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**A Finding Aid to the  
Nahum M. Sarna Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 753**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Nahum M. Sarna Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1894-2004
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-753
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Sarna, Nahum M., 1923-2005
<b>Extent</b>	29.2 linear feet (73 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English and Hebrew

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Nahum Mattathias Sarna was one of the preeminent Biblical scholars of the twentieth century. He was born in London in 1923 to Jacob J. Sarna and Milly (Horonzick) Sarna. In an article written by Sarna's sister, Rachel Araten, she describes the household in which she and Nahum grew up as one full of ideas, books, Zionism, and Yiddishkeit. The article, written at the time of Jacob Sarna's death, further states that Jacob took it upon himself to teach both his son and his daughter the traditions of Orthodox Judaism. Nahum's education continued, first at the University of London, then at Jews College, where he was awarded his rabbinical degree in 1947.

He married Helen Horowitz in 1947, with whom he had two sons, David and Jonathan. In 1949, he and his family went to Israel, where he worked for the Jewish Agency. Emigration to the United States followed in 1951, so that Sarna could work on his doctorate in Bible and Semitic Languages at Dropsie College. Stints on the faculties of Gratz College and Jewish Theological Seminary came next. Sarna then joined the faculty at Brandeis University in 1965, rising to become the Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies, where he taught until his retirement in 1985. In addition to Sarna's responsibilities at Brandeis, he served at various times in his career as visiting professor at Columbia University, Dropsie College, Andover Newton theological Seminary, Yale University, and Hebrew College. He concluded his teaching career at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, where he served as Distinguished Visiting Professor, and then as Gimelstob Eminent Professor.

Sarna's writing did not take a back seat to teaching. He edited and translated the Jewish Publication Society's (JPS) version of the Torah, and was the General Editor of its five-volume Torah Commentary. He contributed over forty articles to the Encyclopedia Judaica, while serving in the capacity of Departmental Editor. In addition, he contributed articles to the Encyclopedia Britannica, Encyclopedia Biblica Hebraica, Encyclopedia Hebraica, and the Encyclopedia of Religion. Dr. Sarna also authored the following books: *Understanding Genesis* (1966), *Exploring Exodus: The Origins of Biblical Israel* (1986), *Genesis: The Traditional Hebrew Text with New JPS Translation/ Commentary* (1989), *Exodus: The Traditional Hebrew Text with the New JPS Translation/ Commentary* (1991), *On the Book of Psalms: Exploring the Prayers of Ancient Israel* (1993), *Songs of the Heart: An Introduction to the Book of Psalms* (1993), *Genesis: World of Myths and Patriarchs* (1996), and *Studies in Biblical Interpretation* (2000). It should be mentioned that in 1993, Sarna was honoured with a festschrift: *Minhah le-Nahum: Biblical and Other Studies Presented to Nahum M. Sarna in Honour of his 70th Birthday*. Finally, Sarna, at the time of his death, was working on a book dealing with the return of Jews from exile during the realm of King Cyrus.

It would be fair to say, though, that Sarna's great love was teaching. He taught for exactly 60 years, from 1943-2003, when he taught his last class. His impact in the classroom can be measured in the superlatives students used to describe his classes. Whether it was a class at the post-graduate level, or a summer-session class for senior citizens, Sarna put his heart and his soul into his teaching. Nahum Sarna died in 2005. He selected for his tombstone the Hebrew words "u-le-herot natan be-libo" (Ex. 35:34). As he explained in his commentary on Exodus, the Hebrew phrase means "They are endowed with the ability to instruct others, which is a divinely-bestowed gift."

### Scope and Content

Consists of notebooks, syllabuses, exams, handwritten notes, correspondence, course evaluations, manuscripts, meeting minutes, lectures, addresses, sermons, book reviews, editorial forms, and biographical information. Sarna's handwritten notes are voluminous and can be found throughout the collection; they are sometimes written on notepaper, other times on scraps of paper. The majority of the folders in the collection contain documents in both Hebrew and English.

### Arrangement

Collection is arranged in fifteen (15) series: A. Jews College; B. Gratz College; C. Dropsie College; D. Brandeis University; E. Career Correspondence and Milestones; F. Professional Correspondence; G. Jewish Publication Society; H. Development of the Bible; I. Genesis Commentary; J. Exodus Commentary; K. Lectures, Sermons, and Notes; L. Writings; M. Encyclopedia Judaica; N. Subject Files; O. Personal/Professional.

## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Bible -- Commentaries / Bible -- History / Bible -- Study and teaching / Bible -- Versions / Bible. Old Testament / Scholarly publishing
<b>Personal Names</b>	Sarna, Nahum M.
<b>Corporate Names</b>	Brandeis University / Jewish Publication Society
<b>Media</b>	Lectures / Minutes / Sermons

### Series A. Jews College, 1943-1951

**Extent** 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Sarna's class notes were taken while a student and lecturer at University of London and Jews College. His notes are very thorough and legible. Of particular interest is the fact that these notes were of use to him throughout his career, as evidenced by their occasional presence in later series.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged chronologically.

### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. Class notes: Midrash, 1942-1944
- Box 1. Folder 2. Class notes: Proverbs, 1943-1944
- Box 1. Folder 3. Class notes: Proverbs, 1943-1944
- Box 1. Folder 4. Class notes: Daniel, 1943-1944
- Box 1. Folder 5. Class notes: Semitic Linguistics, 1944
- Box 1. Folder 6. Class notes: Comparative Grammar of the Semitic Languages, undated
- Box 1. Folder 7. Class notes: Jewish History, 1944-1945
- Box 1. Folder 8. Class notes: Jewish History, 1944-1945
- Box 1. Folder 9. Class notes: Jewish History, undated
- Box 2. Folder 1. Class notes includes Targum Jonathan, 1943-1946
- Box 2. Folder 2. Class notes: Targum Jonathan, 1943
- Box 2. Folder 3. Class notes: Midrash, 1944
- Box 2. Folder 4. Class notes: History of Jewish Literature, 1945
- Box 2. Folder 5. Class notes, 1945-1946
- Box 2. Folder 6. Class notes: Genesis, 1946
- Box 2. Folder 7. Class notes: Proverbs, 1946-1947
- Box 2. Folder 8. Class notes: Habakkuk/Zephaniah, 1946-1947
- Box 3. Folder 1. Guide: Books for Teachers, 1942-1944
- Box 3. Folder 2. Class notes: Literature, Biblical Period, 1943-1944
- Box 3. Folder 3. Class notes: Religious Philosophy, 1944
- Box 3. Folder 4. Class notes: Talmud, 1945
- Box 3. Folder 5. Class notes: Talmud, 1945
- Box 3. Folder 6. Class notes: Literature, Medieval, 1946
- Box 3. Folder 7. Class notes: Literature, Medieval, 1946

- Box 3. Folder 8. Class notes: Hebrew Literature, 1948
- Box 3. Folder 9. Class notes: Hebrew Literature, undated
- Box 3. Folder 10. Class notes: Nuzi text, undated
- Box 4. Folder 1. Class notes: Nuzi text, undated
- Box 4. Folder 2. Class notes: Jeremiah, 1946
- Box 4. Folder 3. U. Of London exams, 1946
- Box 4. Folder 4. Correspondence includes graduation, 1944-1951
- Box 4. Folder 5. Class notes: Arabic History and Culture, 1950

## **Series B. Gratz College, 1946-1954, undated**

**Extent** 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** The items to be found in these three folders include programs for commencement 1952 and 1957, a "Register" with college and course descriptions, booklets and notes used in preparation for teaching "Philosophy of Religion," and notes concerning Jewish holidays.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 4. Folder 6. Gratz College, undated
- Box 4. Folder 7. Gratz College lectures, 1946-1954
- Box 4. Folder 8. Gratz College class material, undated

## **Series C. Dropsie College, 1950-1992**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Sarna earned his Ph.D. at Dropsie, and was involved in the eventual change in name and mission of the College, which became the Annenberg Institute (later known as the "Center for Advanced Judaic Studies"). He studied "History of Islamic Peoples" and the Koran while at Dropsie, as well as the "History of Israel," which his class notes reflect. While Sarna worked on his Ph.D., he also lectured at Jewish Theological Seminary, where he taught a course on Samuel I from 1956-1961, pedagogic materials for which can be found here. Finally, correspondence concerning the change in name from Dropsie to the Annenberg Institute is contained in the last three folders.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 5. Folder 1. Dropsie College, undated
- Box 5. Folder 2. Class material: History of Israel, 1956
- Box 5. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, includes notes, 1950
- Box 5. Folder 4. Class material: Samuel I, 1956-1961
- Box 5. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1962, undated
- Box 5. Folder 6. Faculty seminar, 1962
- Box 5. Folder 7. Dropsie/Annenberg, 1981, 1985
- Box 5. Folder 8. Dropsie/Annenberg, 1985
- Box 5. Folder 9. Dropsie/Annenberg, 1986-1987

