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## **Guide to the University College of Jewish Studies Records, Academic Departments and Schools, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)**

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### Descriptive Summary

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**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:** 3 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 University College of Jewish Studies. Subseries include Course Schedules and Descriptions, Publications, Record Card Abbreviations, Degree Requirements, Registration Reports, Norman and Sadie Lee Program in Jewish and Western Civilization, and Summer Institutes.

**Language:** Materials are in English and Hebrew

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**Organization:**

The collection is part of Series 5: Academic Departments and Schools. It is organized in 7 sub-series.

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11. University College of Jewish Studies 1972-1984

Subseries 1. Course Schedules and Descriptions

Subseries 2. Publications

Subseries 3. Record Card Abbreviations

Subseries 4. Degree Requirements

Subseries 5. Registration Reports

Subseries 6. Norman and Sadie Lee Program in Jewish and Western Civilization

Subseries 7. Summer Institutes

**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> .

**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:**

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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 Brandeis-Bardin Institute.

**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

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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.

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Faculty, University  
Women.  
Musicians  
College campuses.

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Box 15,  
folder 25-27

**Subseries:** 5.11:

**University College of Jewish Studies 1972-1984**

**Physical Description:** 3 Folders (Box 15)

**Related Materials:** For materials on the **Hebrew Teachers College, and the College of Judaica (1961-1972)** please see Box 15, Folder 20.

**Related Materials:** For materials on the **Lee College (1982-)**, see Box 19.

**Related Materials:** For materials on the **UJ-UCLA Joint Program (1982-)**, see the Department of Continuing Education (DCE) Box 18.

**Scope and Content Note**

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**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** Formed from the Hebrew Teachers College in 1972, the University College of Jewish Studies was designed for students seeking an AA or BA degree in Judaic Studies, and was the undergraduate department of the University. The UCJS was open to students from other local colleges and universities as well as high school seniors who qualified. It included a Joint Program between UCLA and UJ, as well as the Lee Program in Jewish and Western Civilization. David Gordis served as Dean. In 1987, the UCJS merged into the Lee College.

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Box 15, folder 25

1. **Course Schedules and Descriptions1972-1984**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes Schedule of Course (1973-1974), Course Descriptions (1972-1974), and Course Outline by Prof. Steve Bailey (1984).

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Box 15, folder 25

2. **Publicationsca. 1972-1980**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes two pamphlets of General Information.

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Box 15, folder 25

3. **Record Card Abbreviations1975-1978**

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Box 15, folder 25

4. **Degree Requirements1980-09**

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Box 15, folder 25

5. **Registration Reports1973**

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Box 15, folder 26

6. **Norman and Sadie Lee Program in Jewish and Western Civilization 1978-1982**

**Related Materials:** For materials on the **Lee College (1982-)**, see Box 19.

**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** The Lee Program in Jewish and Western Civilization, began as a two-year unique undergraduate program where students studied the Jewish and Western cultures during the crucial periods of their development and interaction. In 1982, the Norman and Sadie Lee College was established.

Box 15, folder 26

a. **Curriculum Plan Materials 1978-1979**

Box 15, folder 26

b. **Publications ca. 1979-1982**

*Additional Location: (Oversized Material)*

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes program pamphlet, and poster (A Unique Opportunity, David Lieber).

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Box 15, folder 27

7. **Summer Institutes 1974-1976**

**Related Materials:** For materials on the **UJ-UCLA Joint Program (1982-)**, see the Department of Continuing Education (DCE) Box 18.

Box 15, folder 27

a. **Proposals 1974-04**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes "Proposal for Community Support of a Summer Institute for College Students".

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b. **Joint Summer Institute in Jewish Studies 1976**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes pamphlet for the Joint Summer Institute in Jewish Studies with UCLA.

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c. **Advertisements 1978-04**

**Scope and Content Note**

Copy of advertisement for the 1978 Summer Institute in Jewish Studies and the 1978 Summer Institute for Jewish Educators.

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d. **News Clippings 1978-03**

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