A Finding Aid to the
Henry Slonimsky Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 637
Henry Slonimsky was born in Minsk on October 9, 1884. After coming to the United States in 1890, Slonimsky studied under Hermann Cohen and earned a Ph.D. at the University of Marburg in 1912. After teaching philosophy at various universities in the United States for a number of years, Slonimsky briefly joined the faculty of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati from 1922-1924. In 1924 he went to the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City where he eventually became dean of the school. Slonimsky retired from this position in 1952.

Slonimsky was a noted scholar. As dean of the Jewish Institute of Religion he influenced dozens of American rabbis and contributed greatly to the discourses of philosophical thought and writings in this country and beyond. A collection of his writings was published as Essays in 1967.

Henry Slonimsky died in New York City on November 12, 1970.

The collection consists of writings and lecture notes of Henry Slonimsky. There is no correspondence or other materials in the collection. The beginning of the collection consists of nine folders of miscellaneous and general writings arranged by title. These are followed by nine boxes of files focusing on specific topics or persons. These topical files contain various and accumulated writings on that topic or person as authored by Slonimsky and have been kept in their original order.

Most of the materials in this collection are undated. The dated materials span the years 1920-1965. At the end of the collection are two folders of miscellaneous and untitled manuscripts that could not be identified.

The collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

The Henry Slonimsky Papers are available on microfilm (MF-3664 to MF-3665). The microfilm may be a duplicate of the collection or include different materials. Microfilm is available through interlibrary loan.

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

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

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Series A. General, 1920-1965

Scope and Content Note  The papers are arranged alphabetically by topic, with writings followed by topical files.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. A-B, General.
Box 1. Folder 2. C-H, General.
Box 1. Folder 3. I-K, General.
Box 1. Folder 4. L-O, General.
Box 1. Folder 5. P-Ra, General.
Box 2. Folder 1. Re-Ro, General.
Box 2. Folder 2. S-V, General.
Box 2. Folder 5. Abravanel, Isaac.
Box 3. Folder 1. Aristotle.
Box 3. Folder 3. Dangers and challenges facing Jews.
Box 3. Folder 4-6. Ethics.
Box 4. Folder 1-4. Ethics.
Box 4. Folder 5. Greek philosophy.
Box 5. Folder 1. Halevi, Yehuda.
Box 5. Folder 2. History of philosophy.
Box 5. Folder 3. Jesus.
Box 5. Folder 4. Jewish ethics.
Box 5. Folder 5. Jewish family.
Box 5. Folder 7. Luzzatto, Samuel David.
Box 7. Folder 1-4. Midrash.
Box 7. Folder 5. Modern philosophy.
Box 8. Folder 1. Nineteenth century Jewish thought in Germany.
Box 8. Folder 2. Paul of Tarsus.
Box 8. Folder 3. Pesikta de-Rav Kahana.
Box 8. Folder 4. Philosophy of history.
Box 9. Folder 1. Philosophy of history.
Box 10. Folder 1. Social ethics.
Box 11. Folder 1. Whitehead/Nietzsche/Leibnitz.
Box 11. Folder 4. Personal miscellaneous.