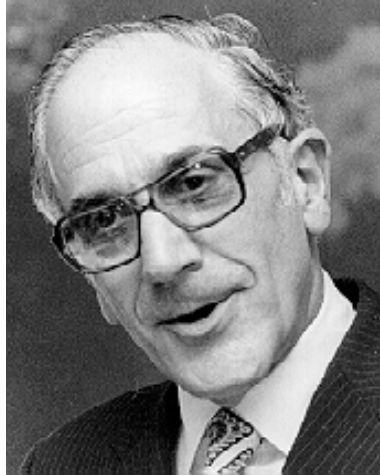




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**A Finding Aid to the
Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 640



Collection Summary

Title	Theodore Tannenwald Jr. Papers
Dates	1953-1998
Collection Number	MS-640
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Tannenwald, Theodore, 1916-1999
Extent	4 linear feet (10 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. was born in Valatie, New York, in 1916. After attending public schools in Valatie and Albany, New York, he graduated summa cum laude with an A.B. in political science and mathematics from Brown University in 1936, and magna cum laude with an LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1939.

Admitted to the bar in 1939, he joined the New York law firm of Weil, Gotshal and Manges as an associate in 1939. He became a full partner in 1947 and practiced law in New York and Washington until he was appointed a judge on the United States Tax Court by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

Tannenwald's private law practice was interspersed with several leaves of absence for government service. During World War II, he served in the Department of State overseas as a special consultant to the Secretary of war; from 1946 to 1949, he was a part-time consultant to Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal; from 1950 to 1953, he was closely associated with W. Averell Harriman, serving first as counsel when Harriman was special assistant for foreign affairs to President Truman and as chief of staff when Harriman became Director for Mutual Security in 1951. His relationship with Harriman continued on an informal, consultant basis from 1954 to 1958, when Harriman was Governor of New York. Also during the 1950's, Tannenwald served in an advisory capacity to the Government of Israel.

Appointed to President Kennedy's Task Force on Foreign Assistance in 1961, he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State where he represented the administration in guiding the foreign aid program through Congress.

In 1981, Tannenwald was elected to a two-year term as chief judge for the United States Tax Court, having served on the court since 1965. In 1983 he retired and took senior status, but continued to keep a substantial docket and fill in as chief judge.

Beginning in 1958 until his death, Tannenwald served in many capacities, including chairman, on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He also chaired the Israel Committee of the American Jewish Committee and served on the organization's National Executive Board and Board of Governors.

Tannenwald's academic accomplishments included lecturing at George Washington University, the University of Miami Law School, and the University of San Diego Law School where he was Distinguished Adjunct Professor. He held honorary degrees from the University of Cincinnati and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. was married to Selma (Pete) Peterfreund Tannenwald and they had two sons, Peter and Robert. He died on January 20, 1999.

Scope and Content

Papers consist of correspondence, memos, reports, committee records, articles and addresses, nearprint, and clippings reflecting Tannenwald's service as a consultant and advisor to the Israeli government, his involvement with the Israel Committee of the American Jewish Committee, and his service on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. There is also a small amount of material dealing with his work as a judge on the U.S. Tax Court.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four (4) series as follows: A. Government of Israel; B. American Jewish Committee; C. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; D. United States Tax Court.

Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

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Index Terms

Subjects Israel -- Politics and government

Corporate Names American Jewish Committee / Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Series A. Government of Israel, 1953-1962

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence and subject files pertaining to Judge Tannenwald's service as a consultant and advisor to the Government of Israel in the 1950s in matters dealing with economic development and U.S. foreign aid. The material in this series includes correspondence with the office of the Israeli Prime Minister, the Israeli ambassador to the United States, Abba Eban, as well as officials in the Eisenhower administration, the Congress, and the corporate world.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1953

Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1954

Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1955

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Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1957-1958

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Box 2. Folder 1. Trip to Israel, 1954

Box 2. Folder 2. Israel housing project, 1957

Box 2. Folder 3. Development loan fund agreement., 1959

Box 2. Folder 4. Surplus commodities, 1953-1958

Box 2. Folder 5. Hadassah food program, undated

Box 2. Folder 6. Fiscal 1955 request for aid, 1954-1955

Box 2. Folder 7. Middle East, 1953-1955

Box 2. Folder 8. Oil, 1954-1955

Box 2. Folder 9. Governor Harriman's address, 1956

Box 2. Folder 10. Statement: Ambassador Abba Eban, 1955

Box 2. Folder 11. Loan agreement, 1954

Box 2. Folder 12. Agreement: ARAMCO and Saudi Arabian Government, 1950

Box 2. Folder 13. Agreement: Research Council of Israel and American Machine & Foundry Co., 1956-1957