Box 5. Folder 10. Dropsie/Annenberg, 1988-1991

Box 5. Folder 11. Annenberg Institute, 1992

## **Series D. Brandeis University, 1963-1999**

**Extent** 5.2 linear feet (13 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** A wide-ranging interest in all manner of biblical subject matter is evident in this series. Topics given particular attention include Exile/Return to Zion, the Cyrus Declaration, Civilization of the Ancient Near East, Jeremiah, Amos, and Psalms/Wisdom Literature. While the notes written on lined notebook paper are, again, thorough and legible, notes which he wrote on the back of previously used paper tend to be a bit more cryptic.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 6. Folder 1. Exile/Return to Zion, ch. 3-5, undated

Box 6. Folder 2. Exile/Return to Zion, ch. 6-8, undated

Box 6. Folder 3. Exile, Return to Zion, ch. 9, undated

Box 6. Folder 4. Exile/Return/Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 6. Folder 5. Source books, undated

Box 6. Folder 6. Psalms, 1964-1965

Box 6. Folder 7. Ezekiel, 1963-1965

Box 6. Folder 8. Biblical text and versions, 1964, 1977, 1980

Box 7. Folder 1. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 2. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 3. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 4. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 5. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 6. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 7. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 8. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 9. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 10. Cyrus Declaration/Exile and Diaspora, undated

Box 7. Folder 11. Return to Zion in the Persian Period, undated

Box 8. Folder 1. Seminar: Book of Genesis, 1965-1966

Box 8. Folder 2. Wisdom literature (Psalms), 1965

Box 8. Folder 3. Wisdom literature, 1967-1968

Box 8. Folder 4. Wisdom literature, 1969-1970

Box 8. Folder 5. Ten Commandments, 1950, 1967-1968

Box 8. Folder 6. Northwest Semitic inscriptions, 1971, 1981

Box 8. Folder 7. Seminar: Phoenician and Aramaic Inscription, 1978

Box 9. Folder 1. Literature of the Bible, 1968, 1974, 1981

Box 9. Folder 2. Formation of New Testament Canon, 1969

Box 9. Folder 3. Dead Sea Scrolls, 1979

Box 9. Folder 4. Minor Prophets, 1985

Box 9. Folder 5. Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, 1994

Box 9. Folder 6. History of Ancient Israel, Monarchy Period, 1997

Box 9. Folder 7. Notes on various subjects.

Box 10. Folder 1. Civilization of the Ancient Near East, undated

Box 10. Folder 2. Civilization of the Ancient Near East, undated

Box 10. Folder 3. Civilization of the Ancient Near East, undated

Box 10. Folder 4. Ezekiel, 1965-1984

Box 10. Folder 5. Ezekiel, 1966

Box 10. Folder 6. Ezekiel, 1979

Box 10. Folder 7. Ezekiel, 1979, 1984

Box 10. Folder 8. Jeremiah, undated

Box 10. Folder 9. Jeremiah, undated

Box 10. Folder 10. Judges. Bibliographies, 1969, 1982, undated

Box 11. Folder 1. Jeremiah, undated

Box 11. Folder 2. Jeremiah, undated

Box 11. Folder 3. Jeremiah, undated

Box 11. Folder 4. Jeremiah, undated

Box 11. Folder 5. Jeremiah, 1960

Box 11. Folder 6. Jeremiah, 1960

Box 11. Folder 7. Jeremiah, 1960

Box 11. Folder 8. Jeremiah, syllabus and exams, 1968-1985, 2003

Box 11. Folder 9. Jeremiah, 1978, 1985

Box 11. Folder 10. Jeremiah, 1979

Box 11. Folder 11. Jeremiah, 1979-1982

Box 12. Folder 1. Amos, undated

Box 12. Folder 2. Amos, 1969-1970, 1976, 1983

Box 12. Folder 3. Amos, 1994, 1999

Box 12. Folder 4. Amos, undated

Box 12. Folder 5. Prophets, undated

Box 12. Folder 6. Northwest Semitic inscriptions, 1973

Box 12. Folder 7. Northwest Semitic inscriptions, 1973

Box 12. Folder 8. Northwest Semitic inscriptions, 1974

Box 12. Folder 9. Seminar in Phoenician and Aramac inscriptions, 1984

Box 13. Folder 1. Exodus, 1981

Box 13. Folder 2. Return to Zion in the Persian Period, undated

Box 13. Folder 3. Return to Zion in the Persian Period, undated

Box 13. Folder 4. Return to Zion in the Persian Period, undated

Box 13. Folder 5. Return to Zion in the Persian Period, undated

Box 13. Folder 6. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 13. Folder 7. Cyrus Declaration, undated, 2002

