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Trude Weiss-Rosmarin Papers
Manuscript Collection No. 12**



Collection Summary

Title	Trude Weiss-Rosmarin Papers
Dates	1931-1984
Collection Number	MS-12
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Weiss-Rosmarin, Trude, 1908-1989
Extent	4.2 linear feet (8 Hollinger boxes and 1 oversize box)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Trude Weiss-Rosmarin was born in 1908 in Frankfurt, Germany, the daughter of Jacob and Celestine (Mullings) Weiss. In 1931, at the age of 22, she received her doctor of philosophy degree after completing studies at the Universities of Berlin (1927-1928), Leipzig (1929) and Wurzburg (1930-1931). Her thesis proved to be a seminal work in the field of ancient Arabic history. Beginning in 1931, Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin published numerous works of a scholarly nature, including Religion of Reason (1936), Hebrew Moses; An Answer to Sigmund Freud (1939), Judaism and Christianity: The Differences (1943), Jewish Survival (1949), Saadia (1959) and Jewish Expressions on Jesus; An Anthology (1977)

In 1931 Weiss-Rosmarin emigrated to the United States with her husband Aaron Rosmarin (b.1904). Immediately upon her arrival she became involved with the American Jewish Community. In 1932, under the auspices of Hadassah, she and her husband created the School of the Jewish Woman in New York City, where they taught Hebrew, bible, Jewish history and Yiddish. Weiss-Rosmarin served as the School's director from its founding in 1932 until its closing in 1939. From 1939 through 1940 she was vicepresident of the National Association of Bible Instructors. From 1947 through 1951 she was national co-chair of education for the Zionist Organization of America. During this time she also served on the advisory board of the National Jewish Curriculum Institute and the Jewish Book Council of America and on the Board of Directors of the Community Security Council. From 1963 through 1966 she published a regular column, "Letters from New York" in the London Jewish Chronicle. Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin taught at New York University and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia

In December 1936, Weiss-Rosmarin began editing and publishing a monthly newsletter for the School of the Jewish Woman. This newsletter, The Jewish Spectator, survived the closing of the School and became Weiss-Rosmarin's main interest. In 1943 she became sole editor and in this capacity she called for numerous reforms in the American Jewish community. Through her editorials, Weiss-Rosmarin continually promoted Jewish education and literature, demanded "accountability" from the national Jewish fund-raising organizations and spoke out for the rights of women in general as well as within Judaism.

Weiss-Rosmarin demonstrated her avid interest in Jewish education by establishing in 1940 a series of inexpensive books of Jewish interest. The series, entitled The Jewish People's Library was issued through the Jewish Book Club. Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin herself contributed several volumes in this series: Jewish Women Through The Ages (1949), The Oneg Shabbath Books (1940), What Every Jewish Woman Should Know (1949), and Highlights of Jewish History (1941).

In 1951, Weiss-Rosmarin was divorced from her husband. In 1978, she moved the offices of The Jewish Spectator from New York City to Santa Monica, California. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin died in Santa Monica on June 26, 1989.

Scope and Content

The collection reflects Trude Weiss-Rosmarin's scholarly activities, editorial career, and activities within the American Jewish community. The collection consists of correspondence, brochures, pamphlets, articles, newsclippings and scrapbooks.

Arrangement

Organized into three (3) series: A. General, 1931-1984; B. Nearprint, 1932-1982; C. Scrapbooks, 1931-1962.

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Index Terms

Subjects Jewish women
Personal Names Weiss-Rosmarin, Trude, 1908-1989
Corporate Names The Jewish spectator
Media Scrapbooks

Series A. General, 1931-1984

Extent 2.2 linear feet (5.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of correspondence and manuscripts submitted to Weiss-Rosmarin and miscellaneous material. The correspondence in general deals with The Jewish Spectator, Weiss-Rosmarin's activities and editorials, and requests for her to lecture. There is considerable information on Weiss-Rosmarin's crusade in the 1950s for the reform of Jewish divorce law in order to help Jewish women and her demands in the 1970s for a financial accounting of United States Jewish charitable funds.

Arrangement The series is alphabetically arranged by correspondent or subject.

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Series B. Nearprint, 1932-1982

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of articles, brochures, broadsides and newspaper clippings authored by Weiss-Rosmarin, of interest to her or directly concerning her. The material authored by Weiss-Rosmarin includes articles and brochures as well as several of her editorials in *The Jewish Spectator* and "Letters to the Editor" by Weiss-Rosmarin in other publications. The nearprint authored by others reflects Weiss-Rosmarin's scholarly interests. Often these items are personally autographed by the author. Included in this series are autographed items from Haim Cohn, Raymond P. Dougherty, Joshua Finkel, Irving Fineman, Horace M. Kallen, Samuel Krauss,

Bruno Meissner and Harry Zohn. The newsclippings in this series form a record of Weiss-Rosmarin's various activities.

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Series C. Scrapbooks, 1931-1962

Extent 1.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box and 1 oversize box)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of nine volumes of bound scrapbooks, which contain articles and newsclippings by and about Trude Weiss-Rosmarin.

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Subject Tracings

Note: This list represents a selective guide to some of the persons and subjects in the TRUDE WEISS-ROSMARIN PAPERS. It is selective in that it only attempts to draw attention to the more significant items in the collection. It does not list every subject or individual nor does it indicate every location of a listed subject or individual in the collection. This list must be used in conjunction with the Box and Folder List of this inventory. References are to boxes and folders, i.e. 2/20 means Box 2, Folder 20.

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