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**A Finding Aid to the
Paul Abelson Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 4



Collection Summary

Title	Paul Abelson Papers
Dates	1878-1956 (bulk 1900-1920)
Collection Number	MS-4
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Abelson, Paul, 1878-1953
Extent	2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	Yiddish and English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Paul Abelson was born in Lithuania in 1878. Abelson received a PhD from Columbia University in 1906 and the LL.B. from the New York Law School in 1918, when he was admitted to the New York Bar. Abelson's career was closely connected with the labor movement. Abelson was also involved in the Kehillah (the Jewish Community of New York) and social welfare work. In 1905 Abelson married Helen Cohn. They had three children: Miriam, Ruth, and Louise. Paul Abelson died in New York City on November 4, 1953 at the age of 75.

Scope and Content The collection includes correspondence, speeches, reports, memorabilia, newsclippings, articles and pamphlets. The collection portrays Abelson's involvement with labor, educational, civic and social events in New York City. Of primary interest are the files concerning the New York Kehillah (the Jewish Community), the East Side Civic Club, and the Educational Alliance.

Arrangement The papers consist of a single general series organized alphabetically using categories created by Abelson.

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Subject Tracings

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