

**A Finding Aid to the Benjamin Witten Papers. 1916-1976.**

**Manuscript Collection No. 884**

**Creator: Witten, Benjamin, 1916-1976**



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## Introduction

<b>Repository:</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Witten, Benjamin, 1916-1976
<b>Title:</b>	Benjamin Witten Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1916-1976
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Benjamin Witten Papers document the life of Dr. Benjamin Witten, a chemist from Baltimore, Maryland. His papers include material on his higher education, career, awards, Jewish community activities, death, and other biographical material.
<b>Collection Number:</b>	MS-884
<b>Language:</b>	Collection material in English.

## Biographical Sketch

Dr. Benjamin Witten was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 4, 1916, and lived there until his death on May 2, 1976. He was a distinguished and award-winning research chemist, lifelong student of Judaism, and devoted husband and father. He left an extraordinary legacy of professional accomplishment and service to the Jewish community in Baltimore.

In 1945, Dr. Witten married Dorothea Walters (1920-2002), a registered nurse and also a native of Baltimore. Together they raised three children, Sarah (1948-2009), David (b. 1949) and Samuel (b. 1957).

Dr. Witten died of a sudden heart attack at the age of 59 on May 2, 1976. He had two younger siblings, Dr. Louis Witten (b. 1921) and Jean Witten Rubin (1918-1965).

--Excerpted from: Witten, Samuel and David, "Dr. Benjamin Witten (1916-1976)". MS-884, Benjamin Witten Papers, Box 1, Folder 1.

## Scope and Content Note

The Benjamin Witten Papers document the life of Dr. Benjamin Witten, a chemist from Baltimore, Maryland. His papers include material on his higher education, career, awards, Jewish community activities, death, and other biographical material.

## Arrangement Note

This collection is arranged in a single series.

## Restrictions

### Terms of Access

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## Related Material

Witten, Benjamin. *Traditional Judaism* [unpublished monograph]. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Klau Library, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Benjamin Witten Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Benjamin Witten Papers, MS-884, Box [#], Folder [#]. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Provenance

The Benjamin Witten Papers were received from Samuel and David Witten, Washington, D.C. in August 2013.

### Processing Information

Processed by Nathan Tallman, August 2013.

### Accruals and Additions

No further accruals are expected to this collection.

## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the AJA Online Catalog.

American Chemical Society -- Awards.

Baltimore City College -- Archives.

Cancer -- Research.

Chemists.

Jews -- Maryland -- Baltimore.

Johns Hopkins University -- Archives.

Witten, Benjamin, 1916-1917.

## Box Folder Listing

### Series A. Papers. 1916-1976. [0.5 Hollinger boxes]

Scope and Content Note: Most materials are photocopies.

- 1 1 Biographical. 1916,1966,1975.  
[Includes biographical sketch by sons David and Samuel.]
- 1 2 Higher education. 1930-1940.  
[Includes material from Baltimore City College and John Hopkins University.]
- 1 3 Career. 1940-1976.  
[Includes material from Edgewood Arsenal, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, and appointments as cancer researchers.]
- 1 4 Fellowship in Israel. 1966-1967.
- 1 5 Jewish community activities. 1968, undated.  
[Includes sketch of activities from sons David and Samuel. See also *Traditional Judaism* by Dr. Benjamin Witten, held at the Klau Library.]
- 1 6 American Chemical Society award. 1975-1976.
- 1 7 Condolences, eulogies, and obituaries. 1976.