
Finding Aid for the Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel Records LSC.2340

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Title: Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel records

Creator: Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel (Los Angeles, Calif.)

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Date (inclusive): 1905 to 2017, bulk 1920-2005

Abstract: Collection consists of records from the organized Sephardic Jewish community of Los Angeles and other materials related to Sephardic life in 20th century Los Angeles.

Language of Material: Primarily in English and Ladino. Some materials are in Spanish, Hebrew, and French.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Alex Rachmanony, STTI President, 2016.

Custodial History

Materials in this collection were collected by Maurice Hattem and an archival team made up of members of STTI. The bulk of these materials were collected in the 1980s.

Processing Information

Processed by Max Daniel in 2018-2019 under the supervision of Courtney Dean in the [Center for Primary Research and Training \(CFPRT\)](#). Earlier inventory work done by Chris Silver, Caroline Luce, and Joanna Chen Cham at STTI in 2015.

General

This collection forms part of [UCLA's Sephardic Archive Initiative](#).

UCLA Catalog Record ID

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Biographical / Historical

After centuries of established life on the Iberian Peninsula, Jews were formally expelled by Spanish royal decree in 1492. With many refugees settling in North Africa and the Ottoman Empire, these Jews developed a distinct Sephardic (meaning Spanish, in Hebrew) culture and community that included the retention and development of a unique hybrid language, known as Judeo-Spanish or Ladino. At the outset of the 20th century, these Sephardic Jews sought better futures elsewhere, such as in sub-Saharan Africa, Western Europe, South America, and the United States. In search of economic opportunity and respite from political turmoil in the crumbling Ottoman Empire, many of these Sephardic Jews found their way to Los Angeles, a rapidly growing commercial and industrial metropolis. Throughout the century, the Sephardic community in Los Angeles would expand and come to include Jews from various backgrounds, notably North African, Israeli, and Persian Jews. By the end of the century, Los Angeles had solidified its status as a center of Sephardic life worldwide.

The Comunidad Sefardi de Los Angeles (Sephardic Community of Los Angeles) was officially formed in 1920 by a few dozen young immigrant men, though its roots go back to 1912 with the formation of Ahavat Shalom (Love of Peace). Catering to

members from cities along Turkey's Mediterranean coast - like Istanbul, Bursa, and Izmir - these organizations were simultaneously religious, social, cultural, and economic in nature. Soon after in 1921, another Sephardic organization, Haim vaHessed (Life and Kindness), was formed and later changed its name to the Sephardic Brotherhood. The center of Sephardic life was to be found primarily in and around downtown until the 1930s, when it moved southwest towards South Los Angeles and the Exposition Park area. The Community's synagogue, Tifereth Israel, was inaugurated in 1932 and built on Santa Barbara Avenue, now Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. In 1959, a congregational merger created the Sephardic Community and Brotherhood of Los Angeles. Beginning in 1967, plans for a new temple in Westwood were underway that were ultimately realized during a final dedication ceremony in 1981. Over time, the organization and synagogue names would both be identified as the Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel (STTI), as it is known at the time of processing (2019).

Parallel to and closely intertwined with STTI is another Sephardic congregation in Los Angeles that was formed in 1917 as Sociedad Pas i Progreso (Peace and Progress Society) and consisted mainly of Jews from the Island of Rhodes. In 1935, after inaugurating a synagogue in South Los Angeles at 55th St. and Hoover, they changed their name to the Sephardic Hebrew Center. After moving their temple to Ladera Heights in the late 1960s, SHC changed their name to Sephardic Beth Shalom in 1992, only to merge with Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel (STTI) in 1993.

These organizations each had their own women's groups - known as Sisterhoods or Ladies' Auxiliaries - that catered to their members' social, philanthropic, and communal needs. Through the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Brotherhood, Community, Sephardic Hebrew Center, and their corresponding women's groups joined together in a short-lived Council of Sephardic Organizations, which mainly coordinated fundraising and social events.

Other Sephardic organizations represented in this collection are the Maccabeans - a semi-independent young adult group - and the Sephardic Benevolent Society, alongside the Los Angeles Sephardic Home for the Aged (LASHA) and other local, national, and international Sephardic and Jewish organizations, programs, and groups.

Scope and Content

The Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel records consist of materials related to the Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel (STTI) and its lay and religious leadership and congregants, as well as items of broader relevance to Sephardic and Jewish life in Los Angeles, California, the United States, and abroad. The collection includes organizational records, such as board meeting minutes, correspondence, event programs and tribute journals, publications, ephemera, photographs, scrapbooks, subject and research files, assorted awards and honors, 1/4 inch audiotapes of Sephardic, Balkan, and Turkish music collected by Emily Sene, and VHS and audiocassettes of STTI events. The bulk of the collection is in English and to a lesser extent Ladino.

