Guide to the Continuing Education Records, Academic Departments and Schools, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The records in this series contain materials related to Continuing Education (Department of Continuing Education/the Whizin Center for Continuing Education). Subseries include General Materials, Programs, and Classes, Seminars & Trips.

Language: Materials are in English and Hebrew

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Collected by various members of the American Jewish University.

Scope and Content:
The records in this series contain materials related to Continuing Education (Department of Continuing Education/the Whizin Center for Continuing Education). Subseries include General Materials, Programs, and Classes, Seminars & Trips.
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

13. Continuing Education (Department of Continuing Education/Whizin Center for Continuing Education) 1977-2014

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   k. Lecture & Artist Bureau
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Please see Container List for continued list of programs.

Subseries 3. Classes, Seminars & Trips

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:**
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/c85h7jc/](http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c85h7jc/)

**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.
Figelman, 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.
Box 17-18

Subseries: 5.13:
Continuing Education (Department of Continuing Education/Whizin Center for Continuing Education) 1977-2014

Physical Description: 2 Boxes (Box 17 and 18)

Related Materials: For materials on the Department of Extension Education (1947-1949), see Box 15, folder 5.

Related Materials: For materials on the University Institute please see Box 15.

Scope and Content Note
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Variant Name: Department of Continuing Education (DCE) (1976-)
Variant Name: Whizin Center for Continuing Education (WCCE) (ca. 2007-)

Biography/Organization History

Historical Note: Starting in 1977 as the Department of Continuing Education (DCE), today the "Whizin Center for Continuing Education (WCCE) is dedicated to life-long learning. Our multidisciplinary program features a wide variety of courses that make for meaningful personal experiences which can lead to new insights into the world and the community. A variety of courses in Jewish studies, Hebrew language, the arts and personal growth are offered, in addition to special seminars, all-day institutes, public lectures and residential study experiences. WCCE endeavors to enrich all aspects of Jewish life - the cultural and intellectual, the artistic and religious, the political and social - to ensure the creative continuity of the Jewish people. The WCCE distinguished faculty includes scholars and noted specialists at American Jewish University, as well as experts in their field from around the country".

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1. Department of Continuing Education (DCE) Catalogs 1978-2004
2. Whizin Center for Continuing Education (WCCE) Catalogs 2007-2014
3. Program Previews 1980-1985
5. Performing Arts Season at the Gindi Catalog 2002

B. Communications 1977-2007
3. Taping Agreements 2007-11

C. Budgets 1987

D. Events 2008-06-22
Scope and Content Note
"Israel, A Mega Celebration at Brandeis-Bardin Campus, Israel’s 60th Birthday"

II. Programs 1977-2014

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1. University Institute of Jewish Studies 1987-1995
   Related Materials: For materials on the University Institute (1960-1976), see Box 15.

2. Public Lecture Series 1977-2008
   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).
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   Related Materials: For materials on the Public Lectures (1962-) under the Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations, please see Box 15.

3. Marriage Enrichment Department 1978-07-21
Scope and Content Note
Includes news clipping.

**Scope and Content Note**
Includes Brochures, Syllabus and Workbook, News Clippings, News Releases, Advertisements, Newsletter, and "Making Marriage Work" by Harlan Dworsky.

**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** Founded in 1978, with Rabbi Aaron M. Wise and Dr. Sylvia Weishaus, it is a program to help recently married, planning to be married, or long term couples. "The Making Marriage Work Program at American Jewish University offers 10-week seminars for couples both at the pre-marital stage and at various stages of their married lives. The course provides an opportunity for couples to explore their expectations, their histories and their personalities, together. The licensed clinical therapists teach communication skills, provide training in conflict resolution, discuss issues such as intimacy, questions about having children, dual careers, finding time for each other, task allocation, relating to families and friends, emotional meaning of money, and other topics vital to the success of a marriage. At the conclusion of the course, money management is covered in a special session. Additionally, spiritual aspects of marriage are discussed by our rabbis in sessions to show how Judaism enriches the life of a Jewish couple and family."

5. **Schurgin Elderhostel/ Schurgin Road Scholar 1988-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**
Includes Programs, News Releases, and News Clippings.

**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** "Since the spring of 1985, the University has been sponsoring week-long experiences of Jewish study, cultural enrichment and personal renewal for up to 100 people from all over the nation. This program, which now takes place at our beautiful Brandies-Bardin campus in Simi Valley, is offered in cooperation with the Road Scholar organization – a worldwide network of over 1,800 colleges and universities offering low-cost, short-term residential programs of study for people age 55 and older. Participants in the program not only expand their minds but will be in the company of other people who believe that learning is one of the best parts of life."


**Related Materials:** For materials on the Joint Summer Institute in Jewish Studies with UCLA (1976), please see the University College of Jewish Studies (Box 15).

**Scope and Content Note**
Includes News Releases and News Clippings about the UJ/UCLA Sunday Seminar and more.
II. Programs 1977-2014

7. **Introduction to Judaism. 1981-1996**

*Related Materials:* For materials on the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (1991-), please see Box 20.

**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** Started in 1953, Introduction to Judaism is "the largest preparatory program for those considering conversion to Judaism in North America". For nearly half a century, the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program at American Jewish University has inspired and empowered thousands of Jews and prospective Jews By Choice who seek a spiritual home in the Jewish community. The dynamic, experiential courses explore history, practice, culture, texts, and values and are designed for all who seek to live a richer Jewish life, including those contemplating conversion. Classes are joined with beautiful Shabbat retreats, supportive discussion groups, individualized Hebrew reading instruction, and countless opportunities to live Judaism beyond the classroom. This program was formerly under the DCE and later moved to the Ziegler School.