Box 13. Folder 8. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 13. Folder 9. Biblical Canon/lost books, undated

Box 14. Folder 1. Biblical Literature of the Post-Exilic Period, 1974-1977

Box 14. Folder 2. History of the Second Temple Period, 1977, 1996

Box 14. Folder 3. History of the Second Temple Period, undated

Box 14. Folder 4. Cyrus Declaration, 1999

Box 14. Folder 5. Cyrus Declaration, 1999

Box 14. Folder 6. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 14. Folder 7. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 15. Folder 1. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 2. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 3. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 4. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 5. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 6. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 7. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 8. Psalms, undated

Box 15. Folder 9. Minor Prophets, 1965-1966

Box 16. Folder 1. Biblical Text and Versions, 1965-1966

Box 16. Folder 2. History of the Biblical Canon, 1969

Box 16. Folder 3. History of the Biblical Canon and the Ancient Versions: A Source Book by N. Sarna, 1974

Box 16. Folder 4. Development of the Hebrew Bible, 1981

Box 16. Folder 5. Modern Study of Biblical Literature, 1981

Box 17. Folder 1. Exodus, 1988

Box 17. Folder 2. Ezekiel, undated

Box 17. Folder 3. Ezekiel, 1975-1979

Box 17. Folder 4. Psalms, undated

Box 17. Folder 5. Psalms/Sun-god Literature, undated

Box 17. Folder 6. Deuteronomy/Jeremiah/Wisdom Literature - Greek Tradition.

Box 17. Folder 7. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 17. Folder 8. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 17. Folder 9. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 17. Folder 10. Cyrus Declaration, undated, 2002

Box 17. Folder 11. Cyrus Declaration, undated

Box 17. Folder 12. Cyrus Declaration, undated

- Box 18. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1955-1966
- Box 18. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1967-1971
- Box 18. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1973-1975
- Box 18. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1976-1980
- Box 18. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1981-1989
- Box 18. Folder 6. Correspondence includes two photos, 1990-1994
- Box 18. Folder 7. Student course evaluations, 1965, 1967, 1976

## **Series E. Career Correspondence and Milestones, 1935-2004**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Includes a letter to Sarna's father, notifying him that his son had been awarded a scholarship to Jewish Secondary School. Some of the correspondence has to do with articles written by Sarna, some consists of letters of recommendation both to and from him, and some is from his students.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 19. Folder 1. Milestones, 1935-1971
- Box 19. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1951-1968
- Box 19. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1969-1975
- Box 19. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1976-1979
- Box 19. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1980-1982
- Box 19. Folder 6. Milestones, 1987-1995
- Box 19. Folder 7. Milestones, 1996-2004

## **Series F. Professional Correspondence, 1944-1997**

**Extent** 2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** The correspondence in this series has to do with Sarna's academic career. It is in alphabetical order, either by the individual's last name, or by organization name. The notables with whom he corresponded included William Foxwell Albright, Meir Ben-Horin, and Moshe Greenberg.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 20. Folder 1. Correspondence. A, 1956-1976
- Box 20. Folder 2. Correspondence. A, 1977-1990
- Box 20. Folder 3. Correspondence. American Academy for Jewish Research, 1989-1993
- Box 20. Folder 4. Correspondence. American Academy for Jewish Research (Manuscript by W.D. Davies: Reflections on Mystical Anti-Semitism), 1995
- Box 20. Folder 5. Correspondence. B, 1957-1964
- Box 20. Folder 6. Correspondence. B, 1967-1974
- Box 21. Folder 1. Correspondence. B, 1975-1979



