A Finding Aid to the
Touro Synagogue (New Orleans, La.) Records

Manuscript Collection No. 542
### Collection Summary

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<td>Extent</td>
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### Administrative Information

**Biographical Sketch**

Touro Synagogue is the sixth oldest synagogue in the U.S., tracing its roots back to 1828. Shanarai-Chasset (Congregation Gates of Mercy) and Nefutzoth Yehudah (Congregation Dispersed of Judah) merged in 1881 and named themselves after the merchant-philanthropist Judah Touro. It later joined the Reform movement in 1891.

**Scope and Content**

Minutes, treasurer's accounts, records of births, marriages and deaths, ketubahs, and pew stubs; together with minute books (1895-1913) of the Women's League.

**Terms of Access**

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

**Preferred Citation**

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Touro Synagogue (New Orleans, La.) Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-542. Touro Synagogue (New Orleans, La.) Records. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Provenance**

Received from Touro Synagogue, New Orleans, La.

### Index Terms

**Subjects**

Jewish women / Jews -- Louisiana -- New Orleans / Synagogues -- Louisiana -- New Orleans

**Corporate Names**

Touro Synagogue (New Orleans, La.)

**Media**

Marriage records

### Series A. General, 1839-1926

#### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder Ledger, 1866-1869
- Box 2. Folder Ledger [bound volume], 1866-1872
- Box 2. Folder Minute book [bound volume], 1883-1892
- Box 3. Folder Ledger [bound volume], 1870-1872
- Box 3. Folder Burial records [bound volume], 1866
- Box 4. Folder Ledger, 1872-1883
- Box 5. Folder Ledger, 1883-1894
- Box 6. Folder Ledger [bound volume], 1895-1900
- Box 6. Folder Women's League minute book [bound volume], 1895-1913
Box 7. Folder Ledger, 1895-1908
Box 8. Folder Kethubot, 1843-1862
Box 9. Folder Kethubot, 1843-1862
Box 10. Folder Marriage contracts, 1853-1865
Box 11. Folder Marriage contracts [bound volume], 1849-1853
Box 11. Folder Marriage contracts [bound volume], 1865-1881
Box 12. Folder Marriage contracts [bound volume], 1839-1853
Box 12. Folder Marriage contracts [bound volume], 1865-1881
Box 13. Folder Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1873-1904
Box 14. Folder Treasurer's accounts, 1851-1922
Box 15. Folder Checkbook stubs, 1913-1926
Box 16. Folder Pew stubs, 1890-1900
Box 17. Folder Pew stubs, 1901-1912
Box X-361. Folder Ledger [bound volume], 1872-1894
Box X-361. Folder Marriage contracts [bound volume], 1848
Box X-362. Folder Ledger, 1872-1894