**Scope and Content Note**

**Variant Name:** Louis and Judith Miller Introduction to Judaism Program

Includes program notes, brochures & program advertising, news clippings, news releases, and publications.

8. **Program in Adult Jewish Studies 1987**

*Related Materials:* For materials on the Adult College of Jewish Studies (1973-1978), please see Box 15.

**Scope and Content Note**

**Variant Name:** Program of Adult Jewish Studies

Includes programs for the Synagogue Extension Program, and the Jewish Community Center Extension Program.

9. **Center For Israel Studies ca. 2005**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes an informational page by Dr. Nadav Morag.

10. **Wagner Human Services Training Program 1979-2011**

**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** The Wagner Human Services Training Program, in existence since 1981, is an intensive two-year course designed to train volunteer counselors to help people cope with a variety of life situations. The Program meets one day a week during the academic year. The two-year extensive academic training is invaluable. During this time, students gain a much better understanding of themselves, their relationship with others, and are able to carry this knowledge into the community. The program’s uniqueness stems from the varied subjects covered. Those who complete the Program are qualified to work as paraprofessionals under the direction of mental health professionals in community agencies, congregations and organizations. Betty Wagner Kramer is the founder.

**Scope and Content Note**

**Variant Name:** Wagner Program; Wagner Program for the Enrichment of Jewish Family Living; Wagner Program for Personal and Family Enrichment; The Rabbi Joseph H. Wagner Memorial Program

A. **Correspondence 1979-1996**

B. **Programs and Course Offerings ca. 1979**

Includes course offerings for the Rabbi Joseph H. Wagner Memorial Program for the Enrichment of Jewish Family Life.
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C. **Wagner Human Services Para-Professional Training Program 2011**
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes pamphlet.

D. **Events 1993-1996**
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes materials on The Timbrels of Miriam, Women’s Annual Retreat, Annual Luncheon, honoring Elaine Berke, Faye Kellerman, and Luncheon honoring Gladys Sturman and Ruth Bromberg.

E. **Communications 1984-1995**
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes news releases, and new clippings.

11. **Summer Festival of the Arts 1991-1998**
   *Related Materials:* For materials on the Cultural Arts Program (1985-), please see Box 18.
   Biography/Organization History
   **Historical Note:** Featured a variety of performances in music, dance and drama.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes programs, news releases and news clippings.

12. **Lecture & Artist Bureauca. 1994**
   Biography/Organization History
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes booklet.

   Biography/Organization History
   **Historical Note:** The Simmons Family Charitable Foundation Annual program in Biblical Archaeology, presented at the University since 1980, features a day-long program with outstanding scholars from around the world. This highly acclaimed program brings news of fascinating explorations and discoveries in the field of Archaeology and the Bible.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes program for the Joint Lecture Program of the California Museum of Ancient Art and the UJ DCE: Historical and Mythical Figures in the Ancient World of the Bible (1994), news clippings and news releases.

14. **Family Concert Series 1999**
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes program for Sunday Funday.
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15. Dortort Program of the Arts 2003-2005
Biography/Organization History

**Historical Note:** Theater, opera, comedy, concerts and more are all part of American Jewish University’s highly acclaimed Dortort Program for the Arts, which has become known throughout Los Angeles for featuring some of the greatest talents of stage and screen. Performances, which take place in the University’s acoustically outstanding Gindi Auditorium, attract arts aficionados from across Southern California.

Scope and Content Note

**Variant Name:** David Dortort Performing Arts Program
Includes programs and news clippings.

16. Summer Film Festival 1991
Scope and Content Note
Includes news clippings and news releases.

17. Cultural Arts Program 1985-1996
**Related Materials:** For materials on the Summer Festival of the Arts (1991-), please see Box 18.

Scope and Content Note

**Variant Name:** Cultural Arts Season
Includes event information, news clippings and news releases.

18. Lunch and Learn Program 1995-1996
Scope and Content Note
Includes news releases.

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Includes news releases and news clippings.

20. Singles Education Series 1990
Scope and Content Note
Includes news release and news clippings.

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22. Storytelling Festival and Workshop 1990
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24. Florence Melton Adult Mini-School 1994
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<td><strong>Historical Note</strong>: This series of five seminars, made possible by a grant from Pat and Arnold Gittelson, deals with the concept that ethics and morals are the products of a religious tradition. Many believe that one of Judaism’s most important contributions to Western civilization has been the ethical code found in the Torah and the extensive body of rabbinic literature that followed. Judaism has a history of striving to create a system of ethical behavior that is simultaneously realistic and sensitive to the rights of the individual and society. This seminar is approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California.</td>
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28. **AJU Choir 1994-2014**

*Related Materials:* For materials on the *UJ Chorale (1962-1972)* see the School of Fine Arts (Box 16)

*Related Materials:* For materials on the *UJ Chorale Society (1973-)* see the Fine Arts Program & the Center for the Arts (Box 15)

*Scope and Content Note*
Includes news releases and program advertisements.

*Variant Name:* University of Judaism Concert Singers; University of Judaism Choir; American Jewish University Choir; AJU Choir.

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III. **Classes, Seminars & Trips 1978-1996**

*Scope and Content Note*
Includes news clippings and news releases.