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Alexander S. Kohanski Papers
Manuscript Collection No. 343**



Collection Summary

Title	Alexander S. Kohanski Papers
Dates	1923-1983
Collection Number	MS-343
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Kohanski, Alexander S., 1902-1987
Extent	1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English, Hebrew, and Yiddish

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Alexander S. Kohanski was born in Vilkaishkis, Lithuania on 4 July 1902 to Samuel and Hannah (Kolekandt) Kohanski. He moved to the United States in 1923 and received his B.A. from Southeastern University in 1927. By 1928, Kohanski had earned his M.A. and in 1936 received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University.

In 1933, Kohanski earned a certificate in social work which he put to use as an executive director of the YMHA in White Plains, New York and later Washington Heights, New York and New Jersey.

Kohanski served for most of his career as an instructor at the Graduate School for Jewish Social work but had a variety of other activities and interests. He was a contributor to the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia and the Philately and Princeton Seminary Bulletin. Kohanski was also the managing editor of the Jewish Social Services Quarterly. Additionally, he served on the Maine Jewish Council, the Religious Education Association, the American Jewish Conference and League for Labor Palestine.

Kohanski married Dorothy Deller on 9 March 1949. They had two sons, Daniel and Ronald.

Scope and Content Correspondence, manuscripts of writings, notes, newspaper clippings, and other items relating to Chaim Nachman Bialik, Martin Buber, Theodor Herzl, Jewish education, and the Yiddish theater in New York City; together with materials of a Jewish writers project concerning rituals and procedures at New York City synagogues.

Arrangement The papers are divided into two (2) series: A. Correspondence; B. Writings and Research.

Terms of Access The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

Preferred Citation Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Alexander S. Kohanski Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms

Subjects Education / Jewish authors / Jews -- New Jersey -- Cedar Grove / Jews -- New York (State) -- New York / Judaism / Theater, Yiddish

Personal Names Bialik, Hayyim Nahman, 1873-1934 / Buber, Martin, 1878-1965 / Herzl, Theodor, 1860-1904 / Kohanski, Alexander S. (Alexander Sissel), 1902-1987

Series A. Correspondence, 1923-1983

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The series is grouped into organizational and personal correspondence. It includes material

on the League for Labor Palestine and the educational and synagogue activities of Alexander Kohanski.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. General correspondence. A-C.
- Box 1. Folder 2. Cleveland, Ohio- Cleveland Jewish Center, 1941-1942
- Box 1. Folder 3. General correspondence. D-J.
- Box 1. Folder 4. General correspondence. K-O.
- Box 1. Folder 5. League for Labor Palestine, 1939-1941
- Box 1. Folder 6. Lown, Phillip W., 1953-1976
- Box 1. Folder 7. Maine Jewish Council, 1943-1945
- Box 1. Folder 8. Memphis, Tenn.- Memphis Yiddish School, 1926-1931
- Box 1. Folder 9. New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association, 1978
- Box 2. Folder 1. General correspondence. P-Z.
- Box 2. Folder 2. Passaic, N.J.-Adas Israel Synagogue Center, 1977-1978
- Box 2. Folder 3. Sanborn, Herbert C., 1928-1936, 1953,1965, undated
- Box 2. Folder 4. Family correspondence, 1923-1935, undated
- Box 2. Folder 5. Unidentified correspondence, 1926-1974, undated
- Box 2. Folder 6. Personal miscellaneous, 1933-1983, undated

Series B. Writings and Research, 1926-1987

Extent 1 linear foot (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The series is grouped into general and specific topics. At the end of the series are the Jewish Social Service Quarterly issues during the period that Alexander Kohanski served as managing editor.

Arrangement The specific topics such as Martin Buber are arranged in alphabetical order.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 2. Folder 7. Miscellaneous writings. A-E.
- Box 2. Folder 8. Miscellaneous writings. F-L.
- Box 2. Folder 9. Miscellaneous writings. N-Z.
- Box 2. Folder 10. Ahad Ha'am. Notes.
- Box 2. Folder 11. Bialik, Chaim. Notes and writings.
- Box 2. Folder 12. Bible. Notes.
- Box 3. Folder 1. Book reviews.
- Box 3. Folder 2. Buber, Martin. Notes and writings.
- Box 3. Folder 3. Buber, Martin. Manuscripts.
- Box 3. Folder 4. "Martin Buber's Philosophy of Communication."
- Box 3. Folder 5. "Ecumenism- Dialogue or Dialectic?"

Box 3. Folder 6. Gabirol, Solomon Ibn. Notes and writings.

Box 3. Folder 7. Herzl, Theodor. Notes and writings.

Box 3. Folder 8. Jewish colonization. Notes.

Box 3. Folder 9. Jewish history. Notes and curriculum.

Box 4. Folder 1. Kaplan, Mordecai M. Manuscripts.

Box 4. Folder 2. Philately. Articles.

Box 4. Folder 3. Poetry.

Box 4. Folder 4. Religious School curriculums.

Box 4. Folder 5. Upon My Words, 1987

Box 4. Folder 6. Yiddish Theatre. Untitled manuscript.

Box 4. Folder 7. Miscellaneous notes.

Box 4. Folder 8. NRA Jewish Writers Project, 1941

Box 4. Folder 9. "Yiddish Theatre in New York- 1932-1933."

Box 4. Folder 10. Jewish Social Service Quarterly, 1944-1945