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Sidney G. Kusworm Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 908



Collection Summary

Title	Sidney G. Kusworm Papers, 1902-1965 (bulk 1918-1955)
Collection Number	MS-908
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Kusworm, Sidney G. (Sidney Grover), 1885 - 1969
Extent	15.8 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes and 7 oversize boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch	<p>Sidney Grover Kusworm was born in Dayton, Ohio on February 28, 1885. He received his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Cincinnati in 1908 and began his career as a lawyer at the firm Kusworm & Myers in Dayton, Ohio. Kusworm's areas of specialty were commercial law, corporate law, and probate practice.</p> <p>Kusworm's involvement with B'nai B'rith began in 1921 when he became chairman of the organization's Commission on Citizenship and Civic Affairs. In the 1920s he established a B'nai B'rith naturalization program for immigrants and organized efforts to give legal aid to thousands of individuals. He also served as B'nai B'rith's national treasurer from 1926 to 1959.</p> <p>In 1910 he married Helen Bloch with whom he had one son, Sidney G. Kusworm Jr., who also became a lawyer. From 1935-1954, father and son operated the firm Kusworm & Kusworm.</p> <p>In addition to his work with B'nai B'rith, Kusworm served as director of the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home, the National Jewish Hospital of Denver, the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital, the Employment for the Physically Handicapped, and the Jewish Federation for Social Service in Dayton, Ohio.</p> <p>On October 4, 1969 he passed away at 84 in Miami, Florida.</p>
Scope and Content	<p>The Sidney G. Kusworm papers consist of scrapbooks, correspondence, and printed material detailing his personal and professional life. The bulk of his material concerns his involvement with B'nai B'rith, including the District Grand Lodge No. 2 in Dayton, Ohio and B'nai B'rith International where he served as treasurer.</p>
Arrangement	<p>This collection is arranged in two (2) series: Series A. General, 1902-1965, undated and Series B. Oversize, 1917-1964, undated.</p>
Terms of Access	<p>The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.</p>
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Preferred Citation	<p>Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Sidney G. Kusworm Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:</p> <p>[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-908. Sidney G. Kusworm Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.</p>
Provenance	<p>The Sidney G. Kusworm Papers were received from Sidney G. Kusworm, Dayton, Ohio in 1965.</p>
Processing Information	<p>Processed by Julianna Witt, January 2019.</p>

Index Terms

Subjects Jews -- Ohio -- Dayton / Lawyers / Philanthropists
Personal Names Kusworm, Sidney G. (Sidney Grover), 1885-1969 / Kusworm, Sidney G. Jr.
Corporate Names American Immigration and Citizenship Conference / B'nai B'rith International / B'nai B'rith. District Grand Lodge No. 2 / Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital / National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives (U.S.) / Temple Israel (Dayton, Ohio) / United Jewish Appeal / University of Cincinnati. College of Law
Media Photographs

Series A. General, 1902-1965, undated

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of personal scrapbooks, also called memory books, correspondence concerning B'nai B'rith, awards given to Kusworm, and miscellaneous material. The scrapbooks contain letters, photographs, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Kusworm's law career and his involvement with B'nai B'rith.

Arrangement Series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Awards, 1949-1965, undated
Box 1. Folder 2. B'nai B'rith activities, 1939-1965
Box 1. Folder 3. B'nai B'rith scrapbook, 1918-1924
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1911, 1937, 1955-1965
Box 2. Folder 1. "Memories of the Activities of Sidney G. Kusworm" scrapbook, 1920-1928
Box 2. Folder 2. "Memories of the Activities of Sidney G. Kusworm" scrapbook, 1929-1931
Box 3. Folder 1. Memory book, 1902-1916
Box 3. Folder 2. Memory book, 1916-1921
Box 3. Folder 3. Miscellaneous material, 1934-1965, undated
Box 3. Folder 4. 70th birthday scrapbook, 1955

Series B. Oversize, 1917-1964, undated

Extent 14.6 linear feet (7 oversize boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series contains several large scrapbooks and photograph albums documenting Kusworm's milestone birthdays and life achievements. A scrapbook celebrating his 30th year with B'nai B'rith is also included. Other materials include awards presented to Kusworm for his charitable work from organizations such as Temple Israel (Dayton, Ohio) and the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund in Palestine.

Arrangement Series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box X-245. Folder 1. B'nai B'rith scrapbook, 1917-1940, undated

Box X-246. Folder 1. "Memories of the Activities of Sidney G. Kusworm" scrapbook, 1918-1938

Box X-247. Folder 1. Memory book, 1918-1953

Box X-246. Folder 2. Testimonial dinner scrapbook, 1949 March 20

Box X-246. Folder 3. Awards, 1953-1954, 1957, 1961, undated

Box X-248. Folder 1. Memory book, 1953-1958

Box X-249. Folder 1. "70th Birthday Celebration", 1955

Box X-249. Folder 2. "70th Birthday Celebration", 1955

Box X-250. Folder 1. Memory book, 1958-1962

Box X-251. Folder 1. Memory book. 78th birthday, 1963

Box X-251. Folder 2. 80th birthday scrapbook, 1964 October 11