Guide to the Faculty & Individual Files Series, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)

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Descriptive Summary

Identifier/Call Number: CaLaAJUL1_25

Title: Faculty & Individual Files Series, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)

Date (inclusive): 1944-2005 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: 2 Boxes (Boxes 28-29)

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

Abstract: The records in this series contain materials related to Faculty & Individual Files (Series 7). The series consists of news clippings, correspondence, biographical information, interview materials, publications, and other materials related to faculty, staff, donors, guests, and other individuals associated with the University.

Language: Materials are in English and Hebrew

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information:
Collected by various members of the American Jewish University.

Scope and Content:
The records in this series contain materials related to Faculty & Individual Files (Series 7). The series consists of news clippings, correspondence, biographical information, interview materials, publications, and other materials related to faculty, staff, donors, guests, and other individuals associated with the University.
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 Series 7: Faculty & Individual Files

VII. Faculty & Individual Files 1944-2005

Subseries 1. Individual Files

Subseries 2. Joint Faculty Publications & Writings Collection

**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/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.
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.
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.
Series: 7. Faculty & Individual Files 1944-2005

1. Individual Files 1944-2005

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Box 28

1. Individual Files 1944-2005

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Box 28, Folder 1

1. Walter I. Ackerman ca. 1969-1972

Scope and Content Note
Includes writings and publications.

Box 28, Folder 2

2. Hanan Alexander 1990

Scope and Content Note
Includes news clippings.

Box 28, Folder 3

3. David and Bertha Aronson ca. 1988

Scope and Content Note
Includes interview, news clippings, and biographical materials.

Box 28, Folder 4

4. Ora Band ca. 1996

Box 28, Folder 5

5. Ben Zion Bergman 1992

Scope and Content Note
Includes news clipping.

Box 28

6. Abe Bolsky

Scope and Content Note
Includes "Abe Bolsky: This is a Life" videotape.

Box 28, Folder 6


Scope and Content Note
Includes news clipping.

Box 28, Folder 7

8. Aryeh Cohen 1995

Scope and Content Note
Includes news release.

Box 28, Folder 8

9. Gerson Cohen 1966

Scope and Content Note
Includes publication.

Box 28, Folder 9

10. Moshe Davis 1969

Scope and Content Note
Includes publication.
| Box 28, Folder 10 | 11. **Samuel Dinin 1963**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news clipping. |
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| Box 28, Folder 11 | 12. **Elliot Dorff ca. 1989-1997**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news clippings and news releases. |
| Box 28, Folder 12 | 13. **Marcia Falk ca. 1988** |
| Box 28, Folder 13 | 14. **Isadore Familian ca. 1975-2002**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news clippings. |
| Box 28, Folder 14 | 15. **William Fingerhut 1977**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news clippings. |
| Box 28, Folder 15 | 16. **Louis Finkelstein ca. 1961-1963**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news clippings. |
| Box 28, Folder 16 | 17. **Julius Fligelman ca. 1960**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes biography sheet and news clipping. |
| Box 28, Folder 17 | 18. **Samuel A. Fryer ca. 1960-1975**  
Additional Location: (Oversized Material)  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes copy of letter from Mrs. Hans Albert Einstein to Sam, with inscription from Samuel Fryer, 1965-02-14; and Tribute to Samuel A. Fryer by the American Technion Society Booklet. |
| Box 28, Folder 18 | 19. **Elie Gindi ca. 1970**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes the Elie Gindi Story, from an Elie and Rachel Gindi Event. |
| Box 28, Folder 19 | 20. **Victor Goodhill 1962**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news clipping. |
| Box 28, Folder 20 | 21. **Daniel H. Gordis 1994**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news releases. |
| Box 28, Folder 21 | 22. **David Gordis ca. 1976-1990**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes publications and news releases. |
| Box 28, Folder 22 | 23. **Robert Gordis 1961**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes news clipping. |

Scope and Content Note
Includes interview materials from "University of Judaism History Project, Memories of Yesterday, Visions of Tomorrow", correspondence and more.

A. University of Judaism History Project, Memories of Yesterday, Visions of Tomorrow 1985-1986

Scope and Content Note
Includes interview transcripts with various individuals and materials for the Interviews for "The University of Judaism at Forty" book. Audiotapes housed at the University.

Variant Name: “The University of Judaism at Forty” book
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42. **Than Wyenn 1946**

Scope and Content Note
Copy of correspondence from Than Wyenn in Mishmar Haemek, Palestine, 1946.

Box 28, Folder 41  
43. **Ziony Zevit 1991**

Scope and Content Note
Includes news clippings.

Box 28, Folder 42  
44. **Max and Pauline Zimmer 1978-1999**

Scope and Content Note
Includes news clipping and news releases.

Box 28, Folder 43  
2. **Joint Faculty Publications & Writings Collection 1949-ca. 1970**

Box 28  
1. **Essays and Articles on the Philosophy of the Conservative Movement** by Simon Greenberg, Mordecai Kaplan, Isaac Klein, Jack Cohen, and Jacob Agus.

Box 28  
2. **25th Anniversary Convocation of the Jewish Centers Association of Los Angeles, Jewish Existence in an Open Society** by Dr. Moshe Davis, Rabbi Robert Gordis, Barry Hyams, Dr. David Lieber, Max Lerner, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, Dr. Alfred Werner, and Elie Wiesel, 1970

Box 28  
3. **Los Angeles Jewish Community Council 1949-1952**

Scope and Content Note
Members include Julius Fligelman, Peter Kahn, Theodore Strimling and more. Includes Members’ Kit for the 15th Annual Meeting of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council (1949-01-09) and Minutes of the Spring Meeting (1952-06-08).