Box 21. Folder 2. Correspondence. B, 1980-1982  
Box 21. Folder 3. Correspondence. B, 1983-1984  
Box 21. Folder 4. Correspondence. B, 1985-1987  
Box 21. Folder 5. Correspondence. B, 1988-1993  
Box 21. Folder 6. Correspondence. G, 1944-1962  
Box 21. Folder 7. Correspondence. G, 1963-1967  
Box 21. Folder 8. Correspondence. G, 1968-1973  
Box 21. Folder 9. Correspondence. G, 1974-1975  
Box 22. Folder 1. Correspondence. G, 1976  
Box 22. Folder 2. Correspondence. G, 1977-1978  
Box 22. Folder 3. Correspondence. G, 1979-1980  
Box 22. Folder 4. Correspondence. G, 1981-1985  
Box 22. Folder 5. Correspondence. G, 1986-1997  
Box 22. Folder 6. Correspondence. G-H, 1992-1999  
Box 22. Folder 7. Haifa University, 1970-1994  
Box 22. Folder 8. Hebrew College, 1968-1994  
Box 22. Folder 9. Hebrew University, 1974-1993  
Box 22. Folder 10. Correspondence. E, 1945-1973  
Box 22. Folder 11. Correspondence. E, 1975-2002  
Box 23. Folder 1. Correspondence. F, 1956-1980  
Box 23. Folder 2. Correspondence. F, 1981-2002  
Box 23. Folder 3. Correspondence. K, 1945-1966  
Box 23. Folder 4. Correspondence. K, 1967-2001  
Box 23. Folder 5. Keter Publishing House, 1971-1984  
Box 23. Folder 6. Correspondence. L, 1962-1974  
Box 23. Folder 7. Correspondence. L, 1977-1997  
Box 23. Folder 8. Correspondence. M, 1946-1976  
Box 23. Folder 9. Correspondence. M, 1977-1992  
Box 24. Folder 1. Correspondence. P, 1957-1991  
Box 24. Folder 2. Correspondence. R, 1960-1972  
Box 24. Folder 3. Correspondence. R, 1973-1982  
Box 24. Folder 4. Correspondence. R, 1983-1986  
Box 24. Folder 5. Correspondence. T, 1958-1977  
Box 24. Folder 6. Correspondence. T, 1978-1993  
Box 24. Folder 7. Correspondence. U-V, 1967-1992  
Box 24. Folder 8. Correspondence. W, 1945-1976  
Box 24. Folder 9. Correspondence. W, 1977-1991  
Box 24. Folder 10. Correspondence. X,Y,Z, 1956-1996  
Box 24. Folder 11. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1991-1994

## **Series G. Jewish Publication Society, 1946-2003**

**Extent** 3.2 linear feet (8 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Sarna enjoyed a long and productive association with the Jewish Publication Society, first as editor and translator of the writings (Ketubim) portion of the Tanach, next as editor and author of their Torah commentary (for which Sarna wrote the commentaries on Genesis and Exodus).

**Arrangement** The series is arranged into two (2) subseries: 1. Correspondence; 2. Publications Committee.

### **Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1946-2003**

**Extent** 2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** The correspondence centers largely on two projects: Sarna's translation of the Writings (Ketubim) portion of the Tanach and his editing of Torah commentary.

#### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 25. Folder 1. Committee on Ketubim, 1965
- Box 25. Folder 2. Committee on Ketubim, 1966-1971
- Box 25. Folder 3. Committee on Ketubim, 1972
- Box 25. Folder 4. Committee on Ketubim, 1973-1976
- Box 25. Folder 5. Committee on Ketubim, 1977-1980
- Box 25. Folder 6. Committee on Ketubim, 1981-1985
- Box 25. Folder 7. Projects correspondence, 1985
- Box 25. Folder 8. Projects, Reorganization and trip to Israel correspondence, 1985-1986
- Box 25. Folder 9. Projects correspondence, 1987-1999
- Box 25. Folder 10. Proposal for JPS edition of Book of Esther, 1986
- Box 26. Folder 1. Blidstein, Gerald J, 1986-1987
- Box 26. Folder 2. Etkes, Emmanuel, 1986-1991
- Box 26. Folder 3. Litvak, Yosef, 1983-1987
- Box 26. Folder 4. Milgram, Jacob, 1974-1988
- Box 26. Folder 5. Mushkat, Marian, 1988-1990
- Box 26. Folder 6. Segal, Sheila, 1987-1990
- Box 26. Folder 7. Sykes, Melvin J, 1986-1990
- Box 26. Folder 8. Correspondence. F, K, L, M, P, S, 1988-1991
- Box 26. Folder 9. Correspondence and MS "A Social History of Women in the Period of the Talmud, 1987-1988
- Box 26. Folder 10. Two manuscripts by Maurice Lamm: Jewish War Ethic and Red or Dead?, undated
- Box 27. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1986 January-March 5
- Box 27. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1986 March 10-April
- Box 27. Folder 3. Correspondence and partial manuscript, 1986 May-July

