A Finding Aid to the
Stanley F. Chyet Papers

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Biographical Sketch

Stanley Franklin Chyet was born on April 2, 1931 in Boston, Massachusetts to Jacob and Beatrice Chyet. He attended Boston Latin Preparatory School, and then went to Brandeis University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952. His Bachelor’s degree in Hebrew Letters was followed by a Master’s degree, Ordination, and a Ph.D., all accomplished at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. During this time he met and married Geraldine Hyman, a student at the University of Cincinnati. Their marriage, in 1956, was followed by the arrival of two children: Michael, born in 1957, and Susan, born in 1958.

Once he had been ordained, Chyet signed up with the Army Reserve as a Chaplain, in which capacity he served from 1957-1960. His long and productive association with Hebrew Union College as a professor began in 1960. By 1965, he had become Associate Director of the American Jewish Archives. In 1969, he began his tenure as Professor of American Jewish History in Cincinnati. He continued in that role at the Los Angeles campus, beginning in 1976. Two years later, he assumed the Directorship of the Magnin School of Graduate Studies at HUC in Los Angeles.

Stanley Chyet loved being a teacher. He also loved being a rabbi. Over the years, he substituted for his many friends who were members of the Jewish clergy when they were on vacation, or ill. He officiated at the weddings of friends. He oversaw the preparation of their children when they became b’nai mitzvah. Years later, he was still involved in their lives when they, too, married. On at least one occasion, he acted as "rabbi-in residence" on a cruise ship! He answered the call, glamorous or not, whenever he could. He was an active member of a number of organizations, among them the Central Conference of American Rabbis (executive board, 1972-1974); the Labor Zionist Alliance (president, Cincinnati branch, 1966-1967); the Zionist Academic Council (long-time member of executive committee); the Jewish Publication Society of America (long-time member of the publications committee); and the American Jewish Historical Society (member, Academic Council).

Chyet was perhaps proudest of his achievements as a writer, poet, and translator. He was the author of two books, Lopez of Newport and Lives and Voices. In addition, he co-authored Historical Essay on the Colony of Surinam-1788 with Jacob Rader Marcus, and co-edited Moses Jacob Ezekiel: Memoirs from the Baths of Diocletian with Joseph Gutmann. His poetry and articles appeared in numerous periodicals. His translation of the poems of Israeli poet Haim Gouri from Hebrew to English was plainly a labor of love, and resulted in the publication of two books: Jericho and Other Poems, and Words in My Lovesick Blood: Poems by Haim Gouri. Finally, it is deserving of mention that Chyet greatly admired the author Ludwig Lewisohn. He collaborated with Roy Lekus, a French film producer, on a film about Lewisohn entitled Write For Your Life.

Stanley Chyet passed away in Los Angeles on October 19, 2002 at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer.

Scope and Content

The papers describe the adult life of Stanley Chyet, who, in addition to his professional roles of rabbi, professor and poet, was a loving husband, father and friend. A thorough examination of his correspondence provides a window on the caring nature with which Chyet was blessed. This quality of Chyet's comes through most clearly in the responses he received from people he had written to advise or comfort. Time and again, one reads words to the effect that "of all the letters I received, yours meant the most." His ability to communicate from the heart, coupled with his command of the English language, allowed him to convey what is oftentimes hard to say.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into six (6) series: A. Correspondence; Writings; Education; Subject Files; Personal; Audiotapes.

Access Restrictions

Box 40 and 41 are restricted.
Preferred Citation  Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Stanley F. Chyet Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-726. Stanley F. Chyet Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provenance  Received from Stanley Chyet, Los Angeles, Calif., 1960-2005.


Index Terms

Subjects  Hebrew Union College / Jewish literature


Corporate Names  Labor Zionist Alliance / Labor Zionist Organization of America

Media  Photographs

Series A. Correspondence, 1952-2001

Extent  18.8 linear feet (47 boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Includes a wide range of communications: personal, letters combining the personal with business, letters about publishing endeavors, and travel. Contains a significant amount of information regarding the Labor Zionists Organization of America (Poalei Zion).

Arrangement  These letters are arranged alphabetically by correspondent. When an individual has their own folder, the contents are arranged by date.

