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**A Finding Aid to the
Joseph (Yosef) Gootman Papers
Manuscript Collection No. 268**



Collection Summary

Title	Joseph (Yosef) Gootman Papers
Dates	1919-1962
Collection Number	MS-268
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Gootman, Joseph
Extent	1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English and Yiddish

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Joseph (Yosef) Gootman was an important leader in the Cincinnati, Ohio, Jewish community. He moved to Cincinnati with his family in the early twentieth century, where he and his father originally worked in a cigar factory; eventually the family opened a store on Central Avenue. For his own profession, Gootman was an owner and partner in the Metropolitan Printing Company of Cincinnati for over 50 years. He was active in numerous Jewish organizations including the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Conference, the Jewish Welfare Fund, the Habonim Camps, Histadruth, Ivrit and Hechulutz.

Gootman was a founder of the Yevneh Day School, and took an active interest in Jewish education and the promotion of Hebrew and Yiddish culture through his work with the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Cincinnati Community Hebrew Schools and the Yevneh Day School Association. He and his wife, Bessie, were also Socialists and ardent Labor Zionists, members of Poale Zion, Farband Labor Zionist Order, and the Cincinnati Zionist Council. In 1962 Gootman and his wife moved to Israel and Hebraized their names to Yosef and Batya Gootman.

Yosef Gootman died in 1978, and his wife in 1983. The Gootmans had three daughters: Aviva, Sham, Peninah.

Scope and Content The Joseph Gootman Papers consist of correspondence, pamphlets, and other printed materials concerning the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Conference, the Jewish Welfare Fund, the Habonim Camps, Israel, Histadruth, Ivrit, Hechulutz. The collection also includes letters and printed material regarding organizations in Cincinnati, Ohio, including, the Labor Zionist Organization, Poale Zion, Zionist Council, the Zionist Emergency Council, the Labor Zionist Council, the Jewish Community Council, Talmud Torah, the Bureau of Jewish Education, Yavneh Foundation School, and Chofetz Chaim Day School.

Arrangement The collection has been arranged alphabetically by subject.

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

Preferred Citation Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Joseph (Yosef) Gootman Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms

Subjects	Jewish day schools / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Labor Zionism
Personal Names	Gootman, Joseph
Corporate Names	American Jewish Conference / American Jewish Congress / Bureau of Jewish Education (Cincinnati, Ohio) / Chofetz Chaim Day School (Cincinnati, Ohio) / Jewish Community Relations Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) / Labor Zionist Organization of America - Poale Zion

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