Arrangement

This collection has been arranged in the following series and subseries:

- Series 1: Institutional records, 1920-2017
 - Subseries 1.1: Minutes, 1920-2005
 - Subseries 1.2: Building and financial records, 1929-2017
 - Subseries 1.3: Organizational records, committee records, and official correspondence, 1920-2009
- Series 2: Publications, newsletters, and programs, 1932-2015
 - Subseries 2.1: Newsletters and publications, 1946-2015
 - Subseries 2.2: Programs, yearbooks, events, 1932-2015
- Series 3: Subject files, 1905-2014
 - Subseries 3.1: Maurice I. "Bob" Hattem papers, 1922-2005
 - Subseries 3.2: Personal files, 1911-2014
 - Subseries 3.3: Place files, 1905-2003
- Series 4: Photographs, scrapbooks, and clippings, circa 1910-2004
 - Subseries 4.1: Photographs, 1910-2001
 - Subseries 4.2: Scrapbooks and clippings, 1910-2004
- Series 5: Audiovisual, 1951-2004
 - Subseries 5.1: Sene collection, 1953-1980
 - Subseries 5.2: Other audiovisual materials, 1951-2004
- Series 6: Awards, artwork, and ephemera, 1911-2002
 - Subseries 6.1: Awards, plaques, certificates, drawings, 1911-2002
 - Sub-series 6.2: Ephemera, 1913-1990

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Separated Materials

Ladino books have been individually cataloged in the UCLA Library online catalog. Records for these items may be found by searching this keyword string: "Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel records."

Existence and Location of Copies

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Related Materials

[Western States Jewish History Archive \(LSC 1739\)](#). Available at UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Sephardim -- California -- Los Angeles

Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Archives

Series 1: Institutional records 1920-2017**Scope and Contents**

This series contains minutes, tax and financial records, official correspondence, membership information, architectural/building records, and legal records of a few interrelated Sephardic organizations, mostly based in Los Angeles. These include the Comunidad Sefardi/Sephardic Community/Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel, Haim vaHessed/Sephardic Brotherhood, the Sephardic Hebrew Center/Sephardic Beth Shalom, the Council of Sephardic Organizations, the Sephardic Benevolent Society, and the Sephardic Sisterhood (affiliated with the Community).

Subseries 1.1: Minutes 1920-2005

Language of Material: Minutes are mostly in Ladino/Spanish through 1940, and afterwards in English.

Scope and Contents

Sub-series 1.1 contains the minutes of general, special, committee, and board meetings of the various Sephardic groups mentioned above, with the bulk relating to the Comunidad/Community/STTI.

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box 1, folder 2
box 1, folder 3
box 2, folder 1
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box 2, folder 3
box 3, folder 1
box 3, folder 2
box 3, folder 3
box 3, folder 4
box 4, folder 2
box 4, folder 1
box 4, folder 3
box 4, folder 4
box 5
box 5, folder 1

Comunidad minutes 1920-1938**Comunidad minutes 1938-1946****Comunidad minutes 1947-1949****Community minutes 1949-1956****Community minutes 1956-1959****Community minutes 1959-1960****Community and brotherhood board meeting minutes 1961-1965****Community and brotherhood board meeting minutes 1965-1971****Community and brotherhood board meeting minutes 1971-1974****Community and brotherhood general meeting minutes 1960-1986****STTI board meeting minutes 1978-1987****STTI board and board of directors meeting minutes 1987-1990****STTI board and board of directors meeting minutes 1991-1999****STTI board and board of directors meeting minutes 2000-2005****Sephardic Hebrew Center minutes 1942-1960****Sephardic Hebrew Center minutes 1968-1976**

box 5, folder 2	Sephardic Sisterhood minutes 1958-1960
box 5, folder 3	Sephardic Benevolent Society minutes 1961-1971

Subseries 1.2: Building and financial records 1929-2017**Scope and Contents**

Sub-series 1.2 contains institutional, building, legal, and financial records relating to STTI, much of it from the papers of Richard J. Amado (born 1902 in Smyrna/Izmir, Ottoman Turkey and died 1984 in Los Angeles). Amado was a lawyer and local lay leader in the Sephardic and Jewish community, particularly in the Comunidad/Community and the Council of Sephardic Organizations, where he was president for several years. Sub-series 1.2 also contains some of Amado's correspondence and other documents relating to his other communal roles from the 1930s through the 1970s.

