A Finding Aid to the
Jacob Rader Marcus Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 210
Collection Summary

Title: Jacob Rader Marcus Papers
Collection Number: MS-210
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Marcus, Jacob Rader, 1896-1995
Extent: 42 linear feet (74.5 Hollinger boxes, 7 oversize boxes, and 2 small boxes)
Language of the Material: English, German, Hebrew, German, Yiddish, and French

Biographical Sketch
Jacob Rader Marcus, historian, educator, rabbi, and founder of the American Jewish Archives, was born near Connellsville, Pennsylvania on March 5, 1896. At an early age Marcus's family moved to Wheeling, West Virginia. At the age of 15, Marcus left his family to come to Cincinnati to study for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College (HUC). While attending HUC, Marcus also attended the University of Cincinnati, where he received his B.A. degree in 1917. Shortly thereafter, Marcus served in the U.S. Army as part of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during World War I. In June 1920, a year after his return from the army, Marcus was ordained a rabbi and appointed to the HUC faculty. In 1923 he went to Germany to study at the University of Berlin and received a Ph.D. in 1925, magna cum laude. Returning to HUC in 1926, he continued teaching courses on the Bible and modern history. In 1925, he met Antoinette (Nettie) Brody of New York, who was studying voice in Berlin. They were married in Paris on December 31st of that year.

Marcus was the first trained historian of the Jewish people born in America and the first to devote himself fully to the scholarly study of America's Jews. Through the American Jewish Archives, which he founded in 1947, and through a parade of books—culminating in a magisterial, three-volume history entitled The Colonial American Jew: 1492-1776 (1970) and an even larger four-volume history of United States Jewry: 1776-1985 (1989-93), completed in his tenth decade of life—he defined, propagated, and professionalized his chosen field, achieving renown as its founding father and dean. At the time of his death, on the evening of November 14, 1995, he was also the oldest and most beloved member of the Reform rabbinate and the senior faculty member at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Cincinnati), where he had taught for some three-quarters of a century—up until a few months before his death.

Outside the classroom, Marcus became a rabbi and counselor to his students. This, he felt, was part of his rabbinic calling, and he considered it no less important than his scholarship and his teaching. His students reciprocated, electing him president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in 1949—the first Hebrew Union College professor since Isaac Mayer Wise to be so honored—and lifetime honorary president of the conference in 1978, an honor he esteemed above all the others accorded him. During the final three decades of his life, he looked upon the Reform rabbis of the Central Conference (“his boys,” as he called them, even after the college admitted women) as his own surrogate family. His wife Nettie (b. 1896), after years of illness, had died in 1953. His only daughter, Merle (b. 1929), to whom he was deeply attached, perished in a fire in 1965. From that time onward, he confessed in his Moment interview, "the world that means most to me is the rabbinical world." When I lost my family, my daughter, the only child I had, people said to me in the funeral sermons, you now have 500 sons. That's my world."

In 1938, Marcus published an important textbook, a volume of carefully edited documents dated 315-1791, entitled The Jew in the Medieval World. Here he displayed a singular mastery of primary literature and a prescient interest in usually neglected subjects and sources, such as women's history, the lives of Jewish laborers, and early American Jewish history. The textbook proved a great success and is still widely used. Continuing to work on neglected subjects, he embarked in the 1930s on an in-depth study of Jewish communal institutions—this at a time when communal institutions of every sort faced daunting challenges.

Throughout the 1930s, Marcus collected source material and urged his students to write papers in the field of American Jewish history; in 1942, celebrated as the 450th anniversary of the discovery of America, he offered what he later described as “the first required graduate course in an academic institution in American Jewish history." The 1940s saw other scholars, too, strengthen their interest in American Jewish history, including Salo Baron and Oscar Handlin. With the destruction of European Jewry and America's emergence as the undisputed center of world Jewry, the subject gained new legitimacy, if not urgency. What set Marcus apart was that his knowledge base was much greater, having come to the field earlier, and he alone decided in the 1940s to devote his full attention to American Jewish history; for him, Europe was now dead.

During the next half-century, Marcus worked systematically to establish American Jewish history as a scholarly discipline. He founded both the American Jewish Archives (1947) and...
the American Jewish Periodical Center (1956) on the campus of Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati). He served as president and later honorary president of the American Jewish Historical Society. He collected and published thousands of pages of edited primary sources. He created reference tools and a semiannual scholarly journal in 1948, American Jewish Archives [Journal] (1948-). He encouraged students and young scholars by answering their questions and helping to fund their research. And he published book after book of his own incomparable scholarship. All these projects sought to address the lacunae in American Jewish history that he set forth in 1951 when he published his path-breaking two-volume study entitled Early American Jewry. He had singlehandedly created or inspired practically every one of these “basic tools” called for in the introduction to that book by the time his own life’s work was finished.

