A Finding Aid to the
Bernard Semel Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 240
Collection Summary

Title: Bernard Semel Papers
Dates: 1929-1952
Collection Number: MS-240
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Semel, Bernard, 1878-1959
Extent: 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)
Language of the Material: English and Yiddish

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch: Bernard Semel was born in Galicia in 1878. A Zionist, Semel was active in the Zionist Organization of America and many other Jewish organizations. In 1914 he co-founded (with Judah L. Magnes) the Yiddish newspaper, Der Tog. Semel's main interest was in Jewish education. He was one of the organizers of the Jewish Education Association as well as a board member and secretary of the Jewish Education Committee. Bernard Semel died in 1959.

Scope and Content: Collection consisting of correspondence, speeches, newscollections, and miscellaneous items pertaining to Semel's work in Jewish education, his interest in Palestine, and other matters.

Terms of Access: The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

Preferred Citation: Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Bernard Semel Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-240. Bernard Semel Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provenance: Received from Herbert Semel, New York, N.Y., 1959.

Index Terms

Subjects: Emigration and immigration / Jewish religious education / Jews -- Education / Palestine / Zionism
Personal Names: Semel, Bernard, 1878-1959
Corporate Names: Jewish Education Association / Jewish Education Committee / Zionist Organization of America
Media: Sermons

Series A. General

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. A-E, General.
Box 1. Folder 2. F-K, General.
Box 1. Folder 3. Jewish Education Committee of New York, 1929-1955
Box 1. Folder 4. L-R, General.
Box 1. Folder 5. Magnes, Judah L., 1943-1949
Box 1. Folder 7. Unidentified correspondence.
Box 1. Folder 9. Financial records, 1928-1940
Box 1. Folder 10. Clippings and miscellaneous.