box 6, folder 2	Sephardic Community Santa Barbara Ave Temple construction 1929-1933
box 6, folder 4	Sephardic Community Santa Barbara Temple Planning and Groundbreaking 1929-1932
box 6, folder 1	Sephardic Community tax exemption case 1941-1943
box 6, folder 3	Sephardic Community and Brotherhood Temple site search 1965-1966
box 6, folder 5	Sephardic Community/STTI financial miscellany 1956-1992
box 6, folder 6	STTI Westwood temple zoning 1967-1968
box 6, folder 7	Temple construction and miscellaneous 1967-1970
box 7, folder 2	Westwood temple construction and plans 1969-1972
box 6, folder 8	STTI Michael Alcana Youth Lounge 1984
box 6, folder 9	STTI Tour Guides and other miscellaneous 1975-2000
box 7, folder 1	STTI Library and Museum 1977
box 7, folder 3	STTI Finances and Stocks 1972-1978
box 7, folder 4	Richard J. Amado papers: STTI finances and stocks 1957-1976
box 7, folder 5	Richard J. Amado papers: STTI securities 1972-1979
box 8, folder 1	Richard J. Amado papers: correspondence, miscellaneous 1959-1973
box 8, folder 2	Richard J. Amado papers: correspondence, miscellaneous 1960-1973
box 8, folder 3	Richard J. Amado papers: correspondence, miscellaneous 1971-1975
box 9, folder 4	Richard J. Amado papers: incorporation, taxes, exemption 1959-1980
box 9, folder 3	Richard J. Amado papers: tax exemption 1963-1976
box 9, folder 2	Richard J. Amado papers: gifts and memorials 1968-1980
box 9, folder 1	Richard J. Amado papers: Sephardic Home for Aged 1956-1979
box 10, folder 1	Richard J. Amado papers: temple finances, Gorme-Lawrence documents, secret fund 1973-1984
box 10, folder 2	Richard J. Amado papers: Israel bonds, creditor claim 1960-1976
box 10, folder 3	Richard J. Amado Papers: Malinow and Silverman Mortuary 1973-1980
box 10, folder 4	Richard J. Amado papers: STTI building and construction 1969-1978
box 11, folder 1	Richard J. Amado papers: Old temple heritage site, sanctuary construction, re-dedication 1980-1981
box 70, folder 3	Tentative architectural plans for STTI - Leroy Miller AIA architecture 1967
box 75	STTI museum and library architectural plans 1976
	Physical Description: Architectural plans are rolled, but in good condition.
box 15, folder 1	Sephardic Sisterhood financial documents 1961-1978
box 70, folder 1	Sephardic Sisterhood financial documents 1975-1977

Subseries 1.3: Organizational records, committee records, and official correspondence 1920-2009
Scope and Contents

Sub-series 1.3 contains material of relevance to the institutions of Sephardic life in Los Angeles, such as those related to constitutions and by-laws, membership, committees, events, fundraising, and correspondence with other local, national, and international organizations. These are mostly from STTI, but some are from the Sephardic Sisterhood, the Council of Sephardic Organizations, and the Sephardic Hebrew Center.

box 11, folder 2
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 box 12, folder 1
 box 12, folder 2
 box 12, folder 3
 box 12, folder 4
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 box 12, folder 6
 box 13, folder 2
 box 13, folder 3
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 box 13, folder 1
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STTI Temple dedications 1932, 1970, 1985
STTI membership dues and lists 1921-1997
STTI membership lists and guide to Sephardic Los Angeles 1990-1998
STTI membership lists 2006, 2009
STTI constitutions and amendments 1930-1995
STTI constitutions and amendments 1920-1952
STTI Board of Directors 1957-2003
Committees: Talmud Torah and education 1956-1999
Committees: Adult education 1979-1993
Committees: Membership lists 1951-1990
Committees: Burial 1937-2001
Committees: Archives 1983-2000
Committees: Publications and El Shofar 1979-1993
Committees: Elections, Religious, Special 1956-2002
Maurice Amado Scholarship Award 1973-1980
STTI correspondence 1929-1965
STTI correspondence 1970-2001
Fountain pen from STTI cornerstone 1931
Documents from STTI Cornerstone 1920-1931
United Sephardic Organizations/Council of Sephardic Organizations documents 1938-1950
Merger of Sephardic Community and Brotherhood and ephemera 1952-1965
Sisterhood history 1924-1935, 1999

Physical Description: Oversize, pages contained in leather souvenir container.
 Fragile paper.

box 15, folder 2
 box 15, folder 3
 box 15, folder 4
 box 16, folder 1
 box 16, folder 2
 box 16, folder 3
 box 16, folder 4

 box 16, folder 5

 box 17, folder 1

 box 17, folder 2

Sephardic Sisterhood: constitutions, correspondence, membership lists 1931-1997
Sisterhood documents 1971-1996
Suzanne Amado papers and other Sisterhood items 1936-2015
Haim vaHessed Society 1933-1936
Sephardic Hebrew Center: constitutions, correspondence, events 1938-1982
STTI-Sephardic Hebrew Center merger 1992-1993
Affiliated organizations: Alliance Israelite Universelle, American Sephardi Federation, Bureau of Jewish Education 1956-2000
Affiliated organizations: City of Hope, Home of Peace, Israel Bonds, Jewish war veterans, the Ladinos, Los Angeles Sephardic Home for the Aged 1934-2000
Affiliated organizations: Los Amigos Sefaradis, Los Hermanos, Los Mercedos award, Material for Palestine, the Maccabeans 1948-1997
Affiliated organizations: Mt. Sinai hospital, Senior Citizens, Sephardic Education Center, United Jewish Welfare Fund, World Sephardi Federation 1935-2002