Honors were showered upon him in his final years—awards, degrees, testimonials. In 1987 the city of Cincinnati even named the intersection where he lived Jacob Rader Marcus Square. What meant most to him, however, was finishing his life’s work. He published at least a book a year during his tenth decade, including the four volumes of United States Jewry and a two-volume Concise Dictionary of American Jewish Biography. Two more books were in press at the time of his death: The American Jew, a one-volume narrative history, and The Jew in the American World, a one-volume documentary history. Soon after his death, Brandeis University purchased his library. To help insure that his life’s work continued even after his passing, he left his entire fortune—almost four million dollars—in trust for the American Jewish Archives, renamed The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives in his memory.


Scope and Content
The Jacob Rader Marcus Papers reflect the life and career of Jacob Rader Marcus; rabbi, educator, historian, and founder of the American Jewish Archives. The papers include correspondence, diaries, journals, class and lecture notes, writings, minutes, reports, and other papers pertaining to Marcus’s various interests and activities. Included are notes on the genealogy of the Marcus family and materials relating to Jewish history, the American Jewish Archives, the American Jewish Historical Society, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged into seven (7) series:

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Corporate Names
American Jewish Archives / American Jewish Historical Society / Central Conference of American Rabbis / Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion / Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) / Jewish Publication Society of America
Series A. Correspondence, 1915-1995

Extent 3.5 linear feet (8.75 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of correspondence from Marcus's time at Hebrew Union College until shortly before his death. The correspondents include rabbis, scholars, and Jewish luminaries about religion, research, and general issues about Judaism. He also corresponded with many Jews about their family histories and with historical societies and libraries with research questions and inquiries about their collections.

Arrangement Arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. A—American F. General, 1937-1992
Box 1. Folder 4. Baeck, Leo, 1949-1954
Box 1. Folder 5. Bamberger, Bernard J., 1940-1950
Box 1. Folder 6. Be. General, 1918-1986
Box 1. Folder 7. Bettan, Israel, 1950
Box 1. Folder 8. Bi—Bo. General, 1930-1972, 1992
Box 1. Folder 10. B'nai B'rith. [Archives], 1956-1960
Box 1. Folder 11. Borowitz, Eugene B., 1950
Box 1. Folder 15. Braude, William G., 1945-1953
Box 1. Folder 16. Broches, Samuel, 1949-1950
Box 2. Folder 1. Com—Cu. General, 1938-1971
Box 2. Folder 3. D. General, 1918-1993
Box 2. Folder 4. Davis, Moshe, 1946-1953
Box 2. Folder 5. E. General, 1925-1993
Box 2. Folder 6. Emmanuel, I. S. [Isaac Samuel], 1960-1967
Box 2. Folder 7. Europe questionnaire responses, 1939
Box 2. Folder 8. Fa—Fe. General, 1938-1984
Box 2. Folder 10. Feibelman, Julian B., 1948-1979
Box 2. Folder 12. Feinstein, Abraham, 1917, 1949-1951
Box 2. Folder 15. Fi—Fo. General, 1938-1957
Box 2. Folder 16. Fierman, Floyd S., 1949-1985
Box 2. Folder 17. Fierman, Morton C., 1950-1951
Box 3. Folder 1. Finkelstein, Louis, 1950-1953
Box 3. Folder 2. Fish, Sidney, 1949-1953
Box 3. Folder 3. Fr—Fu. General, 1917-1986, undated
Box 3. Folder 5. Fridenberg, Samuel L. [Contains correspondence with Louis Wolsey], 1950-1951
Box 3. Folder 6. Friedman, Benjamin, 1949-1985
Box 3. Folder 7. Friedman, Lee M., 1942-1949
Box 3. Folder 18. Gutman, Alexander, 1951-1984
Box 3. Folder 19. Ha—He. General, 1943-1993
Box 4. Folder 8. Jewish Theological Seminary. [Concerning his honorary degree], 1991-1992
Box 8. Folder 7. Silberman, Lou H., 1949-1951
Box 8. Folder 20. Taeubler, Eugene and Selma, 1950; 1956
Box 9. Folder 4. Valenzin, David. [Subject], 1947-1949

Series B. Professional Affiliations, 1916-1995

Extent 3.4 linear feet (8.5 Hollinger boxes.)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of material related to Marcus's involvement with several organizations over the course of his career. This includes correspondence, meeting minutes, memos, and other general information regarding the operation of the organizations. Most of Marcus's papers regarding the American Jewish Archives are located in the AJA's collection, MS-687.
Access to that collection is restricted and requires permission of the Executive Director of the AJA.

