

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

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### Descriptive Summary

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**Title:** Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Academic Departments and Schools, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)

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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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Bel-Air, California 90077

**Extent:** 1 Box (Box 20)

**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 Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. Subseries include Curriculums and Catalogues, Student Handbooks, Brochures, Events, Publications, Conservative Judaism Materials, Communications, Faculty, Masorti Foundation, Tamkin Yavneh Program, and Lishma.

**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 11 sub-series.

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16. Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies 1991-2014

Subseries 1. Curriculums and Catalogues

Subseries 2. Student Handbooks

Subseries 3. Brochures

Subseries 4. Events

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Subseries 7. Communications

Subseries 8. Faculty

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**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:**

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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/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

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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

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Libraries.  
Jewish artists  
Jewish college teachers  
Authors.  
Faculty, University  
Women.  
Musicians  
College campuses.

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Box 20

**Subseries:** 5.16:

**Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies 1991-2014** 

**Physical Description:** 1 Box (Box 20)

**Related Materials:** For materials on the **Graduate School of Judaica (1971-)**, see Box 15.

**Related Materials:** For materials on the **Introduction to Judaism (1981-)**, see Box 18.

**Scope and Content Note**

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**Variant Name:** *The Ruth and Allen Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies*

**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** *Established in 1991 and replacing the Graduate School of Judaica, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies made history when it opened the first independent rabbinical school on the West Coast. While we take pride in being history-makers and serving as pioneers in the Conservative Jewish community, we are much more than innovators and pacesetters. First and foremost, we are a full-fledged five-year rabbinical school that values rigorous scholarship, embraces the splendors of spirituality, and provides our students with vast opportunities to grow intellectually and spiritually. Through a forward thinking approach that combines a rigorous study of texts with practical, hands on training in such areas as counseling, education and chaplaincy, the Conservative-affiliated school is ensuring that the rabbis of tomorrow will be able to meet the diverse needs of Jewish communities in the United States and abroad.*

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Box 20, folder 1-2

1. **Curriculums and Cataloguesca. 1991-2004**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes curriculums, catalogues and course descriptions.

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Box 20, folder 3

2. **Student Handbooks 1997**

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Box 20, folder 3

3. **Brochures1996-ca. 2004**

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Box 20, folder 4

4. **Events1995-2014** 

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes Rabbinic Ordinations, Dedication Ceremony for the Ziegler School, Beit Midrash in the Hills, and the Opening of Zacharias Frankel College.

5. Publications1997-2008

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Box 20, folder 5

5. **Publications1997-2008**

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A. **Guidelines for Religious Practice1997-04**

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B. **Ziegler School Newsletter1998**

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C. **Ziegler News2004-2008**

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Box 20, folder 6

6. **Conservative Judaism Materialsca. 1998**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes pamphlets and statements by the school and by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson.

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Box 20, folder 7

7. **Communications1991-2007**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes news clippings, news releases, and a 2003 Promotional Videotape.

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Box 20, folder 8

8. **Faculty2006**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes materials related to Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson.

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Box 20, folder 9

9. **Masorti Foundation**

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Box 20, folder 10

11. **Tamkin Yavneh Program1994-1997**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes program information flyer, news releases and news clippings.

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Box 20, folder 11

11. **Lishmaca. 2000**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes brochure.

**Biography/Organization History**

**Historical Note:** *Camp Ramah and the Ziegler School co-founded Lishma, an innovative learning program where young adult Jews spend the summer exploring traditional Jewish texts, prayer and practice.*

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