Series 2: Publications, newsletters, and programs 1932-2017**Scope and Contents**

This series contains various publications and newsletters from Los Angeles-based Sephardic organizations, from the 1940s until 2017. Most are from the Sephardic Community and Brotherhood/STTI, and their *El Shofar* monthly bulletin features a near-complete collection through the 2000s from its first issue in 1980. Its long-time editor, Bob Hattem, also served as the STTI main archivist. Other publications include those from the Sephardic Hebrew Center and the Los Angeles Sephardic Home for the Aged (LASHA). This series also includes items related to cultural, religious, and social events and programs organized by or with various Sephardic organizations in Los Angeles.

Subseries 2.1: Newsletters and publications 1946-2015**Scope and Contents**

Sub-series 2.1 contains printed newsletters and bulletins from Los Angeles Sephardic groups, primarily from the Sephardic Community/Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel (variously published as *Tifereth Israel Bulletin*, *La Vida Sefardi*, *Sephardic Messenger*, *STTI News*, *STTI Bulletin*, and *El Shofar*). Other items include publications from the Sephardic Hebrew Center (variously published as *Sephardic Hebrew Center Monthly*, *Sephardic Star*, *Sephardic News*), the Council of Sephardic Organizations, the Sephardic Sisterhood, and the Los Angeles Sephardic Home for the Aged's *LASHON*.

box 17, folder 3	<i>Sephardic Hebrew Center Monthly, Sephardic Star, Sephardic News 1963-1985</i>
box 17, folder 4	<i>Sephardic Council News 1956</i>
box 17, folder 5	<i>Tifereth Israel Bulletin, La Vida Sefardi 1946-1966</i>
box 18, folder 1	<i>Sephardic Messenger 1960-1962</i>
box 18, folder 2	<i>Sephardic Messenger 1963-1968</i>
box 18, folder 3	<i>Temple Tifereth Israel Bulletin 1966-1971</i>
box 18, folder 4	<i>Sephardic Messenger, STTI News, STTI Bulletin 1972-1979</i>
box 19, folder 1	<i>Sephardic Sisterhood News Bulletin 1948, 1974-1976</i>
box 19, folder 2	<i>El Shofar 1980</i>
box 19, folder 3	<i>El Shofar 1981</i>
box 19, folder 4	<i>El Shofar 1982</i>
box 20, folder 1	<i>El Shofar 1983</i>
box 20, folder 2	<i>El Shofar 1984</i>
box 20, folder 3	<i>El Shofar 1985</i>
box 21, folder 1	<i>El Shofar 1986</i>
box 21, folder 2	<i>El Shofar 1987</i>
box 21, folder 3	<i>El Shofar 1988</i>
box 21, folder 4	<i>El Shofar 1989</i>
box 21, folder 5	<i>El Shofar 1990</i>
box 21, folder 6	<i>El Shofar 1991</i>
box 21, folder 7	<i>El Shofar 1992</i>
box 22, folder 1	<i>El Shofar 1993</i>
box 22, folder 2	<i>El Shofar 1994-1995</i>
box 22, folder 3	<i>El Shofar 1996</i>
box 22, folder 4	<i>El Shofar 1997</i>
box 22, folder 5	<i>El Shofar 1998</i>
box 23, folder 1	<i>El Shofar 1999</i>
box 23, folder 2	<i>El Shofar 2000</i>
box 23, folder 3	<i>El Shofar 2001</i>
box 23, folder 4	<i>El Shofar 2002-2005</i>
box 24, folder 1	<i>El Shofar 2006-2011</i>
box 24, folder 2	<i>El Shofar 2012-2017</i>
box 24, folder 4	<i>LASHON 1986-1992</i>
box 24, folder 5	<i>LASHON 1993-1994</i>
box 25, folder 1	<i>LASHON 1995-1999</i>

box 25, folder 2	LASHON 2000-2002
box 25, folder 3	LASHON 2002-2004
box 25, folder 4	LASHON 2004-2011
box 24, folder 3	Miscellaneous publications 1982-2015

Subseries 2.2: Programs, yearbooks, and events 1932-2015**Scope and Contents**

Sub-series 2.2 features programs, brochures, flyers, and other items related to community events and celebrations. Includes Sephardic Heritage Award journals from STTI, annual yearbooks from the Sephardic Hebrew Center, as well as items related to outside organizations like the Maccabeans, Los Angeles Sephardic Home for the Aged, and the Sephardic Hebrew Academy (now the Gindi Maimonides Academy). Sub-series 2.2 also contains some curricular and liturgical items from STTI.

