A Finding Aid to the
Phearson Family Collection

Manuscript Collection No. 733
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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Processing Information
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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