A Finding Aid to the
The Jews of Cincinnati Collection

Manuscript Collection No. 676
The Jews of Cincinnati, published in 1989, was sponsored by a number of Jewish Cincinnati groups including the Study for the American Jewish Experience at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. It was the first published history of the Cincinnati Jewish community. The work took earlier sources, both print and graphic, and put them into context, instead of writing an extensive narrative. The history does not focus on specific families or specific institutions. Instead, it takes a sampling of several and presents it all in a chronological fashion.

The Jews of Cincinnati was compiled and authored by Nancy Klein, who was employed by the Jewish Bureau of Education for Cincinnati and Jonathan Sarna, then a professor of history at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

**Full Citation:**

The Jews of Cincinnati, a book published in 1989, documents the history of the Cincinnati, Ohio Jewish experience from its roots in 1814 until the time of publication. The history focuses on the Jewish community instead of the Jewish contribution to the larger Cincinnati community. The material found in the manuscript sources series provides citations for materials borrowed or copied out of collections in various archives including the American Jewish Archives and individual donors. Additional materials on topics such as the Joseph Friedman-Peter Still case, can be found in the cut materials section of the manuscript series. Corresponding with the book’s organization, materials are grouped chronologically. Within the chapter folders, materials are not necessarily organized into any particular order.

Materials in the collection include Xeroxes of newsclippings and other manuscript sources. These documents are arranged according to theme in the research files series, and contain both included and excluded material from the final manuscript. While there are some notes, the series consists primarily of the copied documents. The research files series also contains family photograph collections donated as part of the project. There are original family photographs for a number of prominent Cincinnati families, including the Fechheimer, Goldman, Krohn, Magrish, and Wolfenstein families as well as the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. The span dates for the collection are 1824-1989.

**Arrangement**
Organized into two (2) series: A. Manuscript Sources; B. Research Files.

**Terms of Access**
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**Preferred Citation**
Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Jews of Cincinnati Collection and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-676. Jews of Cincinnati Collection. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Provenance**
Received from Nancy Klein, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 1989 and January 1990.

**Processing Information**
Index Terms

Subjects  
Fechheimer family / Goldman family / Hebrew Union College / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Krohn family / Synagogues -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Wolfenstein, David

Corporate Names  
Magrish family

Media  
Biographies / Photographs

Series A. Manuscript Sources, 1840-1989

Extent  
0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  
Consists of copies of documents and the text for the book The Jews of Cincinnati. Documents range from newspaper articles to photographs or items such as immigration papers.

Arrangement  
Arranged in chapter order with the final manuscript sources followed by the cut material.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Sources. Chapter 1- Chapter 2, undated
Box 1. Folder 2. Sources. Chapter 3- Chapter 5, undated
Box 1. Folder 3. Sources. Chapter 6, undated
Box 1. Folder 4. Unused material. Chapter 2, undated
Box 1. Folder 5. Unused material. Chapter 2, undated
Box 1. Folder 6. Unused material. Chapter 3, undated
Box 2. Folder 1. Unused material. Chapter 4, undated
Box 2. Folder 2. Unused material. Chapter 5, undated
Box 2. Folder 3. Unused material. Chapter 5, undated
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Box 2. Folder 5. Unused material. Chapter 6, undated
Box 2. Folder 6. Unused material. Chapter 6, undated

Series B. Research Files, 1788-1989

Extent  
6 linear feet (15 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  
Consists of Xerox copies of articles, documents, notes, photographs and nearprint collected in the process of writing this manuscript. Of interest in this series are material relating to the Goldman, Krohn and Magrish families.

Arrangement  
Arranged alphabetically by subject title. Within each subject, materials are arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 3. Folder 1. Biographies, 1895-1988
Box 3. Folder 2. Biographies, 1895-1988