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by organization.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 10. Folder 2. American Jewish Committee, 1934-1945
Box 10. Folder 3. American Jewish Committee, 1946-1953
Box 10. Folder 5. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1950-1951
Box 10. Folder 6. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1952
Box 11. Folder 1. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1956
Box 11. Folder 2. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1957
Box 11. Folder 3. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1958 January-June
Box 11. Folder 4. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1958 July-December
Box 11. Folder 5. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1959
Box 12. Folder 1. American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS), 1963-1964
Box 12. Folder 6. Anti-Defamation League, 1934-1945
Box 13. Folder 1. Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), 1950
Box 13. Folder 5. CCAR. Chaplaincy, 1945-1955
Box 13. Folder 6. CCAR. Distribution of Union Prayer Book, 1949-1951
Box 13. Folder 8. Community Relations Committee (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1951-1955
Box 14. Folder 1. Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1916-1945
Box 14. Folder 2. Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1946-1947
Box 14. Folder 4. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), 1948-1950
Box 14. Folder 5. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), 1951-1952
Box 14. Folder 8. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), 1957-1959
Box 15. Folder 2. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), 1990-1995, undated
Box 15. Folder 4. HUC—JIR. Library, 1950-1953
Box 15. Folder 5. Jewish Center Lecture Bureau, 1952-1961
Box 15. Folder 6. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1955-1959
Box 15. Folder 7. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1960-1962
Box 15. Folder 8. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1963
Box 15. Folder 9. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1964
Box 15. Folder 10. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1965
Box 16. Folder 1. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1966
Box 16. Folder 2. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1967
Box 16. Folder 3. Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) (JCRC), 1968
Box 16. Folder 7. Jewish Publication Society of America, 1950
Box 17. Folder 1. Jewish Publication Society of America, 1951
Box 17. Folder 2. Jewish Publication Society of America, 1952
Box 17. Folder 3. Jewish Publication Society of America, 1953
Box 18. Folder 1. N. General, 1917-1960
Box 18. Folder 2. Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service, 1948-1949

**Series C. Teaching, 1928-1995**

**Extent** 4.7 linear feet (11.75 Hollinger boxes)
Subseries 1. Course Administration, 1930-1995

Extent 1.9 linear feet (4.75 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This subseries consists of syllabi, blank tests, course rosters, and other material relating to courses he taught.

Arrangement Arranged alphabetically

Box and Folder Listing

Box 18. Folder 9. B History and C History, 1930, 1940
Box 19. Folder 1. Course and grade books. [Restricted], 1930-1948
Box 19. Folder 2. Course and grade books. [Restricted], 1935-1967
Box 19. Folder 3. Course and grade books. [Restricted], 1970-1982
Box 19. Folder 6. History I. Miscellaneous notes. [Jewish history], undated
Box 20. Folder 1. History 1/2. Exams, term paper topics, and course roster, 1972-1995
Box 20. Folder 2. History II. European Jewish History. Outline of lectures, undated
Box 20. Folder 7. History VI. Course and grade books. [Restricted], 1976-1980
Box 20. Folder 8. History VI. Course and grade books. [Restricted], 1981-1985, undated
Subseries 2. Lecture Notes, 1928-1995

Extent 2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This subseries contains notes, lectures and outlines, and supporting documents used in his classes.

