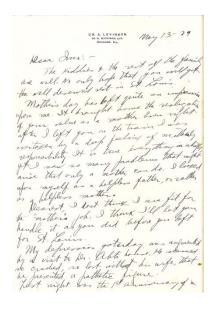
A Finding Aid to the Abraham and Ida Levinson Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 69



Collection Summary

Title Abraham and Ida Levinson Papers **Dates** 1910-1955 (bulk 1910-1930)

Collection Number MS-69

Repository The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

Levinson, Abraham, 1888-1955 Creator

Levinson, Ida

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box) Language of the Material English, Hebrew, and Yiddish

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Abraham Levinson was born in 1888. He received his B.S. degree in 1917 from the University of Chicago and his M.D. degree in 1911 from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Levinson went on to pursue post-graduate studies with Bela Schick and Heinrich Finkelstein in Europe.

Levinson was a noted researcher in pediatric neurology and pioneered the study of cerebrospinal fluid. A professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University Medical School, Levinson founded the Levinson Research Foundation for research in pediatric neuropsychiatry. Other research interests included diptheria, influenza, meningitis and tuberculosis. In 1949, Levinson was honored by the American Medical Association for his many achievements.

Levinson wrote several books and medical papers including: co-editorship of the Pediatric Yearbook (1916-1920), Cerebrospinal Fluid in Health and Disease (1919), Pediatric Nursing (1925) and Pioneers of Pediatrics (1936). Several of these books were translated into Hebrew and the nursing textbook became the official text for the nurses of the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Levinson and his wife Ida were keenly interested in the Zionist cause. During his postgraduate studies in the early 1920s, Levinson came into contact with many prominent Zionist figures including Chaim Weizmann and Chaim Bialik.

Abraham Levinson died in 1955.

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence, Ida Levinson's diaries, appointment books, postcards and miscellaneous material. The first three folders consist of personal correspondence of Ida and Abraham Levinson and reflects the development of Dr. Levinson's career as a pediatrician and their deep involvement with Zionism. Letters of particular interest give descriptions of contact in Europe with Jewish personalities of the era including: Chaim Weizmann (10 August 1923), Rimon (14 October 1923), Chaim Bialik (26 October 1923), Elma Levinger (13 April 1932) and the press exhibit in Cologne, Germany (20 August 1928).

Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

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Index Terms

Subjects Jewish physicians / Jewish women / Jews -- Illinois -- Chicago / Zionism

Personal Names Levinson, Abraham, 1888-1955 / Levinson, Ida

Media Diaries

Series A. General, 1910-1955

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence, personal, 1910-1922

Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence, personal, 1923

Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence [Hebrew], 1914-1954

Box 1. Folder 4. Diaries. Levinson, Ida, 1912-1921

Box 1. Folder 5. Personal invitations and announcements, 1922, 1955

Box 1. Folder 6. Pocket diaries, 1927-1932

Box 1. Folder 7. Postal cards, 1923-1928

Box 1. Folder 8. Miscellaneous materials.