box 25, folder 5	Programs 1932-1981
box 25, folder 6	The Maccabeans - Miss Sephardic 1954-1964
box 26, folder 1	Sephardic Community and Brotherhood event programs and journals 1935-1964
box 26, folder 2	Sephardic Community and Brotherhood event programs and journals 1966-1970
box 26, folder 3	STTI dinner journals 1975-1976
box 26, folder 4	LASHA 30th anniversary journal 1986
box 26, folder 5	Cantor Isaac Behar journal 1997
box 26, folder 6	Sephardic Hebrew Academy scholarship dinner journal 1992
box 27, folder 1	STTI dinner journals 1977-1978
box 27, folder 2	STTI tribute journals and event programs 1980-1983
box 27, folder 3	STTI event programs and journals 1983-1988
box 27, folder 4	Sephardic Heritage Award journal 1988
box 27, folder 5	STTI event programs and journals 1989-1994
box 28, folder 1	STTI events and journals 1993-1997
box 28, folder 2	STTI events, programs, and journals 1998-2000
box 28, folder 3	STTI events, programs, and journals 2002-2004
box 28, folder 4	Miscellaneous events and ephemera 1958-2015
box 28, folder 5	Events: Holocaust memorial, Sephardic Heritage Award, Voice of the Turtle, Sephardic Fiesta '79, Sephardic singles, 75th anniversary 1977-2015
box 28, folder 6	STTI memorial books 1976-1980
box 29, folder 1	STTI memorial books 1981-1992
box 29, folder 2	STTI memorial books 1997-2015
box 29, folder 3	Sephardic Hebrew Center journals and yearbooks 1967-1975
box 29, folder 4	Sephardic Hebrew Center journals and yearbooks 1976-1978
box 30, folder 1	Sephardic Hebrew Center journals and yearbooks 1980-1981
box 30, folder 2	Sephardic Hebrew Center journals and yearbooks 1982, 1984
box 30, folder 3	Sephardic Hebrew Center journals and yearbooks 1985-1987
box 30, folder 4	Sephardic Hebrew Center journals and yearbooks 1988-1989
box 31, folder 1	Sephardic Hebrew Center/Sephardic Beth Shalom journals and yearbooks 1990-1992
box 31, folder 2	STTI yearbooks 1994-1996
box 31, folder 3	Sephardic Community and Brotherhood, Council of Sephardic Organizations events and invitations 1932-1979
box 31, folder 4	Events and invitations 1980-1990
box 32, folder 1	Events and invitations 1991-2000
box 32, folder 2	Events and invitations, weekly calendars 1991-2004
box 32, folder 3	Shabbat Shalom fliers 1978-1987
box 32, folder 4	Shabbat Shalom fliers 1988-1993
box 33, folder 1	Shabbat Shalom fliers 1994-2002
box 33, folder 2	Shabbat Shalom fliers 2003-2005, 2014
box 33, folder 3	Talmud Torah materials 1961-2001
box 33, folder 4	Talmud Torah materials 1939-1991
box 34, folder 1	Religious materials: High Holidays and Passover 1963-1990

box 34, folder 2
box 34, folder 3

Religious materials: Shabbat and other holidays 1981-1998
Prayers for Israel and miscellaneous religious items and songs 1930-1999
Series 3: Subject files 1905-2014

Scope and Contents

Series 3 contains subject files on certain individuals (most of whom were active members of STTI) and places of Jewish and/or Sephardic relevance, compiled by Maurice I. "Bob" Hattem (1919-2014) and his archival team. Some of Hattem's personal papers and research materials are included here. Of particular interest are the personal correspondence, including many letters in Ladino, that date as early 1911 and reach places like Izmir, New York, Jerusalem, Athens, and Los Angeles. This series also contains newspaper and journal clippings, as well as some published items.

Subseries 3.1: Maurice I. "Bob" Hattem papers 1922-2005

Scope and Contents

Sub-series 3.1 contains correspondence, research materials, and other personal documents of Maurice I. "Bob" Hattem. Hattem was the STTI archivist and editor of the temple's *El Shofar* monthly bulletin for many years. He was also active in Los Angeles, Southern California, and various Jewish, Crypto-Jewish, and Spanish historical societies.

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box 35, folder 1
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box 35, folder 3
box 35, folder 4
box 35, folder 5

Correspondence 1980-2002
Research, speeches, and other 1970-2005
Writings 1980-2000
Genealogical resources 1990-2005
Research materials 1922-1999
Research materials 1972-2009
Research materials 1977-2004

Subseries 3.2: Personal files 1911-2014

Scope and Contents

Sub-series 3.2 contains documents by or about individuals connected to the Los Angeles Sephardic community. In addition to documents related to their lives in the temple, many files contain personal correspondence.