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 3. Folder 2. Bargad, Warren, 1983 March
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Box 5. Folder 5. Blum, Ruth and Amos, 1981-1983
Box 5. Folder 8. Boorstin, Daniel, 1960
Box 6. Folder 2. Correspondence. Ca-Ci.
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Box 7. Folder 2. Chyet family papers, 1958-1995
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Box 8. Folder 3. Correspondence. Cl.
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Box 27. Folder 7. Liebschutz, Philip, 1959-1997
Box 27. Folder 8. Liebschutz, Thomas, 1959-1998
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Box 28. Folder 2. Correspondence. Lu-Ly.
Box 28. Folder 5. Correspondence. Mar-McL.
Box 28. Folder 6. Correspondence. Me.
Box 29. Folder 1. Marcus, Jacob R., 1956-1975
Box 29. Folder 3. Marcus, Jacob R., 1982
Box 30. Folder 1. Correspondence. Mic-Mil.
Box 31. Folder 2. Correspondence. Min-Mis.
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Box 33. Folder 2. Parsley, Chuck and Jeanne, 1954-1997
Box 33. Folder 3. Correspondence. Pe-Pu.
Box 33. Folder 5. Public officials, 1954-1996
Box 34. Folder 1. Raphael, Marc, 1978-1980
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Box 37. Folder 1. Correspondence. Sab-Sam.
Box 37. Folder 2. Sabbatical correspondence, 1997
Box 37. Folder 3. Sacks, Moe, Mae, and Zelda, 1955-1957
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Box 46. Folder 1. Miscellaneous letters and papers, 1950s
Box 46. Folder 2. Miscellaneous letters and papers, 1960s-1990s
Box 47. Folder 1. Correspondence and miscellaneous. Cincinnati, Ohio and Jerusalem, 1969 June-1971 March
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Box 47. Folder 3. Correspondence and papers. Community Hebrew School and Yavneh Day School (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1963-1970
Box 47. Folder 4. Correspondence and papers. Labor Zionists Organization of America (Poalei Zion) (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1963-1966
Box 47. Folder 5. Correspondence and papers. Labor Zionists Organization of America (Poalei Zion) (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1966-1973

Series B. Writings, 1962-2001

Extent 2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of Chyet’s poetry, articles, and contacts with Wayne State University Press regarding the publication of Chyet’s translation of Haim Gouri’s poems, Words in my Lovesick Blood. In addition, the marked-up manuscript of Moses Jacob Ezekiel occupies one entire Hollinger box.

Box and Folder Listing

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Box 50. Folder 6. Passover Haggadah.
Box 50. Folder 7. Poetry.
Box 50. Folder 8. Reviews by Stanley Chyet.
Box 50. Folder 9. Rivkin, Ellis. Festschrift, 1992
Box 50. Folder 10. Sermons.
Box 50. Folder 11. Sermons.
Box 51. Folder 2. Sermons. Yom HaShoah.
Box 51. Folder 3. Speeches, articles.
Box 51. Folder 5. Wedding ceremonies.
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Box 51. Folder 8. Yehuda Halevi: Beyond Speculation.
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Extent 2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)
**Scope and Content Note**

The series includes lecture notes, faculty committee activities, curriculum development materials, and materials related to the college accreditation process. A good deal having to do with the college’s affiliation with the University of Southern California is also included. Surprisingly, there is almost nothing concerning Chyet’s Directorship of the Magnin School of Graduate Studies at HUC.

**Arrangement**

Folders are arranged alphabetically within each box. Folder contents are arranged chronologically.

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Box 55. Folder 1. Jason Huebsch Scholarship Fund.
Box 55. Folder 2. The Jew in American Fiction, 1997
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Box 56. Folder 8. Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Service, 1983
Box 57. Folder 1. Admissions, 1998
Box 57. Folder 2. Admissions, 2000
Box 57. Folder 3. Curriculum core, 2000
Box 57. Folder 4. Curriculum, ordination, 1999
Box 57. Folder 5. Exhibit — Skirball Museum, 1990
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Box 57. Folder 7. Focus groups, 1997
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Box 57. Folder 10. HUC Press, 1995
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Box 57. Folder 12. Magnin School of Graduate Studies, 2000
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Box 59. Folder 2. WASC accreditation process, 1979
Box 59. Folder 3. WASC/WACU, 1980 January-May
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Box 60. Folder 2. WASC accreditation. Self-study draft, 1984
Box 60. Folder 3. WASC self study, 1984
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Box 60. Folder 5. WASC re-accreditation final report, 1985
Box 60. Folder 6. WASC accreditation, 1998-2001
Box 60. Folder 7. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Periodic review report, 1982
Box 60. Folder 8. California Postsecondary Education Commission, 1993

Series D. Subject Files, 1962-2000

Extent 2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The larger files in this series include Indiana University Press, Jewish Publication Society, Labor Zionist Alliance, National Endowment for the Humanities, Southern California Jewish Historical Society, and the Zionist Academic Council.

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Series E. Personal, 1948-1999

Extent  0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  The materials Chyet deemed "personal" in nature are, in fact, no more so than any of the rest of his correspondence.

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Series F. Audiotapes, 1954-1990

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- Box 69. Folder 6. 2 audiotapes: Interview by California Times Public Affairs Radio, and Message of Israel (1990), 1990, undated