Arrangement Arranged alphabetically by course number or title.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 22. Folder 10. A History, undated
Box 22. Folder 11. American Jewish History, 1955, undated
Box 24. Folder 2. American Jewish History. Lecture transcriptions [1/2], 1982
Box 24. Folder 3. American Jewish History. Lecture transcriptions [2/2], 1982
Box 24. Folder 4. Assimilation. Unidentified course, undated
Box 24. Folder 5. Biblical history. Unidentified course, undated
Box 24. Folder 6. C History, undated
Box 25. Folder 1. Codes and Cabala. Unidentified course, undated
Box 25. Folder 2. Colonization, agriculture, and economics. Unidentified course, undated
Box 25. Folder 3. Current events. Unidentified course, 1928-1929
Box 25. Folder 4. Historiography. Unidentified course, undated
Box 25. Folder 5. History I. A Critical and Comparative Study of the Literary
Sources of Modern Antisemitism, 1934
Box 25. Folder 6. History I. A Critical and Comparative Study of the Literary Sources of Modern Antisemitism, 1934
Box 25. Folder 7. History I/II, undated
Box 25. Folder 8. History II, undated
Box 26. Folder 1. History II, undated
Box 26. Folder 2. History II, undated
Box 26. Folder 3. History II, undated
Box 26. Folder 4. History II, undated
Box 26. Folder 5. History II, undated
Box 27. Folder 1. History III. Modern Jewish History, undated
Box 27. Folder 2. History IV. The Jews in Modern Times, 1941-1942, undated
Box 27. Folder 3. History V, 1955
Box 27. Folder 4. History V, 1955
Box 27. Folder 5. History V, 1956
Box 27. Folder 6. History VI. American Jewish History, 1959-1990
Box 28. Folder 2. History VII, 1938
Box 28. Folder 3. History VII. [Includes student summaries of class events], 1931-1941
Box 28. Folder 5. Jewish organizations. Unidentified course, undated
Box 29. Folder 1. Migration. Unidentified course, undated
Box 29. Folder 2. Miscellaneous notes, undated
Box 29. Folder 3. Modern Jewish History, undated
Box 29. Folder 4. Religion. Unidentified course, undated
Box 29. Folder 5. Summer Institute at Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1942-1945
Box 29. Folder 6. Unidentified course, undated
Box 30. Folder 1. Unidentified course. Sources, undated

Series D. Sermons and Addresses, 1911-1992
Extent 1.5 linear feet (3.75 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of sermons, addresses, and lectures given by Marcus at synagogues, conferences, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and events in which he was invited as a guest speaker.

Arrangement This series is arranged alphabetically by title.

Box and Folder Listing
Box 30. Folder 2. "Agenda for the Year 2000", undated
Box 32. Folder 11. "The Substance of Greatness." [Isaac M. Wise], undated


Box 32. Folder 13. Temple Beth El (Detroit, Mich.) speech, 1960

Box 32. Folder 14. Temple Sholom (Cincinnati, Ohio) dinner, 1980 May 4


Box 32. Folder 16. "The University and its Problems", undated

Box 32. Folder 17. University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, Ohio) Medical Students Association speech, 1982 February 23

Box 32. Folder 18. Untitled, 1936-1950


Box 32. Folder 20. Untitled, undated


Box 32. Folder 22. "What is a Jewish Education?", undated

Box 32. Folder 23. "What Will Happen Tomorrow?" (Springfield, Ohio), 1934 November 23

Box 32. Folder 24. "Why Read the Bible?", undated

Box 32. Folder 25. "Why Study American Jewish History", 1968 February

Box 32. Folder 26. Zionism and Reform Judaism, undated

Series E. Writings and Research, 1925-2000

Extent  12.1 linear feet (30.25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  This series is comprised of Marcus’s lifetime of research and writing in Jewish history.


Extent  .5 linear feet (1.25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  This subseries consists of correspondence with publishers and individuals. The correspondence with publishers primarily consists of publishing negotiations, royalties, and general planning of his books published later in his career.

Arrangement  Arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 32. Folder 27. The American Jewish Woman: A Documentary History. Financial support, 1980

Box 32. Folder 28. The American Jewish Woman: A Documentary History. KTAV correspondence, 1979


Subseries 2. Drafts and Research Notes, 1925-2000

Extent  9.5 linear feet (23.75 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  This subseries consists primarily of notes taken by Marcus while researching American Jewish history and Jewish history in general. Efforts were made to maintain folder titles assigned by Marcus. One exception is the folders that have been titled “American Jewish history books.” Marcus had named these folders “Marcus One Volume,” which was his shorthand for his 1995 publication The American Jew: 1585—1990. This was a condensed version of other Jewish history books written by Marcus between 1988 through 1995. As such, the folders contain notes and outlines from those books, too. Also included in this subseries are drafts and outlines of his dissertation, books, and articles.