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box 36, folder 3
box 36, folder 4
box 37, folder 1

box 37, folder 2
box 37, folder 3
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box 37, folder 5-6
box 38, folder 1-2
box 38, folder 3
box 38, folder 4
box 38, folder 5
box 39, folder 1
box 39, folder 2
box 39, folder 3

Eunice Pena Alisea, Maurice Amado, Richard Amado, Ralph S. Amado 1930-1982
Albert J. Amateau 1983-1996
Morris Angel, Hy Arnesty 1981-2011
Al Azus, Dr. Irving Benveniste, Art and Louis Benveniste 1935-2003
Cantor Isaac Behar, Victor Behar, Aronico Chico (alias of Harry J. Cohen), Isaac Cantos, Jack Cohen 1920-1993
Aron Cohen 1946-1988
Peter (Perahia) Alhadeff 1933-1934, 1972
Sue Halfon, Moshe Lazar, Leon Ligier 1928-1987
Leon Ligier manuscript 1972
Leon Ligier manuscript 1975
Cantor Haim Mizrahi, Jack Nehama, Rabbi Jacob Ott 1954-2011
Isaac Varon 1932-1957
Stella Rugetti, Irene Rugetti 1951-1981
Jack Seror, Haym Solomon Day 1954-1988
Nissim Saul and Sarah Reby letters 1911-1915
Nissim Saul and Sarah Reby letters 1913-1944

Subseries 3.3: Place files 1905-2003

Scope and Contents

Sub-series 3.3 contains research materials collected by Bob Hattem and the archival team at STTI relating to places of Jewish and Sephardic interest, especially Spain.

box 39, folder 4
box 39, folder 5

**Chinese Jews, Cuba, Egypt, Salonica (Greece), Rhodes (Greece), Greece 1944-2003
Holland, Israel, Mexico 1947-1975**

Scope and Contents

Holland section contains: Besso, Henry V. *Dramatic Literature of the Sephardic Jews of Amsterdam in the XVIIth and XVIIIth Centuries*. New York: Hispanic Institute in the United States, 1947.

box 40, folder 1
box 40, folder 2

**Spain - Columbus, Spain - Girona 1981-1992
Spain - Inquisition and Expulsion 1992**

Scope and Contents

Contains: Raphael, David T. *The Expulsion 1492 Chronicles: An Anthology of Medieval Chronicles Relating to the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain and Portugal*. North Hollywood, Calif: Carmi House Press, 1992.

box 40, folder 3
box 40, folder 4
box 40, folder 5
box 41, folder 1
box 41, folder 2
box 41, folder 3
box 41, folder 4
box 41, folder 5

**Spain - The Augustan Society, Spain Inquisition 1983-1997
Spain and Portugal travel guides 1992-1997
Spain - miscellaneous 1970-1992
Spain - Royal visit documents 1951-2000
Spain - Royal visit book 1988
Tunisia, Turkey 1981-1992
United States of America 1969-1990
California and Los Angeles 1905-1991**

Series 4: Photographs, scrapbooks, and clippings circa 1910-2001

Scope and Contents

Series 4 contains photographs and scrapbooks from STTI official events and functions, as well as those relating to individuals and families associated with the congregation. Labeling, condition, and type of photograph and scrapbook vary considerably - some are in excellent condition, while others fairly poor. While most items were produced in Los Angeles, several originate from New York or Seattle, and still others abroad. The scrapbooks in subseries 4.2 contain newspaper clippings from local, national, Jewish, and general publications over a considerable date range that relate to STTI or Los Angeles Sephardic life, featuring many from the local Jewish publication, *B'nai B'rith Messenger*.

Subseries 4.1: Photographs 1910-2001

Scope and Contents

Sub-series 4.1 contains photographs and negatives from Sephardic community affairs, events, and celebrations, as well as personal and family photographs from community members.

box 42, folder 2
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box 42, folder 4
box 43, folder 2
box 43, folder 3

**City of Hope, dignitaries, El Shofar Staff, Girona-Spain 1940-1983
Archives staff, board of directors, Israel bond drive, cantors, Veteran's Day committee 1948-1991
Sue Halfon dinner, past presidents, Sol Halfon estate 1910-1992
Holidays and events, Amateau, individuals, Leo Saul collection 1930-1993
Installations, Ladinos/Turkish night, LASHA, Los Mercidos award, Alliance Israelite Universelle, Mt. Sinai, 1980s events, musical events 1934-1989**

