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Samuel Wohl Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 106



Collection Summary

Title	Samuel Wohl Papers
Dates	1915-1973
Collection Number	MS-106
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Wohl, Samuel, 1895-1972
Extent	0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English, Hebrew, and Yiddish

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Samuel Wohl was born on June 21, 1895 in Novo-Oushitza, Russia to Mordechai and Rachel (Dolberg) Wohl. His family moved to the United States in 1913, settling in Cleveland, Ohio. Wohl later graduated from the University of Cincinnati, attended the University of Chicago Divinity School, and was ordained as a rabbi by Hebrew Union College in 1927. He received an honorary degree from HUC-JIR in 1952.

Wohl served as the rabbi at Cincinnati's Congregation Bene Yeshurun (the Isaac Mayer Wise Temple) in 1931. He began as assistant rabbi and later became the Senior Rabbi. He served the congregation until 1966.

Quite engaged in local, national and international communal life, Wohl participated in many organizations. Wohl was a member of Hebrew Union College's Board of Governors. He was a delegate to the World Zionist Congress and was president of the League for Labor Palestine for ten years. Especially interested in interfaith work, Wohl founded the Institute for Judaism for Christian Clergymen. He was also the editor of *Jewish Frontier*.

Wohl married Belle Myers in 1921 and had two sons, Rabbi Amiel Wohl and Dr. Theodore H. Wohl. Samuel Wohl died on November 30, 1972.

Scope and Content

The Samuel Wohl Papers contain correspondence with many prominent figures in world politics as well as national and international Jewish organizations. Of special note is the correspondence with David Ben Gurion (1/3), Golda Meir (1/19), Moshe Sharett (1/22), and Zalman Shazar (1/23), all of which is in Hebrew. Also quite important is his correspondence with important Americans, such as Louis Dembitz Brandeis (1/4) and Stephen S. Wise (1/25). Wohl's work with Jewish organizations is well represented in the files concerning the Central Conference of American Rabbis (1/5), Labor Zionist Organization of America (1/15), World Union for Progressive Judaism (1/28), and especially the League for Labor Palestine (1/16), of which he was the president for many years.

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Corporate Names Congregation Bene Yeshurun (Cincinnati, Ohio)
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