A Finding Aid to the
Herman Passamanek Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 647
Collection Summary

Title: Herman Passamanec Papers
Dates: 1917-1966
Collection Number: MS-647
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Passamanec, Herman, 1889-1984
Extent: 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)
Language of the Material: English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
Herman Passamanec entered "Y" work as a volunteer for Rabbi Philip D. Bookstaber of the Louisville, Kentucky, Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association in 1907. Because of his impressive record and personality, Passamanec attracted the attention of Jacob Billikopf. In 1917, Passamanec therefore became the executive director of the Kansas City, Missouri chapter.

Following the supervision of a new million dollar building, and the growth of the organization from a few hundred to several thousand members, Passamanec became the executive secretary of the YM&WH in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After a few years, he assumed the position of executive director. Passamanec served from 1925-1954. Other activities outside of the YM&WH included being president of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers and the Jewish Welfare Board.

Passamanec married Dolores Jaskol in 1932. They had one son named Stephen, who became a professor of rabbinics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, California.

Herman Passamanec died on January 8, 1984.

Scope and Content
These papers consist of correspondence, newscloppings, programs, photographs, and writings of Herman Passmanec. Passamanec served in the YMHA and YWHA in both Kansas City (Mo.) and Pittsburgh (Pa.) 1917-1966.

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

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

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

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-647. Herman Passamanec Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provenance
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Processing Information

Index Terms

Subjects: Jews -- Missouri -- Kansas City / Jews -- Pennsylvania -- Pittsburgh / Youth movements
Personal Names: Billikopf, Jacob, 1883-1950 / Passamanec, Herman, 1889-1984
Corporate Names: Young Men's Hebrew Association / Young Women's Hebrew Association
Media: Photographs

Series A. General, 1917-1966

Arrangement: The series is arranged alphabetically by subject.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 2. Discharge certificate from the military, 1917
Box 1. Folder 3. Newspaper clippings, 1920-1954
Box 1. Folder 4. Miscellaneous programs and certificates, undated
Box 1. Folder 4. Photographs [unidentified], undated
Box 1. Folder 5. Memorial scrapbook, 1951
Box 1. Folder 6. Speeches and writings, 1917-1954, undated