box 43, folder 4	Past presidents, rabbis, Sephardic brotherhood, Sephardic Hebrew Center, trip to Las Vegas 1920-1990 Scope and Contents Contains photo of Rabbi Jacob Ott with Governor Ronald Reagan, signed by the latter.
box 44, folder 1	Board of directors, Mother's Day luncheon, sisterhood, TTI dedication, temple construction 1930-1980
box 44, folder 2	Temple staff, Talmud Torah, United Jewish Welfare Fund 1944-1989
box 45, folder 1	STTI events 1981-2001
box 45, folder 2	Los Mercidos award - Ted Negrin 1990
box 45, folder 3	Sisterhood Torah fund, bank breaking 1985-1999
box 45, folder 4	Sisterhood Torah fund, officer installation 1990-1999
box 46, folder 1	Sephardic Heritage Award Louis Alcalay, Al Azus, special award to Isaac R. Caraco, award to Carroll O'Connor, visit of California Senator Pete Wilson 1980-1981, 1990
box 46, folder 2	Yehoram Gaon concert 2000
box 42, folder 1	Miscellaneous, Bar Mitzvah, banquets, awards 1935-1985
box 44, folder 3	Youth synagogue, miscellaneous, loose captions 1940-1991
box 46, folder 4	STTI temple family album 1930-1987
box 46, folder 3	Photograph slides: main sanctuary - old design 1977
box 44, folder 4	Photographs: miscellaneous and unlabeled 1930-1997 Scope and Contents Contains black-and-white family and wedding photographs, some provided with names. Also contains: STTI past presidents, photograph of Haham Salomon Gaon, Dr. I. E. Benveniste, and Bob Hattem; STTI Archives Crew; Caraco-Varon wedding; Rabbi Bouskila Basketball team; Rabbi Ott with local political dignitaries; Albert Amateau 100th birthday party. Also includes a few unlabeled photographs from Greece.
box 50	Photographs: banquets, anniversaries, celebrations 1925-1990
box 51	Photographs: miscellaneous and unlabeled, past STTI presidents 1919-1985 Scope and Contents Several large photographs. Some include portraits of individuals like Caden Alhadeff, Bar Mitzvah classes, Talmud Torah, family photographs, and portraits of past STTI presidents. One item is a Sephardic Theater cast photo for the Queen Esther play performed in Ladino at Washington Hall on 14th and Fir, Seattle, WA, circa 1919. The play was directed by Rabbi Sabatai Israel of Izmir.
box 43, folder 1	Negatives 1920-1988 Scope and Contents Negatives of STTI events, past presidents, El Transito synagogue in Spain, some negatives donated by Joseph Moche.
box 79	Blown-up reproductions 1932-1936

Subseries 4.2: Scrapbooks and clippings 1910-2004

Scope and Contents

Subseries 4.2 contains various scrapbooks from STTI members and groups, such as the youth-oriented Juniors of Temple Tifereth Israel and the Ladinos group. These items contain photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, fliers, and other ephemera.

box 46, folder 5	Miscellaneous STTI clippings 1951-2000
box 46, folder 6	STTI scrapbook 1950-1992
box 47, folder 2	STTI scrapbook 1950-1978
box 47, folder 3	STTI scrapbook 1979-1989
box 47, folder 4	Scrapbook: Yolande Alcana Gross 1957-1992

box 47, folder 5	Scrapbook: Yolande Alcana Gross 1969-1997
box 47, folder 1	Juniors of Temple Tifereth Israel (JTTI) reunion scrapbook 1940-1990
box 48, folder 3	Ladinos scrapbook 1931-1934
box 48, folder 2	Ladinos V yearbook 1965-1966
box 49	The Ladinos scrapbook 1966-1969
box 49	The Ladinos scrapbook 1970-1972
box 46, folder 7	Sisterhood scrapbook 1935-1986
box 52	Irene Rugeti, STTI Sisterhood president scrapbook 1966-1968
box 48, folder 1	Jewish War Veterans scrapbook, Rabbi Jacob Ott album 1910-2004
box 60	Rabbi Jacob Ott scrapbook 1946-1954
box 61	Virginia Caraco Aldef scrapbook 1957-1985

Series 5: Audiovisual 1951-2004

Scope and Contents

Series 5 contains audiovisual materials covering STTI events, such as lectures and cultural nights, interviews, live and studio music recordings, and a few commercial and other non-temple items.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

CONTAINS UNPROCESSED AUDIO AND AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS: Materials will require assessment and may need further processing for safe access. All requests to access special collections materials must be made in advance using the request button located on this page.

PORTIONS OF THIS COLLECTION HAVE BEEN DIGITIZED. Please consult digital facsimiles instead of originals.

