A Finding Aid to the
Harry Barnard Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 47
Collection Summary

Title: Harry Barnard Collection
Collection Number: MS-47
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Barnard, Harry, 1906-1982
Extent: 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material: English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Harry Barnard, born Harry Barnard Kletzky in Pueblo, Colorado on September 5, 1906, was a journalist and leading political biographer. Barnard was educated at Centennial High School in Pueblo, the University of Denver from 1924 to 1925, the University of Chicago (Ph. B. in 1928) and John Marshall Law School from 1935 to 1937. He started his career in journalism as a cub reporter in Colorado and later joined the editorial staff at the Chicago Herald-Examiner from 1928 to 1934. Barnard was the director of research at the City of Chicago Law Department from 1935 to 1942 and then continued in journalism as chief editorial writer for the Chicago Times in 1944 and 1945. Barnard also had professional affiliations with the Chicago Sun and the Detroit Times. Barnard was drawn to progressive, liberal politics and from 1958 to 1960 was the author of the syndicated column "Liberal at Large" for the Chicago Daily News and other newspapers.

In 1938 his biography, Eagle Forgotten: The Life of John Peter Altgeld was published to great critical acclaim including a designation as runner up for the Pulitzer Prize. As an historical and political writer, his interest in Israel and great Jewish American figures fueled Barnard’s research into the lives of Louis D. Brandeis, Julian Mack, Felix Frankfurter, Horace M. Kallen, Henrietta Szold, Robert Szold, and Benjamin V. Cohen. Barnard published a number of notable books including the biographies Rutherford B. Hayes and His America (1954); Independent Man: The Life of Senator James Gould Couzens (1958) and The Forging of an American Jew: The Life and Times of Judge Julian Mack (1974). Barnard contributed articles to numerous periodicals and reference works including Encyclopedia Americana, The Dictionary of American Biography, Nation, and Saturday Review.

Barnard was married to Miriam Helstien in 1929. They divorced in 1942. He then married Ruth Eisenstat in 1943 with whom he had four children. Barnard died from a heart attack on August 26, 1982.

Scope and Content
Correspondence collected by Barnard, between Louis D. Brandeis, Julian Mack, Felix Frankfurter, Horace M. Kallen, Henrietta Szold, Robert Szold, and Benjamin V. Cohen concerning Zionism and the Zionist movement; also personal correspondence of Barnard concerning how he obtained the documents, 1889-1945; 1952-1975; also the manuscript for Julian W. Mack biography and miscellaneous short manuscripts. New York (N.Y.) and Washington D.C.

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Processing Information
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Index Terms

Subjects  Israel / Palestine / Zionism

Series A. General, 1889-1975, undated

Scope and Content Note  Consists of correspondence and manuscripts.
Arrangement  The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Brandeis, Louis D., 1910-1915
Box 1. Folder 2. Brandeis, Louis D., 1916-1918
Box 1. Folder 3. Brandeis, Louis D., 1919-1920
Box 1. Folder 4. Brandeis, Louis D., 1921-1929
Box 1. Folder 5. Brandeis, Louis D., 1930-1935
Box 1. Folder 6. Brandeis, Louis D., 1936-1941
Box 1. Folder 10. Mack, Julian W., 1889-1920
Box 1. Folder 11. Mack, Julian W., 1921-1923
Box 2. Folder 1. Mack, Julian W., 1924-1926
Box 2. Folder 2. Mack, Julian W., 1927-1929
Box 2. Folder 3. Mack, Julian W., 1930-1934
Box 2. Folder 5. Mack, Julian W., 1938-1941, undated
Box 2. Folder 7. Szold, Robert, 1930-1945
Box 2. Folder 8. Szold, Henrietta, 1914-1939
Box 2. Folder 9. Miscellaneous, 1911-1943, undated
Box 3. Folder 1. Manuscripts, 1955-1964
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Box 3. Folder 3. Julian W. Mack manuscript, part 2, 1964 August