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**A Finding Aid to the  
Morris D. Waldman Papers  
Manuscript Collection No. 23**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Morris D. Waldman Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1912-1963
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-23
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Waldman, Morris D., 1879-1963
<b>Extent</b>	2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Morris David Waldman, the son of Benjamin and Esther (Schoenfeld) Waldman, was born in Bartfa, Hungary in 1879. He was brought to the United States at the age of four and completed his education at New York University (Ph.B., 1898), the Jewish Theological Seminary (1895-1898), and the Columbia University Graduate School of Semitics and Philosophy (1898-1901).

Waldman began his career as a rabbi at Temple Anshe Emeth in New Brunswick, New Jersey (1900-1903), but soon entered the field of social and welfare work. Waldman was responsible for a number of innovations in social work. Among his creations were: the District Service Plan (introduced in Boston), by which the needs and problems of all members of a family were considered on a unitary basis; the "Double Barrelled Federation" (initiated in Detroit), a forerunner of all the welfare funds established by Jewish federations in community chest cities; a planned parenthood clinic in Detroit, conducted under the auspices of a Jewish federation for a non-sectarian clientele; and bureaus of Jewish education in Boston and Detroit which, for the first time, established the principle of community responsibility for Jewish education and community control and direction

From 1906 to 1908 Waldman served in immigration work with the Industrial Removal Office and was director of the Galveston movement. The latter was created to deflect east European immigrants from the east coast of the United States to less populated areas.

From 1908 to 1917 Waldman was managing director of the United Hebrew Charities of New York City. There he introduced many pioneering procedures which became the basis for later developments in the field of social work.

Waldman served as vice-president of the New York State Conference of Charities and Correction (1912), and president of the New York City Conference of Charities (1915). He was influential in the establishment of the Federation for the support of the Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City in 1917 and in 1919 he was made a trustee of the Federation's board. Waldman was also instrumental in the organizing of the Federations of Jewish Charities in Boston, Brooklyn, and Detroit.

In 1917 Waldman served as an assistant director of the civilian department of the American Red Cross in Washington. Between 1921 and 1922, he organized relief for central European Jewish communities, and was director of the medico-sanitary department of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Under his direction and initiative, nurses' training programs and x-ray services were introduced into Jewish hospitals in Poland and neighboring countries. He was also responsible for the introduction of a comprehensive and widespread program of public health in eastern and southeastern Europe.

In 1928 Waldman became executive secretary to the American Jewish Committee, a position he held until 1945. His achievements were concerned with protecting the civil and religious rights of Jews throughout the world. His campaign to solve the problem of anti-Semitism and the issue of minority rights finally resulted in an International Bill of Rights being adopted as part of the United Nations charter.

Waldman was active in the non-Zionist section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. He opposed Jewish nationalism, but after World War II he attempted to resolve the split between Zionist and non-Zionist factions in the American Jewish Committee. He later favored the establishment of the state of Israel.

In 1945, for reasons of health, Waldman retired from his professional position. He wrote two books, *Not By Power* (1953), an autobiography; and *Sieg Heil* (1962). Morris David Waldman died at the age of 84 in 1963. He was married to Rose Cyres in 1901 and they had three children: Mrs. Lynn W. Pearlstien, Mrs. Pearl Glaser, and Mrs. Helen Eliezer.

## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Rabbis / Social service
<b>Personal Names</b>	Waldman, Morris D. (Morris David), 1879-1963
<b>Corporate Names</b>	American Jewish Committee / American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
<b>Media</b>	Minutes

### Series A. Correspondence, 1912-1963

**Extent** 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Among the important correspondents in the series are Cyrus Adler, Jacob Billikopf, Jacob Blaustein, David A. Brown, Herbert Lehman, Louis Marshall, Joseph M. Proskauer, John Slawson, Cyrus L. Sulzberger, Maurice Wertheim, and Stephen S. Wise.

**Arrangement** Files in this series are arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent. Letters are arranged chronologically within each folder.

### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. Adler, Cyrus, 1927-1939
- Box 1. Folder 2. B, General.
- Box 1. Folder 3. Billikopf, Jacob, 1918-1950
- Box 1. Folder 4. Blaustein, Jacob, 1943-1957
- Box 1. Folder 5. Bressler, David M., 1917-1937
- Box 1. Folder 6. Brown, David A., 1927, 1952-1954
- Box 1. Folder 7. Butzel, Henry M., 1924
- Box 1. Folder 8. C, General.
- Box 1. Folder 9. Cardozo, Benjamin N., 1932, 1935
- Box 1. Folder 10. D, General.
- Box 1. Folder 11. Davidson, Israel, 1924-1930
- Box 1. Folder 12. E-F, General.
- Box 1. Folder 13. Fine, Morris, 1948-1955
- Box 1. Folder 14. G, General.
- Box 1. Folder 15. Gottschalk, Max, 1938-1963
- Box 1. Folder 16. Grodinsky, Julius, 1930
- Box 1. Folder 17. H-J, General.
- Box 1. Folder 18. K, General.
- Box 1. Folder 19. Karpf, Maurice, 1931-1952
- Box 1. Folder 20. Klein, Henry, 1929-1933
- Box 1. Folder 21. L, General.
- Box 1. Folder 22. Landau, Jacob, 1930-1942
- Box 1. Folder 23. Laski, Neville, 1933-1957
- Box 1. Folder 24. Lehman, Herbert, 1926-1958

Box 1. Folder 25. Leidesdorf, Samuel D., 1937-1953

Box 1. Folder 26. M, General.

