A Finding Aid to the
Solomon Goldman Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 203
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**Administrative Information**

**Biographical Sketch**

Solomon Goldman was born in Kozin, Volhynia, Russia on August 18, 1893. He came to the United States as a young child and received his early education in the New York City public schools. He graduated from New York University and did graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. He received his Jewish education at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Yeshivah, where he studied for six years, and at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained as a rabbi in 1918.

Goldman’s first pulpit was at Congregation B’nai Israel in Brooklyn, New York, where he served from 1917-1918. He then moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he was rabbi at Congregation B’nai Jeshurun from 1919-1922 and the Jewish Center, which he founded, from 1922-1929. From Cleveland he moved to Chicago, Illinois to become rabbi at Congregation Anshe Emet, where he remained until his death in 1953.

Goldman was an active Zionist, serving as co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and as president of the Zionist Organization of America 1938-1940. He was active in many other Jewish and civic affairs, including being principal of the first, Young Judea training school for leaders, founder of the Graetzians, Brooklyn Judeans, co-founder of the New York University Menorah Society, President of the Histadruth Ivrit of America, member of the B’nai B’rith Hillel Foundation Commission, and member of the executive committees of the Chicago League for Industrial Democracy, the United Synagogue of America, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Goldman also lectured widely and authored several books, including: A Rabbi Takes Stock (1931), The Jew and the Universe (1936), Crisis and Decision (1938), Undefeated (1940), an three volumes of a study of the Bible and its influence on world literature, The Book of Books (1948), In the Beginning (1949), and From Slavery to Freedom (1958).

Goldman married the former Alice Lipkowitz on June 23, 1918. They had two children: Geulah (Mrs. Joseph Epstein), and Naomi (Mrs. Albert Zemel). Solomon Goldman died in Chicago on May 14, 1953, at the age of 59.

**Scope and Content**

The collection describes the career of Solomon Goldman, rabbi, author, and past president of the Zionist Organization of America. The collection consists mainly of correspondence, but also includes sermons, writings and personal items.

**Arrangement**

Organized into three (3) series: A. Correspondence, 1923-1955; B. Sermons and Writings, 1932-1952; C. Miscellaneous, 1943-1953.

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**Preferred Citation**

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Series A. Correspondence, 1923-1955

Extent 8.6 linear feet (21.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence, reports, minutes and some newscuttings. Of special significance in this series are the materials concerning the Zionist Organization of America. Goldman was president of the ZOA from 1938 to 1940 and these files contain an abundance of material on the Zionist movement in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Arrangement The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the name of the person or organization. Letters are arranged chronologically within each folder.

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**Series B. Sermons and Writings, 1932-1952**

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

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of sermons, speeches, articles, and manuscripts.

**Arrangement** All the sermons and writings are arranged alphabetically according to title.

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Series C. Miscellaneous, 1943-1953

Extent  0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note  Consists of biographical data, tributes, letters of condolence, photographs, and letters of congratulations on the occasion of Goldman's thirty-fifth anniversary in the rabbinate and the seventieth anniversary of the founding of Goldman's congregation, Congregation Anshe Emet, Chicago, Illinois.

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