Box 2. Folder 14. Foreign registration, 1953-1956

Box 3. Folder 1. Border incidents, 1956

Box 3. Folder 2. Near East reports, 1959-1960

Box 3. Folder 3. Near East reports, 1961-1962

Box 3. Folder 4. Near East reports, 1963-1964

Series B. American Jewish Committee, 1963-1969

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The series relates to Tannenwald's work with the American Jewish Committee (AJC) where he served on the Board of Governors and as chair of the Israel Committee. The series consists mostly of correspondence but also includes reports, subject files, and nearprint covering such subjects as the Arab Boycott, the American Jewish community and Israel, the 1967 War, economic ties between Israel and the U.S., U.S. relations in the Middle East, the AJC delegations to South America and Israel, and refugees.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 4. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1963 January-April

Box 4. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1963 May-December

Box 4. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1964

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Box 4. Folder 6. Correspondence, 1969 January-April

Box 5. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1969 May-August

Box 5. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1969 September-December

Box 5. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1970-1971

Box 5. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1978-1997

Box 5. Folder 5. German scientists to Egypt, 1962-1963

Box 5. Folder 6. Statement on the Middle East, 1963

Box 5. Folder 7. State Department and Israel, 1966-1969

Box 6. Folder 1. Arab boycott, 1964-1965

Box 6. Folder 2. Reports, 1958-1962

Box 6. Folder 3. Reports/memos/addresses, 1964-1968

Box 6. Folder 4. Reports/memos/addresses, 1969-1973

Box 6. Folder 5. Nearprint, 1961-1966

Series C. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 1957-1998

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains correspondence, nearprint, clippings, addresses, and committee files pertaining to Tannenwald's activities on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion for nearly 40 years. Included is material on long-range and strategic planning, the HUC Cultural Center, the establishment of the Jerusalem campus, honorary degrees, and fund-raising.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 7. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1957-1979
- Box 7. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1979-1985
- Box 7. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1886-1988
- Box 7. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1989-1993
- Box 7. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1994-1998
- Box 7. Folder 6. By-laws Committee, 1981-1994
- Box 7. Folder 7. Executive Committee, 1990-1995
- Box 7. Folder 8. Executive Committee, 1996-1998
- Box 8. Folder 1. HUC Cultural Center, 1994
- Box 8. Folder 2. Communications Audit & Public Relations recommendations, 1988
- Box 8. Folder 3. Honorary Degrees Committee, 1986-1996
- Box 8. Folder 4. Long-range Planning Committee, 1977-1993
- Box 8. Folder 5. Strategic Planning Committee, 1994
- Box 8. Folder 6. Miscellaneous, 1973
- Box 9. Folder 1. Report on Cincinnati land, 1962, 1989
- Box 9. Folder 2. Study of HUC by Academy of Educational Development, 1983
- Box 9. Folder 3. Speech materials, 1973-1990
- Box 9. Folder 4. UAHC Taskforce on HUC Campuses, 1990
- Box 9. Folder 5. UAHC Taskforce on HUC Campuses, 1991
- Box 9. Folder 6. Miscellaneous HUC nearprint, 1971-1988
- Box 9. Folder 7. Miscellaneous HUC clippings, 1971-1988

Series D. United States Tax Court, 1973-1990

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note The series pertains to Tannenwald's work as a judge on the United States Tax Court and includes a small amount of correspondence and nearprint as well as a selection of his articles and addresses on tax law.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 10. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1979-1990
- Box 10. Folder 2. American Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, 1998
- Box 10. Folder 3. Articles and addresses, 1964-1979
- Box 10. Folder 4. Articles and addresses, 1980-1995
- Box 10. Folder 5. Miscellaneous nearprint and clippings, 1973-1986

Series E. Speeches, 1952-1998

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

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Box 10. Folder 6. Mutual Security Program address, 1952

Box 10. Folder 7. Griswold lecture, 1998

Box 10. Folder 8. Addresses to Jewish audiences, 1964-1990