Guide to the Oversized Materials, American Jewish University Archives (Institutional Records)

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Descriptive Summary
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Repository: University Archives and Ostrow Library, American Jewish University
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Extent: Oversized Shelf
Location: Physical files are housed at the Ostrow Library of the American Jewish University.
Abstract: The records in this series contain materials related to Oversized Materials. Please see the finding aids for specific schools and departments for additional details.
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 Oversized Materials. Please see the finding aids for specific schools and departments for additional details.
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 8: Academic Departments and Schools.
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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:

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...
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/c85h7jcj/

**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
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.

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Oversized Materials ca. 1947-2014

Physical Description: Oversized Shelf

Scope and Content Note
The records in this series contain materials related to Oversized Materials. Please see the finding aids for specific schools and departments for additional details.

1. Brandeis, Two Campuses, One Vision, One Future Exhibit Material
2. Norman and Sadie Lee Program in Jewish and Western Civilization, Program Poster
3. Torah Fund, JTS Poster, by Helen B. Tomsky 1983
4. Congregational Cabinet, UJ Photo, At Campus Site 1969-10-26
5. University Women, Rock Hudson and Marilyn Maxwell visit the library before performing at University Women's fundraising event ca. 1965
6. Board of Directors, Peter Lowy 2008
7. Lee College, Bachelor of Arts Diploma
8. Samuel Fryer Photo
9. Office of the President, David Lieber, Photo
10. Office of the President, David Lieber, Young, Photo
11. Platt Gallery, Fine Arts Council of the University of Judaism, Oversized Poster, Celebrating 100 Years of Zionism, Artist David Rose
12. Fine Arts Dept., Music Committee/Department, Ernest Bloch Music Festival Concerts Poster
14. High Holiday Ads
   1. High Holiday Ad 1981 (framed)
15. Dr. Louis Ginzberg, Professor of Talmud photo
16. Kodachrome Slides, History
17. JTS, Faces 5646-5746: One hundred years of the JTS of America, poster calendar (rolled) 1985
18. Framed Photo, Rabbi Morris and Althea Silverman
19. Framed Photo, Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Simon Greenberg
20. Framed Photo, Israel Friedlander? with diploma
21. Framed Photo, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman
22. Framed Photo, Martin Buber 1950
23. Framed Photo, Louis Finkelstein 1978
24. Newspaper Clipping Books (3)