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**A Finding Aid to the
Phearson Family Collection
Manuscript Collection No. 733**

Collection Summary

Title	Phearson Family Collection
Dates	1909-1922
Collection Number	MS-733
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Phearson Family
Extent	0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English and Yiddish

Administrative Information

Scope and Content The collection consists of letters written to Max Cantor and Becky Freedland Cantor between the years 1909 and 1922. The collection is comprised of correspondence between Max and Becky, Max and various family members, Becky and Sam Selmanoff, Becky and family members, and Max's business correspondence. Because the vast majority of letters are not written in English, information regarding the correspondents and date of the letter are taken from the envelope in which the letter was sent. The majority of the correspondence is written in Yiddish. The collection also includes some correspondence written in an unidentified East European language and in English. Max wrote letters in all three languages, while Becky wrote letters primarily in Yiddish. Also included in the collection are cards of various types. Of particular interest are the tiny Jewish New Year's cards, and the "Suffragette Madonna" postcard.

The Cantors were well-traveled, before and after their marriage. Addresses found on the envelopes within the collection include Kansas City, Kansas; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Cleveland, Ohio; Denver, Colorado; and, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. For a time, Becky's address was London, England. Max's family lived in New York City.

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 Phearson Family Collection and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Personal Names

Canter, Max / Cantor, Becky Freedland / Cantor, Celia / Cantor, Max / Cantor, William / Selmanoff, Samuel

Series A. General, 1909-1922

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Letters to Max Cantor from Becky Freedland [Yiddish], 1913-1914

Box 1. Folder 2. Letters to Max Cantor from Becky Freedland (Cantor) [Yiddish], 1915-1920

Box 1. Folder 3. Letters from Max Cantor to Becky Freedland [Yiddish], 1913

Box 1. Folder 4. Letters from Max Cantor to Becky Freedland [Yiddish], 1914

Box 1. Folder 5. Letters from Max Cantor to Becky Freedland [Yiddish], 1915

Box 1. Folder 6. Letters from Max Cantor to Becky Freedland [Yiddish], 1917

Box 1. Folder 7. Letters from Max Cantor to Celia Cantor, 1912-1913

Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence with Max Cantor [various languages], 1911-1914

Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence with Max Cantor [various languages], 1915-1919, undated

Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence with Becky Freedland [Yiddish and English], 1916

Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence with Becky Freedland Cantor [Yiddish], 1917-1922

Box 2. Folder 5. Letters to Becky Freedland from Sam Selmanoff [Yiddish], 1909-1915

Box 2. Folder 6. New Year's cards, postcards, etc., 1910-1922

Box 2. Folder 7. Miscellaneous correspondence (various languages), 1914-1918

Box 2. Folder 8. Unidentified correspondence [Yiddish], 1912-1918