

A Finding Aid to the Leo Fields Papers. 1966-2000.

Manuscript Collection No. 888

Creator: Fields, Leo



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Introduction

Repository:	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator:	Fields, Leo
Title:	Leo Fields Papers
Dates:	1966-2000
Bulk Dates:	1996-1998
Quantity:	0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)
Abstract:	The Leo Fields Papers consist primarily of materials related to Mr. Fields' work with the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at Harvard University.
Collection Number:	MS-888
Language:	Collection material in English

Biographical Sketch

Leo Fields was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1928. After attending the University of Texas, Mr. Fields worked at Zale Corporation, the world's largest retail jewelry chain, from 1942 until 1987. He was the president of Weisberg & Fields, an investment advisory firm which he established after retiring as Vice Chairman of the Zale Corporation. He is a fellow of Brandeis University and a former trustee. He is involved with the Dallas Home for Jewish Aged Endowment Foundation and serves as a trustee of the Zale Foundation. Mr. Fields served as a Vice Chair on the International Board of Advisors for the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In this role he was involved in groundbreaking conflict resolution initiatives between Israeli leaders and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Notably, he was involved in meetings with Yasser Arafat and the PLO in 1993.

The Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East is dedicated to conducting policy research, educating professionals and government officials, offering technical assistance to governments (including the Palestinian Authority) and facilitating trade and reform throughout the Middle East and North Africa. The Institute uses its unique network and ingenuity to attack issues that are too sensitive for governments to work on directly. They engage Israelis and Arabs, using American professionals as facilitators, to grapple with subjects that help pave the way for those officially in the peace process. The Institute was founded in 1983 at Brandeis University with Leonard Hausman serving as the Director and Joseph A. Califano, Jr. serving as Chairman of the Board. In the fall of 1988, the Institute was moved to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

--Adapted from *Who's Who in America*. 54th edition, 2000. New Providence, NJ: *Marquis Who's Who*, 2000; and "A History: Fifteen Years of the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at Harvard University."

Scope and Content Note

The Leo Fields Papers consist primarily of materials related to Mr. Fields' work with the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at Harvard University. These include correspondence, reports, memos, publications, and photographs related to meetings and projects of the Institute. The first two folders in the collection pertain specifically to meetings with Yasser Arafat and the PLO in 1993. Also included is a photograph of Leo Fields with his uncle, Morris B. Zale.

Arrangement Note

This collection is arranged in one (1) series:

Series A. Papers. 1966-2000.

Restrictions

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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

[Description], [Date], Leo Fields Papers, MS-888, Box [#], Folder [#]. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provenance

The Leo Fields Papers were received from Leo Fields, Dallas, Texas, in July 2013.

Processing Information

Processed by Michelle Wirth, November 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.

Arab-Israeli conflict

Arafat, Yasser, 1929-2004

Fields, Leo

Israel

John F. Kennedy School of Government. Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East

Middle East -- Politics and government

Palestine

Peace

Zale, Morris B.

Box Folder Listing

Series A. Papers. 1966-2000. [1 Hollinger box]

- 1 1 Arafat, Yasser. Meeting. 1992-1993.
- 1 2 Arafat, Yasser. Meeting. Board list. undated.
- 1 3 Correspondence. Harvard University. 1996.
- 1 4 Correspondence. Harvard University. 1997.
- 1 5 Correspondence. Harvard University. 1998.
- 1 6 "A History: Fifteen Years of the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East." October 1998.
- 1 7 Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East. Annual report. 1997.
- 1 8 Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East. Report. April 1997.
- 1 9 "Making Peace among Arabs and Israelis." 1991.
- 1 10 "Middle East Initiative." 16 October 1998.
- 1 11 Newspaper clipping. 2000.
- 1 12 Photographs. 1966; 1993-1994.
- 1 13 "Pressing Peace: The Institute in the News." June-September 1993.
- 1 14 "Towards Free Trade in the Middle East: The Triad and Beyond." June 1995.