Box 27. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1986 August-December  
Box 27. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1987 January-May  
Box 27. Folder 6. Correspondence, 1987 June-August  
Box 27. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1987 September-December  
Box 27. Folder 8. Correspondence, 1988  
Box 28. Folder 1. Bowman, Steven, 1986-1987  
Box 28. Folder 2. Correspondence. C, 1956-1961  
Box 28. Folder 3. Correspondence. C, 1962-1980  
Box 28. Folder 4. Correspondence. C, 1982-1993  
Box 28. Folder 5. Correspondence. D-E, 1944-1990  
Box 28. Folder 6. Correspondence. D, 1978-2003  
Box 28. Folder 7. Correspondence. H, 1946-1961  
Box 28. Folder 8. Correspondence. H, 1962-1967  
Box 28. Folder 9. Correspondence. H, 1968-1977  
Box 28. Folder 10. Correspondence. H, 1978-1983  
Box 29. Folder 1. Correspondence. H, 1984-1995  
Box 29. Folder 2. Correspondence. I, 1955-1994  
Box 29. Folder 3. Correspondence. J, 1955-1963  
Box 29. Folder 4. Correspondence. J, 1964-1999  
Box 29. Folder 5. Jewish Theological Seminary, 1957-2002  
Box 29. Folder 6. Correspondence. N, 1956-1995  
Box 29. Folder 7. Neusner, Jacob [Restricted], 1981-2000  
Box 29. Folder 8. Newman, Elias, 1959-1972  
Box 29. Folder 9. Correspondence. O, 1952-1992

## **Subseries 2. Publications Committee, 1966-2000**

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** The Publications Committee handled the reading of manuscripts, and made suggestions as to their publication readiness. Dr. Sarna's many letters to and from Chaim Potok can be found here.

**Arrangement** Torah commentary is arranged chronologically, followed by other files arranged alphabetically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 30. Folder 1. Torah commentary, 1966-1973  
Box 30. Folder 2. Torah commentary, 1973-1980  
Box 30. Folder 3. Torah commentary, 1981-1983  
Box 30. Folder 4. Torah commentary, 1984-1986 March  
Box 30. Folder 5. Torah commentary, 1986 April-1998

- Box 31. Folder 1. Torah commentary, 1972-1975
- Box 31. Folder 2. Torah commentary, 1978
- Box 31. Folder 3. Torah commentary. Includes minutes of meetings, 1981-1984
- Box 31. Folder 4. Torah commentary, 1985
- Box 31. Folder 5. Torah commentary, 1986-1987
- Box 31. Folder 6. Torah commentary, 1988-1994
- Box 31. Folder 7. Torah commentary, 1995-2000
- Box 32. Folder 1. Berman, Muriel, 1981-1984
- Box 32. Folder 2. Deshell, Maier, 1979-1983
- Box 32. Folder 3. Fishbane, Michael, 1981-1988
- Box 32. Folder 4. Greenberg, Moshe, 1973-1981
- Box 32. Folder 5. Greenfield, Jonas, 1980, 1983
- Box 32. Folder 6. Levine, Baruch, 1978-1980
- Box 32. Folder 7. Levinson, Bernard, 1973-1977
- Box 32. Folder 8. Levinson, Bernard, 1981-1988
- Box 32. Folder 9. Potok, Chaim, 1973-1986
- Box 32. Folder 10. Shestack, Jerome, 1973-1989
- Box 32. Folder 11. Tigay, Jeffrey, 1973-1999
- Box 32. Folder 12. Weinfeld, Moshe, 1974-1980

## **Series H. Development of the Bible, 1960-1989, undated**

**Extent** 3.6 linear feet (9 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** The series speaks to Sarna's passion for Bible study and, in three of the five subseries, his love of language and languages. Wisdom literature and the Prophets figure prominently in this series. Sarna's interest in the Ten Commandments (see Series N) shows up here in subseries 5 under "Biblical Law."

**Arrangement** The series is arranged into five (5) subseries: 1. Books of the Bible; 2. Order of the Books of the Bible; 3. Bible Translations; 4. Versions of the Bible; 5. Bible Study.

### **Subseries 1. Books of the Bible, 1966, 1968, undated**

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

#### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 33. Folder 1. Micah, undated
- Box 33. