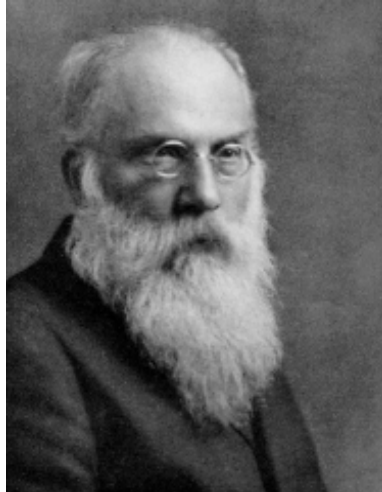




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**A Finding Aid to the
Gotthard Deutsch Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 123



Collection Summary

Title	Gotthard Deutsch Papers
Dates	1859-1922 (bulk 1900-1920)
Collection Number	MS-123
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Deutsch, Gotthard, 1859-1921
Extent	5.8 linear feet (12 Hollinger boxes, 1 oversize box)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Gotthard Deutsch was born on January 31, 1859, in the village of Dolne Kounice (Kaintz), Moravia, then a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Descended from a line of scholars and teachers, Deutsch received his early education in Dolne Kounice and Nikolsburg. In 1876, he entered the Breslau Jewish Theological Seminary and the University of Breslau. While there, he came under the influence of the historian Heinrich Graetz. Upon completing his studies at Breslau, Deutsch entered the University of Vienna in 1879. He was awarded a Ph.D. in history from the University in 1881.

After being granted his Ph.D., Deutsch obtained the position of religious school instructor in the city of Bruenn, Austria, serving there from 1881 until 1887. Shortly after he was elected a permanent teacher at Bruenn, he decided to enter the rabbinate. He was ordained by Isaac Hirsch Weiss, under whom he had studied in Vienna. His sole post was in the city of Most (Bruex), in Bohemia, where he was rabbi during the years 1887 through 1891. It was while there that he married Hermine Bacher on May 10, 1888.

After responding to an advertisement for faculty published by Isaac Mayer Wise, Deutsch was appointed professor of Jewish history and philosophy at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. Serving as a professor for thirty years (1891-1921), Deutsch built a reputation among the students and the faculty for his teaching and the depth of his knowledge. They were especially impressed with his index file, which recorded every major event in Jewish history since 1800 and the relevant source material. In addition to his teaching duties, Deutsch was acting President of the College in 1903.

Deutsch was involved in three major crises during his years at Hebrew Union. The first one occurred in 1903, just before he began to serve as acting President. In that year, he submitted his resignation from the faculty, citing his desire to devote his time fully to his literary labors. In the end, he was persuaded to withdraw his resignation.

The next crisis occurred in 1905. In that year, Deutsch decided that he would like to make a trip to Russia to gather information about the Jewish communities there. Russian passport law, however, denied visas to Jews unless they were sales representatives and were staying in Russia for a specified length of time. Thus, Deutsch's first request for a visa to enter Russia was denied. After this denial, Deutsch began a campaign in the press, and through the aid of the United States State Department and Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth, a son-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt, he was able to force the Russians to grant him a visa.

The major crisis of Deutsch's time at Hebrew Union College resulted from the anti-German hysteria of World War One. Before America's entrance into the war, Deutsch had been a supporter of Woodrow Wilson's policy of neutrality and a negotiated settlement. In line with these concepts, he had become a member of the Peoples' Council of America for Democracy and Peace. On October 5, 1917, Federal agents raided the Cincinnati offices of the Council. As a result of this raid, the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College called upon Deutsch to explain the nature of his relationship with the Council. At a special meeting of the Board, Deutsch apologized for any embarrassment his association with the Council may have caused the school, stating that he had become a member only out of his desire for universal peace. This explanation was accepted and no action was taken by the Board.

Within this atmosphere, Deutsch appeared on November 21, 1917 as a witness at a citizenship hearing for Hyman David Sway, a local printer. During the hearing, Deutsch was asked by Judge Howard C. Hollister which side he wished to see win the war; Germany, or, the United States. Angered that his loyalty was being questioned, Deutsch refused to answer the question. Hollister then disqualified him as a witness for Sway.

As a result of this action, public outcry arose calling for Deutsch's removal from the faculty. Only by mustering the support of the leading Reform rabbis, presenting evidence of his

loyalty from students then serving in the armed forces, and admitting that he had made a mistake in handling the loyalty question, was Deutsch able to avoid being removed from the faculty. Even then, the Board of Governors passed a motion of censure against him.

Besides his teaching skills, Deutsch was well-known as a writer. He succeeded Isaac Mayer Wise as editor of the German language publication, *Die Deborah* in 1901. He was a contributor to the *American Israelite*, the *American Hebrew*, the *Jewish Chronicle of London*. He was an original member of the board of editors for the *Jewish Encyclopedia*, responsible for the articles dealing with modern Jewish history. His major publications were *Scrolls and History of the Jews* (1904). At the time of his death, there was general regret he had been unable to publish a major book on modern Jewish history.

Recognized as a leading Jewish historian of the period, Gotthard died in Cincinnati on October 14, 1921. He was survived by his wife Hermeme, his three sons, Hermann, Eberhard, and Zola, and two daughters, Edith and Naomi.

Scope and Content	The collection consists of correspondence, documents, manuscripts, notes, diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks and miscellaneous items.
Arrangement	Organized into two (2) series: A. Correspondence, 1859-1922; . Literary Productions, 1885-1922.
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Index Terms

Subjects	Jewish college teachers / Jewish educators / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati
Personal Names	Deutsch, Gotthard, 1859-1921
Corporate Names	Hebrew Union College -- Faculty
Media	Diaries / Scrapbooks

Series A. Correspondence, 1859-1922

Extent 2.2 linear feet (5.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, clippings, sympathy cards, memorial resolutions, documents and miscellaneous items.

Arrangement The subseries is arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or organization. Letters are arranged chronologically within each folder. The sympathy cards and memorial resolutions, written at the time of his death in 1921, are filed after the correspondence, followed by the documents and miscellaneous items.

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- Box 1. Folder 20. Cohen, Henry, 1898-1900, 1903, 1908, 1921
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Box 2. Folder 12. I, General.

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Box 2. Folder 15. Karpeles, Gustav, 1894-1900, 1903-1904, 1906-1908

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Box 2. Folder 22. Krauskopf, Joseph, 1898, 1900-1901, 1903, 1905, 1912, 1914, 1917-1918, 1921

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Box 3. Folder 2. Montefiore, Claude G., 1897, 1921, undated

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Box 3. Folder 5. O, General.

Box 3. Folder 6. Oppenheim, J. P., 1883, 1885, 1887, 1893-1894, 1901, 1915

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Box 3. Folder 28. Wa-Wh, General.

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Box 4. Folder 4. Wolsey, Louis, 1916-1918, 1921

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Box 4. Folder 9. Hebrew Union College Monthly celebrating 25th anniversary of Deutsch's appointment to the faculty, 1916

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Box 4. Folder 11. B'nai B'rith Memorial Resolution at death of Deutsch, 1922

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Box 5. Folder Letterbooks, 1899-1901

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Box 6. Folder 2. Documents (contracts, letters of witness, etc.) from Deutsch's positions at Bruenn and Bruex, 1882-1886, undated

Box 6. Folder 3. Documents (minister's license, passport, will, etc.) from Deutsch's American activities, 1892, 1905, 1921, undated

Box 6. Folder 4. Report cards and documents from education at Nikolsburg, Breslau, and Vienna, 1869-1881

Series B. Literary Productions, 1885-1922

Extent 3.6 linear feet (6.5 Hollinger boxes, 1 oversize box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of manuscripts, responsa material, notes, index cards, diaries and notebooks, and scrapbooks. The oversize box contains three scrapbooks from the years 1905-1922 and a subscription book.

Arrangement All the responsa material and the manuscripts have been arranged alphabetically according to title. The diaries have been arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

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Subject Tracings

Note: The following list of subjects is a selective index to many of the topics and individuals in the GOTTHARD DEUTSCH PAPERS. It is selective in that it only attempts to draw attention to the more significant items in the collection. It does not attempt to list every subject or individual nor does it try to indicate all places that a listed subject or individual appears in the collection. When used in conjunction with the Box and Folder List, the Subject Tracings should help the researcher locate topics. References are to boxes and folders: e.g. 2/13 means Box 2, Folder 13

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