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Louis Grossmann Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 92



Collection Summary

Title	Louis Grossmann Papers
Dates	1896-1926
Collection Number	MS-92
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Grossmann, Louis, 1863-1926
Extent	2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English and Hebrew

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Louis Grossmann was born in Vienna on February 24, 1863 to Rabbi Ignatz and Nettie (Rosenbaum) Grossmann. He immigrated to the United States and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. There he attended Hughes High School and, later, the University of Cincinnati and the Hebrew Union College. Grossmann completed his studies at UC and HUC in the same year, receiving a B.A. degree from UC and being ordained a rabbi by HUC in 1884. In later years Grossmann received two more degrees from HUC, a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1889 and Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1922. In 1911, Grossmann studied for a year at the University of Jena.

Following his ordination, Grossmann went to Detroit to become rabbi at Temple Beth El. He remained in Detroit until 1898 when he returned to Cincinnati to become both Isaac Mayer Wise's successor as rabbi at Congregation Bene Yeshurun and a professor of ethics, pedagogy, and theology at Hebrew Union College. Grossmann remained in both positions until 1922 when he retired and was elected rabbi emeritus by his congregation and professor emeritus at HUC.

Grossman was active in many organizations. He was a founder of the Teachers Institute of HUC and served as the Institute's principal from 1909-1918. He was an editorial writer for the American Israelite from 1900-1905 and was a member of the organizing committee for the First Universal Congress of Races in London, England in 1911. He was president of the Jewish Religious Education Association of Ohio, the Rabbinical Association of Ohio, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. In addition, Grossmann was a founder and honorary president of the Western Association of Jewish Ministers.

Grossmann was also prolific as a lecturer and writer. Before joining the faculty at HUC, he lectured there on comparative religion in 1897. He also lectured on Jewish ethics at the Lewisohn Foundation in New York in 1909. Some of his more important and well-known writings were: "Judaism and the Science of Religion" (1889); "Maimonides" (1890); "Aims of Teaching in Jewish Schools" (1918); and, with David Philipson, the biography, Isaac M. Wise (1900).

Louis Grossmann died in Detroit in 1926.

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence, sermons, book reviews, manuscripts, notes and personal items.

Arrangement

Organized into four (4) series: A. Correspondence; B. Writings; C. Notes; D. Personal.

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Index Terms

Subjects	Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Rabbis
Personal Names	Grossmann, Louis, 1863-1926
Corporate Names	Congregation Bene Yeshurun (Cincinnati, Ohio) / Hebrew Union College. Faculty / Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Media	Sermons

Series A. Correspondence, 1896-1926

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or organization. Letters are arranged chronologically within each folder.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. A-Z, General.

Box 1. Folder 2. Amos Society, 1924-1925, undated

Box 1. Folder 3. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1920-1924, undated

Box 1. Folder 4. Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Commission on Jewish Education, 1924-1925, undated

Box 1. Folder 5-7. Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Commission on Jewish Religious Educational Literature, 1918-1923

Box 1. Folder 8. Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Programs for services, undated

Box 1. Folder 9. Unidentified, 1922, undated

Series B. Writings, 1897-1915

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of sermons, addresses by various persons, book reviews, and manuscripts.

Arrangement The sermons are arranged alphabetically by title; addresses by persons other than Grossmann are arranged chronologically and the book reviews are arranged alphabetically. Manuscripts are untitled and undated. They have been placed at the end of the series.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 10-11. Sermons, A-W and untitled, 1900, undated

Box 1. Folder 12. Addresses by others, 1897-1915, undated

Box 2. Folder 1-5. Book reviews, A-W and unidentified.

Box 2. Folder 6. Unidentified manuscripts, undated

Series C. Notes, undated

Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of of Grossmann's notes. Many of the notes in this series are written in Hebrew.

Arrangement Some of the notes have been labeled by Grossmann and are arranged according to those labels. The remainder of the notes are unlabeled and have been filed in the order in which they were found.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 7. Notes [charity, education].

Box 3. Folder 1-5. Notes [education].

Box 3. Folder 6. Notes [ethics].

Box 3. Folder 7. Notes.

Box 4. Folder 1-8. Notes.

Series D. Personal, 1905, 1915, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Box and Folder Listing

Box 5. Folder 1. Awards, certificates, undated

Box 5. Folder 2. Diary, 1905

Box 5. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, 1915, undated