Box 1. Folder 27. Marcus, Jacob R., 1951

Box 1. Folder 28. Marshall, Louis, 1928-1929

Box 1. Folder 29. N-O, General.

Box 1. Folder 30. P, General.

Box 1. Folder 31. Proskauer, Joseph M., 1933, 1941-1957

Box 1. Folder 32. R, General.

Box 1. Folder 33. Rosenberg, James N., 1936-1942

Box 1. Folder 34. Rosenman, Samuel I., 1938-1952

Box 2. Folder 1. S, General.

Box 2. Folder 2. Saltzstein, Harry C., 1952-1963

Box 2. Folder 3. Schiff, Mortimer L., 1925

Box 2. Folder 4. Silverberg, Mendel, 1940

Box 2. Folder 5. Slawson, John, 1940-1962

Box 2. Folder 6. Sloss, M.C., 1946, 1953

Box 2. Folder 7. Stroock, Sol M., 1934-1954

Box 2. Folder 8. Stern, Horace, 1943-1946

Box 2. Folder 9. Sulzberger, Cyrus L., 1925-1932

Box 2. Folder 10. T, General.

Box 2. Folder 11. Teller, Chester and Eva Magnes, 1949-1954

Box 2. Folder 12. W, General.

Box 2. Folder 13. Wallach, Sidney, 1936-1942

Box 2. Folder 14. Wertheim, Maurice, 1940-1950

Box 2. Folder 15. Wineman, Henry, 1924, 1945, 1948

Box 2. Folder 16. Wise, Stephen S., 1942-1947

Box 2. Folder 17. Z, General.

Box 2. Folder 18. Unidentified.

## **Series B. Organizations, 1917-1949**

**Extent** 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** The Organizations series consists of correspondence, minutes, and reports. The Phoenix Community Relations Council and the Joint Defense Appeal material belonged to Jay S. Pearlstien, Waldman's son-in-law. As it was already part of the Morris Waldman papers it was retained. The material on the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (1921-1922) comprises the bulk of the material in this series.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the organization.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 2. Folder 19. American Council for Judaism, 1942-1944

Box 2. Folder 20-21. American Jewish Committee [correspondence, reports, minutes], 1935-1962

Box 2. Folder 22. American Jewish Conference [correspondence, reports, minutes], 1943

Box 3. Folder 1-2. American Jewish Conference [correspondence and minutes], 1944

Box 3. Folder 3. American Red Cross, 1917-1918, 1938

Box 3. Folder 4-7. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee [correspondence and minutes], 1921-1922

Box 4. Folder 1-2. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee [reports and minutes], 1921-1922

Box 4. Folder 3-5. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee [progress reports - Poland], 1922

Box 4. Folder 6. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee [Poland], 1922-1948

Box 4. Folder 7-8. Joint Defense Appeal, 1945-1947

Box 5. Folder 1. Joint Defense Appeal, 1947-1948

Box 5. Folder 2-4. Joint Defense Appeal [minutes], 1947 January

Box 5. Folder 5. National Council of Women of the United States, 1940-1947

Box 5. Folder 6-7. Phoenix Community Relations Council, 1940-1948

### **Series C. General, 1917-1963**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** The General series consists of correspondence, newsclippings, pamphlets, articles, notes, speeches, and reports. The series is biographical in nature and contains a variety of items either written by or about Morris David Waldman. There is also one folder of material relating to Latin America.

#### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 6. Folder 1. Waldman, Morris D. [biographical - includes letters from various individuals and organizations sent to the Waldman family at the time of his death in 1963], 1921, 1954, 1963

Box 6. Folder 2. Waldman, Morris D. [nearprint], 1917-1942

Box 6. Folder 3-4. Waldman, Morris D. [speeches and reports], 1930-1949

Box 6. Folder 5. Latin America, 1944-1952

### **Series D. Manuscripts, 1960-1962**

**Extent** 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** The Manuscripts series consists of correspondence and copies of manuscripts of items authored by Waldman, primarily his book, *Sieg Heil*.

#### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 6. Folder 6-7. *Sieg Heil* [correspondence and manuscript], 1960-1962

Box 7. Folder 1-2. Sieg Heil.

Box 7. Folder 3-6. Miscellaneous.

## **Series E. Miscellaneous**

**Extent** 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** The Miscellaneous series consists of one folder of items of secondary importance or of unidentifiable manuscript material.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 7. Folder 7. Miscellaneous.