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Stanley F. Chyet Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 726



Collection Summary

Title	Stanley F. Chyet Papers
Dates	1948-2001
Collection Number	MS-726
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Chyet, Stanley F.
Extent	27.6 linear feet (69 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

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.

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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).

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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.

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Series C. Education, 1962-2000

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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