A Finding Aid to the
Henry Cohen Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 263
Collection Summary

Title Henry Cohen Papers
Dates 1875-1952
Collection Number MS-263
Repository The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator Cohen, Henry, 1863-1952
Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Henry Cohen was born in London in 1863. After receiving his ordination from Jews' College in London, Cohen occupied pulpits in Jamaica and Mississippi before becoming rabbi at Reform Congregation B'nai Israel in Galveston, Texas. Cohen was involved in many causes and issues, notably the "Galveston Movement" (1906-1914) which undertook to divert East European Jewish immigrants from the Eastern U.S. to the interior of the country. Henry Cohen died in 1952.

Scope and Content Collection consisting of correspondence, newsclippings, publications, and miscellaneous items; topics represented include Mexican immigration to the U.S., social work, prison reform, the Leo M. Frank lynching case, and the Galveston Movement.

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Index Terms

Subjects Emigration and immigration / Galveston movement -- 1906-1914 / Immigrants / Jews -- Mexico / Jews -- Texas -- Galveston / Prison reformers / Rabbis
Personal Names Cohen, Henry, 1863-1952 / Frank, Leo, 1884-1915
Corporate Names Reform Congregation B'nai Israel (Galveston, Texas)

Series A. General, 1875-1952

Box and Folder Listing

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