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**A Finding Aid to the  
Fritz Bamberger Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 78**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Fritz Bamberger Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1947-1966
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-78
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Bamberger, Fritz, 1902-1984
<b>Extent</b>	0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Fritz Bamberger was born in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany on January 7, 1902. In 1923, he was awarded his Ph.D. in intellectual thought from the University of Berlin. Bamberger worked as a research professor at the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums in 1926. From 1934 to 1938, Bamberger served as the director of the Berlin Jewish Teacher's Institute, the Berlin Jewish Lehrhaus as well as the director of the Board of Education for Jews in Berlin. From 1929 to 1932 he collaborated with Leo Strauss on the publication of Moses Mendelssohn's philosophical works in the Jubilaeumsausgabe .

Bamberger came to the United States in 1939, teaching Jewish Philosophy at the Chicago College of Jewish Studies and at the University of Chicago until 1942. In 1942, he joined the editorial board of *Esquire*, an influential men's magazine, as the director of editorial research. In 1948, Bamberger became the editorial director of the magazine. From 1952-1956, Bamberger was the editor-in-chief of *Coronet* , before becoming the executive director of *Esquire, Inc.*, until 1961. Bamberger returned to academia in 1961 as the Assistant to the President of the New York campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and as a Professor of Intellectual History, where he remained until his death in 1984.

Bamberger served as the vice-president of the Leo Baeck Institute and was a member of the executive committee of the Frank L. Weil Institute for Studies in Religion and Humanities. He also served as the vice-chairman of the North American Branch of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He contributed to many German, French, and American periodicals.

Bamberger was author of the following: *Die Entstehung des Wertproblems in der Philosophie des 19 Jahrhunderts* , (1924); *Die Geistige Gestalt Moses Mendelssohns* (1929); *Das System des Maimonides* (1935); *Das neunte Schuljahr* (1937); *Zunz's Conception of History* (1941); *Leo Baeck: the Man and the Idea* (1958); *Julius Guttman-Professor of Judaism* (1961). Bamberger also edited the following works: *Die Lehren des Judentums*, 3 vols. (1928-1930); *Moses Mendelssohns Gesammelte Schriften*, 3 vols. (1929-1932); *Herders Blaetter der Vorzeit* (1936); *Books are the Best Things* (1962).

Bamberger married Kate Schwabe in 1933. They had two children, Michael and Gabrielle (Gay). Following his wife's death, Bamberger married Maria E. Nussbaum in 1966. Fritz Bamberger died on September 21, 1984 in New York.

### Scope and Content

The Fritz Bamberger Papers were bequeathed by the Klau Library at the New York campus of HUC-JIR to the American Jewish Archives in 1979. The collection encompasses Bamberger's correspondence, catalogues, and press releases relating to University Publishers, Inc., as well as the creation of the Society of Jewish Bibliophiles. Bamberger founded the Society of Jewish Bibliophiles in 1961 as a testimony to what he perceived to be the Jewish commitment to learning and knowledge. Unique to Fritz Bamberger's papers are his research notes and correspondence on his survey of the growing needs of rabbis, which he conducted from 1947-1966. Researchers interested in examining the transitions and paradoxes of rabbinic life in post-World War II America should examine these surveys, which can be found in 2/1 through 2/3.

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## Index Terms

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<b>Personal Names</b>	Bamberger, Fritz, 1902-1984 / Glueck, Nelson, 1900-1971 / Korn, Bertram Wallace / Morgenstern, Julian, 1881-1976
<b>Corporate Names</b>	American Council for Judaism / Hebrew Union College Press / Society of Jewish Bibliophiles

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