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Administrative Information

**Biographical Sketch**
Jacob Neusner was born in 1932 and grew up in West Hartford, Connecticut. He received his A.B. from Harvard College in 1953, his Ph.D. from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in 1960, and rabbinical ordination together with a Master of Hebrew Letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1960. During his graduate studies he also was a Henry Fellow at Lincoln College, Oxford University, from 1953-1954, and a Fulbright Scholar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem from 1957-1958.

Neusner was a founding chairman of the Department of Hebrew Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1961-1962), held a post-doctoral fellowship at Brandeis University (1962-1964), and taught at Dartmouth College and at Brown University (1964-1990). He served as Distinguished Research Professor of Religious Studies at the University of South Florida (1990-2000). Since 1994 he has served as Distinguished Service Professor of the History and Theology of Judaism and Senior Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Theology at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson.

Some of his other honors include being a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., where he spent a research year from 1989-1990, and being a life member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. Dr. Neusner was a member of the founding committee of the Association for Jewish Studies (1967-1970) and single-handedly founded the European Association of Jewish Studies in 1980-1981.

He also served, by appointment of President Carter, as a member of the National Council on the Humanities (1978-1984) and, by appointment of President Reagan, as a member of the National Council on the Arts (1984-1990).

Jacob Neusner has written or edited over 1000 books as well as hundreds of articles and reviews. He has covered topics ranging from history, religion, comparative theology, textbooks for religious study programs, Judaic laws and practices, and various analyses.

**Scope and Content**
This collection consists of correspondence addressed to and from Neusner with friends, family and associates. Though the bulk of the collection concerns Neusner’s academic career, there are personal items pertaining to his family, business affairs, and other matters. The collection also contains some of Neusner’s writings, book reviews, and lecture materials. The collection spans the dates 1950-2014, with the bulk of the material covering the years 1979-2014. There are twenty scrapbooks in the collection, dating from 1950-1973, containing materials relating to Neusner and his activities.

**Arrangement**
This collection is arranged in three (3) series: A. Correspondence and Papers; B. Memorabilia; C. Scrapbooks.

**Access Restrictions**
This collection is restricted until 2029. Access to the Jacob Neusner Papers requires permission of the Executive Director of the American Jewish Archives.

**Preferred Citation**
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**Provenance**
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**Processing Information**
Index Terms

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**Personal Names** Neusner, Jacob, 1932-2016

**Corporate Names** Association of Jewish Studies

**Media** Photographs / Scrapbooks

**Series A. Correspondence and Papers, 1950-2014**

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