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**A Finding Aid to the  
Abraham I. Shinedling Papers  
Manuscript Collection No. 128**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Abraham I. Shinedling Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1886-1982 (bulk 1960-1980)
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-128
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Shinedling, Abraham I. (Abraham Isaac), 1897-1982 United States. National Historical Publications and Records Commission
<b>Extent</b>	8.8 linear feet (22 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Abraham I. Shinedling was born in Menominee, Michigan, on September 8, 1897 to Moses and Dora (Morris) Shinedling. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1919 and was ordained rabbi by the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1920. He also attended the University of Georgia from 1923-1924 and received an M.A. degree from Columbia University in New York in 1928. In 1959 he was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Shinedling held a large number and a wide variety of jobs during his lifetime. From 1920-1926 he served as rabbi at congregations in Joplin, Missouri, Marshall, Texas, Athens, Georgia, and Goldsboro, North Carolina. From 1926-1928 he worked as a Hebrew school principal and teacher in the Bronx, New York and from 1932-1943 he served as a prison chaplain in Westchester County, New York. Shinedling returned to the congregational rabbinate in 1943, serving in Alexandria, Louisiana, Selma, Alabama, and Bluefield and Beckley, West Virginia until 1956.

Also, during this time, from 1928-1943, Shinedling worked as the New York City editor and historian for the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia. In addition, from 1950 until his death in 1982, Shinedling also served as a staff member of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati.

Some of Shinedling's activities included membership in the Central Conference of American Rabbis, B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 36 (Vice-President 1969-1971), and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Alumni Association. Shinedling also authored many works, including numerous articles for the American Hebrew together with three books: History of the Beckley Jewish Community (with Manuel Pickers as co-author): History of the Los Alamos Jewish Center, 1958; and West Virginia Jewry: Its Origins and History, 1850-1960 (3 vol.), in 1963.

On June 9, 1929 Shinedling married the former Helen Lowenstein. They had one child, Sidney T., born in 1939.

Abraham I. Shinedling died, on October 18, 1982, at the age of 85.

### Scope and Content

Describes the career of Abraham I. Shinedling, rabbi and historian. The collection consists of correspondence, Shinedling's autobiography, and other writings of Shinedling.

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two (2) series: Series A. Correspondence, 1935-1982; B. Literary Productions, 1886-1981.

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### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Abraham I. Shinedling Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-128. Abraham I. Shinedling Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Index Terms

**Subjects** Jewish historians / Jews -- New Mexico / Jews -- West Virginia / Rabbis  
**Personal Names** Shinedling, Abraham I. (Abraham Isaac), 1897-1982  
**Media** Autobiographies

### Series A. Correspondence, 1935-1982

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Arrangement** 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, General.

Box 1. Folder 2. Aaronsohn, Michael, 1955-1962, 1965-1966, 1973

Box 1. Folder 3. B, General.

Box 1. Folder 4. Bloch Publishing Co., 1956-1964

Box 1. Folder 5. B'nai B'rith, 1955-1957, 1963-1965

Box 1. Folder 6. Brav, Stanley R., 1959-1965

Box 1. Folder 7. Bressler, Albert A., 1956-1964, 1966

Box 1. Folder 8. C, General.

Box 1. Folder 9. Coleman, Marie E., 1957-1964

Box 1. Folder 10. Cronbach, Abraham and Rose, 1957-1962, 1965, undated

Box 1. Folder 11. D-E, General.

Box 1. Folder 12. F, General.

Box 1. Folder 13. Feibelman, Julian B., 1954-1967

Box 1. Folder 14. Freehoff, Solomon B., 1960-1974

Box 1. Folder 15. G, General.

Box 1. Folder 16. Genis, Helen (sister), 1951-1960

Box 1. Folder 17. Genis, Helen (sister), 1962-1982, undated

Box 2. Folder 1. Gordis, Robert, 1953-1959

Box 2. Folder 2. Gordis, Robert, 1960-1967

Box 2. Folder 3. Gordis, Robert, 1972-1982

Box 2. Folder 4. Greene, Abe J., 1956-1961, 1969-1975

Box 2. Folder 5. H, General.

Box 2. Folder 6. Hollander, Arthur S., 1957-1962

Box 2. Folder 7. Isserman, Ferdinand M., 1959-1962

Box 2. Folder 8. Ivry, Frank (uncle), 1957-1963, 1973

Box 2. Folder 9. J-K, General.