Arrangement  This series is arranged alphabetically by publication title and research subject.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 34. Folder 1. A. General, undated
Box 34. Folder 2. Alabama, undated
Box 34. Folder 4. American history, undated
Box 34. Folder 5. American Jewish Conference, undated
Box 37. Folder 5. American religion, undated
Box 37. Folder 6. Antebellum memoirs to 1865, undated
Box 38. Folder 1. Antebellum memoirs to 1865, undated
Box 38. Folder 2. Antisemitism, undated
Box 38. Folder 3. Antisemitism, undated
Box 38. Folder 4. Art, undated
Box 38. Folder 5. B. General, undated
Box 38. Folder 6. Barbados, undated
Box 38. Folder 7. Baron, Bernhard, undated
Box 38. Folder 8. Bevis Marks Synagogue, undated
Box 38. Folder 9. Bibliographies compiled by Jacob Rader Marcus, undated
Box 39. Folder 1. Bibliographies of works by Jacob Rader Marcus, 2000, undated
Box 39. Folder 2. Bibliographies of works by Jacob Rader Marcus, 2000, undated
Box 39. Folder 3. Biographies, undated
Box 39. Folder 4. Brazil, undated
Box 39. Folder 5. C. General, undated
Box 39. Folder 6. California, undated
Box 39. Folder 7. Canada, undated
Box 40. Folder 1. Civil War (United States), undated
Box 40. Folder 2. Cohen, Herman, undated
Box 40. Folder 4. The Colonial American Jew, undated
Box 40. Folder 5. Colonization, undated
Box 40. Folder 6. Communal Sick-care in the German Ghetto, undated
Box 40. Folder 7. Concise Dictionary of American Jewish Biography, undated
Box 45. Folder 4. Harby, Isaac, undated
Box 45. Folder 5. Hart family, undated
Box 46. Folder 6. Historiography, undated
Box 45. Folder 7. I. General, undated
Box 46. Folder 1. Illinois, undated
Box 46. Folder 2. "Index of Congregations According to Geographical Location, 1680—1881: Based on Tarshish", undated
Box 46. Folder 3. Introductions and forewords to other authors' books, 1995, undated
Box 46. Folder 4. Israel Jacobson: Founder of the Reform Movement, undated
Box 46. Folder 5. Israel Jacobson: Founder of the Reform Movement, undated
Box 46. Folder 7. J. General, undated
Box 46. Folder 8. The Jew in the American World: Sourcebook, undated
Box 46. Folder 10. "The Jew Who Refused to Sit on the Supreme Court", undated
Box 46. Folder 11. Jewish-Christian relations, undated
Box 47. Folder 1. Jewish population studies, undated
Box 47. Folder 2. Jewish social agencies, undated
Box 47. Folder 3. "Jewish Social Pioneering in America", 1950 February
Box 47. Folder 4. "Jews in American Life", undated
Box 47. Folder 5. Jews in the Medieval World, undated
Box 47. Folder 6. K. General, undated
Box 47. Folder 7. Kansas, undated
Box 47. Folder 8. Kohler, Kaufmann, 1956, undated
Box 47. Folder 9. L. General, undated
Box 47. Folder 10. Leeser, Isaac, undated
Box 47. Folder 11. Levy, undated
Box 47. Folder 12. Liberal Judaism, undated
Box 47. Folder 13. Lopez, undated
Box 47. Folder 14. Louisiana, undated
Box 48. Folder 1. The Love Letters of Bendet Schottlaender, 1930
Box 48. Folder 2. M. General, undated
Box 48. Folder 3. Maine, undated
Box 48. Folder 4. Maryland, undated
Box 48. Folder 5. Massachusetts, undated
Box 49. Folder 1. Memoirs. [Other people's], undated
Box 49. Folder 2. "Memorandum on Congregational Mergers", undated
Box 49. Folder 3. Michigan, undated
Box 49. Folder 4. Minis family, undated
Box 49. Folder 5. Minnesota, undated
Box 49. Folder 6. Miscellaneous research, undated
Subseries 3. Maunderings, 1995

Extent 2.1 linear feet (5.25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This subseries consists of drafts and notes relating to Marcus's 1995 book, Maunderings of a Centenarian. Much of the drafts were not included in the final publication.
**Series F. Personal and Family Papers, 1910-1995**

**Extent** 4.6 linear feet (11.5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** This series consists of material that pertains to his family and is mostly unrelated to his career as a teacher and scholar.


**Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1911-1995**

**Extent** 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** This subseries contains primarily correspondence with family and close friends as
well as congratulatory and birthday greetings.

