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, Ivrith 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, Ivrith, 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.

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Preferred Citation
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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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Box and Folder Listing

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Box 1. Folder 3. American Jewish Congress, 1939-1949
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Box 1. Folder 7. Federation of Cincinnati Labor Zionist Organizations, 1937-1950
Box 2. Folder 2. Hechalutz Organization of America, 1941-1943
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