Box 2. Folder 10. Jewish Statistical Bureau, 1954-1964

Box 2. Folder 11. Kohler, Lili, 1961-1962

Box 2. Folder 12. Korn, Bertram W., 1953-1963

Box 2. Folder 13. L, General.

Box 2. Folder 14. Leipziger, Emil W., 1959-1960, undated

Box 2. Folder 15. Levinson, Robert E., 1971-1973

Box 2. Folder 16. London, Reba (sister), 1955, 1963, 1973-1977, undated

Box 3. Folder 1. M-O, General.

Box 3. Folder 2. Markowitz, Samuel H., 1970-1972

Box 3. Folder 3. Morby, Joanne (Mrs. Paul A. Young), 1959-1961

Box 3. Folder 4. Morgenstern, Julian, 1957-1973

Box 3. Folder 5. Moskowitz, Miriam, 1953-1961, 1965-1966, undated

Box 3. Folder 6. P-R, General.

Box 3. Folder 7. Platnick, Nathan, 1975

Box 3. Folder 8. Richmond, Harry R., 1971-1976, undated

Box 3. Folder 9. Sa-Sh, General.

Box 3. Folder 10. Schulenburg, Texas - Temple Israel, 1960

Box 3. Folder 11. Shinedling, Archie E. (brother), 1957-1958

Box 3. Folder 12. Shinedling, Julian M. and Sadie (brother and sister-in-law), 1954-1960

Box 3. Folder 13. Si-Su, General.

Box 3. Folder 14. Silverman, Bernard E., 1957-1960

Box 3. Folder 15. Sutin, Lewis R., 1965-1974

Box 3. Folder 16. T-Z, General, unidentified.

Box 3. Folder 17. Zeitin, Josef, 1959-1963

## **Series B. Literary Productions, 1886-1981**

**Extent** 7.6 linear feet (19 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** This series consists of Shinedling's autobiography, memoirs written by Shinedling of his grandfather, father and brothers, and other writings.

**Arrangement** The autobiography, which details intimately Shinedling's life and thoughts, is filed first in this series followed by the memoirs and other writings arranged alphabetically by title.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 4. Folder 1-5. Autobiography, pp. 1-1000.

Box 5. Folder 1-5. Autobiography, pp. 1001-2000.

Box 6. Folder 1-5. Autobiography, pp. 2001-3000.

Box 7. Folder 1-5. Autobiography, pp. 3001-4000.

Box 8. Folder 1-6. Autobiography, pp. 4001-5200.

Box 9. Folder 1-5. Autobiography, pp. 5201-6200.

Box 10. Folder 1-6. Autobiography, pp. 6201-7400.

Box 11. Folder 1-7. Autobiography, pp. 7401-8800.

Box 12. Folder 1-6. Autobiography, pp. 8801-10,000.

Box 13. Folder 1-6. Autobiography, pp. 10,000-11,200.

Box 14. Folder 1-6. Autobiography, pp. 11,201-12,400.

Box 15. Folder 1-6. Autobiography, pp. 12,401-13,600.

Box 16. Folder 1-5. Autobiography, pp. 13,601-14,626.

Box 16. Folder 6. Autobiography, supplement.

Box 17. Folder 1-8. Autobiography, supplement.

Box 18. Folder 1-7. Autobiography, supplement.

Box 19. Folder 1. Autobiography, supplement.

Box 19. Folder 2-3. "David Einhorn and His Sinai", 1961

Box 19. Folder 4. Family documents, 1886-1930

Box 19. Folder 5. Introduction and Preface to The Occident and American Jewish Advocate, undated

Box 19. Folder 6. Memoir on Meyer Morris (grandfather), undated

Box 19. Folder 7. Memoir on Isidore J. Shinedling (brother), 1958-1959

Box 20. Folder 1. Memoir on Julian M. Shinedling (brother), 1958

Box 20. Folder 2-3. Memoir on Moses Shinedling (father), 1958

Box 20. Folder 4. Notebooks, 1963-1968

Box 20. Folder 5. "On the Problem of Inter-marriage", 1967

Box 20. Folder 6. "References to and Texts on, New Mexico Jews in the Volumes of the New Mexico Historical Review".

Box 20. Folder 7. Sermons and prayers, 1966-1967

Box 21. Folder 1. Memoir on Leo Mannheimer and his family, 1959-1960

Box 21. Folder 2-4. Research and correspondence related to the memoir on Leo Mannheimer and his family.

Box 22. Folder 1-3. Research materials and correspondence on West Virginia Jewry, 1956-1960