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent and subject.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 62. Folder 5. Birthday. 70th, 1966
Box 63. Folder 1. Birthday. 80th, 1976
Box 63. Folder 2. Birthday. 80th, 1976
Box 63. Folder 3. Birthday. 90th, 1986
Box 63. Folder 4. Birthday. 90th, 1986
Box 64. Folder 1. Birthday. 90th. University of Cincinnati Hillel (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1986
Box 64. Folder 2. Birthdays, 1958-1995
Box 64. Folder 3. Kutz, Hattie, 1956-1960
Box 64. Folder 4. Kutz, Hattie, 1961-1965
Box 64. Folder 5. Lowenthal, Irene, 1968-1974
Box 64. Folder 6. Marcus, Antoinette Brody. [Letters from], 1924 July-August
Box 65. Folder 1. Marcus, Antoinette Brody. [Letters from], 1927 April-June
Box 65. Folder 2. Marcus, Antoinette Brody. [Letters from], 1927 July-September
Box 65. Folder 3. Marcus, Antoinette Brody. [Letters to], 1924-1932, undated
Box 65. Folder 4. Marcus family, 1911-1965
Box 66. Folder 1. New Year's cards and responses, 1986
Box 66. Folder 2. Rabbinate. 50th anniversary, 1970
Box 66. Folder 3. Rabbinate. 50th anniversary, 1970
Box 66. Folder 4. Unidentified correspondents, 1992

**Subseries 2. General, 1910-1995**

**Extent**  2.6 linear feet (6.5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains the personal papers of Marcus, including his diaries, student material from when he was in elementary school up through his doctoral work, and scrapbooks.

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 67. Folder 1. Appointment books, 1947-1964
Box 67. Folder 3. Appointment books, 1974-1984
Box 67. Folder 5. Autobiography (manuscript). [Restricted], 1995
Box 68. Folder 1. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 68. Folder 2. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 68. Folder 3. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 68. Folder 4. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 68. Folder 5. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 68. Folder 6. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 68. Folder 7. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 69. Folder 1. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 69. Folder 2. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 69. Folder 3. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 69. Folder 4. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 69. Folder 5. Class notebooks, 1923-1925
Box 69. Folder 6. Diary, 1912
Box 69. Folder 7. Diary, 1914
Box 70. Folder 1. Diary, 1917
Box 70. Folder 2. Diary, 1917-1920
Box 70. Folder 3. Diary, 1921-1924
Box 70. Folder 4. Diary, 1947; 1956
Box 70. Folder 6. Diary. European trip, 1936
Box 71. Folder 1. German money collection, 1922-1925
Box 71. Folder 2. Guest book, 1986
Box 71. Folder 4. Jewish Book News interview with Jacob Rader Marcus, 1990
Box 71. Folder 5. Last will and testament, 1918
Box 71. Folder 6. Military records Includes photographs, 1917-1919; 1922
Box 71. Folder 7. Minister's license, 1929 January 26
Box 71. Folder 8. Miscellaneous, 1910-1953
Box 71. Folder 10. Passover prayer book (Haggadah), undated
Box 72. Folder 1. Postcard collection. [Includes some correspondence from family and friends], 1911-1927
Box 72. Folder 2. Scrapbook, 1920-1955
Box 72. Folder 3. Scrapbook, 1923-1931
Box 72. Folder 4. Scrapbook, 1950-1951
Box 72. Folder 5. Scrapbook, 1986
Box 73. Folder 1. Scrapbook. 90th birthday. [Includes photographs], 1986
Box 73. Folder 2. Scrapbooks. [Includes photographs of Marcus as a child and as a young man], undated

Extent .4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence and other material relating to his wife, Antoinette (Nettie), his daughter, Merle, and his mother, Jennie Rader Marcus. It also contains a folder of genealogical research of Marcus’s and Antoinette’s family.

Arrangement Arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 73. Folder 6. Family histories and genealogies, 1920-1974, undated
Box 74. Folder 2. Marcus, Merle, 1929-1942, 1947, undated

Series G. Oversize and Material Culture, 1907-1995

Extent 12.2 linear feet (2 small boxes and 7 oversize boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series is comprised mostly of diplomas, certificates, and awards that Marcus received throughout his life. Of special interest are his dog tags, military related medals, and scrapbooks of his time as a student at the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College. There are also artist signed prints.

Arrangement Arranged alphabetically by box contents.

Box and Folder Listing

Box MC-32. Awards and pins. Dog tags, 1917-1993
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