder 18

   Scope and Content Note
   Includes invitation and program to the dinner where William J. Brennan Jr. was presented the Earl Warren Medal, with guest artist Lorne Greene.

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3. Earl Warren Chair in Law and Ethics 1961-06-30
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes news clipping.