Subseries 5.1: Sene Collection 1953-1980

Scope and Contents

Subseries 5.1 contains lyric books collected by Emily Sene and 197 1/4 inch audiotapes. Most of these feature Isaac Sene singing and playing the oud alongside other musicians, recorded and notated by Emily Sene.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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box 48, folder 4-6	Sene lyric sheets 1953-1980
box 53, folder 1-3	Sene lyric books 1955-1977
box 62-68	Sene audio reels 1955-1977

Scope and Contents

Contains a total of 197, 1/4-inch audiotapes.

box 53, folder 4	Sene reels inventory
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Other Finding Aids

A digital copy of the audiotapes inventory is available via this link: [Link to Sephardic Temple records Sene audiotape inventory](#)

Subseries 5.2: Film, VHS, and audiocassettes 1951-2004

Scope and Contents

Subseries 5.2 contains 80 VHS tapes, 1 Betamax, and 93 audiocassettes of relevance to STTI, Sephardic, and Jewish life. Many of the VHS tapes are recordings of events held at STTI, as are the cassette recordings, while some are interviews or oral histories with individual community members. Some are commercial or professional recordings, while most are amateur recordings. Many of the items are of relevance to Sephardic history, culture, and music. A few audiocassettes in Box 58 feature Emily and Isaac Sene.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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box 69

***The End of the Night* film 1955**

Physical Description: Film reel in fragile condition.

Conditions Governing Access

Access to digital materials is available on-site in the Special Collections reading room. Requests to access digital materials must be made at least 2 days in advance. Once request has been made, please confirm viewing arrangements with Special Collections reference desk staff.

Scope and Contents

One reel of 16mm film.

Documentary-dramatization film on the philanthropic efforts of the French-based Alliance Israelite Universelle on behalf of Jews in Morocco.

Credits read as follows: Alliance Israelite Universelle presents an Omnium Français du Film Production *The End of the Night (Le Sixième Jour)* Copyright 1955 by Omnium Français du Film with Serge Baty and The Inhabitants of the Village of Illigh, South Morocco Cameraman - Paul Fabian Film Editors - Georges Alepee, Denise Charven Sound Engineer - Paul Boistelle English commentary and dialogue written by Sidney Shelley Music by Josepha Kosma Written, Produced and Directed by Jean-Claude Huisman

Existence and Location of Copies

A digital reproduction of the film is available on-site in the Special Collections reading room.

box 54-56

VHS tapes 1989-2004

Scope and Contents

Contains 80 VHS tapes and one Betamax, mostly of amateur recordings of STTI events in the 1990s but also includes some copies of documentaries of Sephardic interest.

Other Finding Aids

A digital copy of VHS inventory is available via this link: [Link to Sephardic Temple records VHS inventory](#)

box 57-59

Audiocassettes 1951-2003

Scope and Contents

Contains 93 audiocassettes of interviews, lectures, performances from STTI and its members, as well as a few commercial recordings.

Other Finding Aids

A digital copy of audiocassettes inventory is available via this link: [Link to Sephardic Temple records audiocassette inventory](#)

Series 6: Awards, artwork, and ephemera 1911-2003

Scope and Contents

Series 6 contains several certificates, awards, artwork, renderings, plaques, and commemorative items related to STTI and associated individuals.

Subseries 6.1: Awards, plaques, certificates, and drawings 1911-2002

Scope and Contents

Subseries 6.1 contains a range of awards, honors, certificates, plaques, commemorations, and related documents of relevance to the Sephardic Community, its groups and efforts, and its individual members. Several are from Los Angeles city, county, and California state official bodies. This subseries also contains some drawings, designs, and artwork related to the temple.

box 72

Plaques and awards 1956-1984

box 76

Plaques and awards 1955-1991

Scope and Contents

Includes framed letter on behalf of President Richard Nixon honoring Rabbi Jacob Ott on receiving the Sephardic Heritage Award in 1971. Includes signed photo of President Richard Nixon.

box 70, folder 6

Honors and certificates 1931-2002

box 70, folder 7

Jewish National Fund plaque 1964

box 70, folder 2

Morris Passy Ottoman Birth certificate and Abraham Caraco rabbinic certificate 1911-1912

box 70, folder 4

Watercolor designs for sanctuary

box 70, folder 5

Temple Board caricature circa 1950s

box 77

United Jewish Appeal commemorative medals, Ted Hasson award and key 1963-1966

box 78

Daily Prayer of Maimonides plaque, gift of King of Spain 1987

box 81

Oversize key - "Sephardic Community of LA, Feb 21, 1932" 1932

box 83

Artist's rendering of STTI, STTI architectural plans, 1921 photocopy of Peace and Progress picnic, Marilyn Simon drawings 1921-1990

Subseries 6.2: Ephemera 1913-2012

Scope and Contents

Sub-series 6.2 contains various ephemera in the STTI records, including Bob Hattem's archival index cards and Jewish calendars from Turkey.

box 73-74

Archival index notecards undated, likely 1980s

box 80

Fez, photocopy of Megilat Saragossa

box 82, folder 1

Life-cycle event prayer booklets 1986-2012

box 82, folder 2

Turkish Jewish calendars 1966-1968

box 70, folder 8

The California Jewish Voice 1947-1949

Scope and Contents

Includes: Vol. 26, No 13 (December 5, 1947); Vol. 26, No. 36 (May 14, 1948); Vol, 26, No. 44 (July 9, 1948); Vol. 27, No. 35 (May 9, 1949)
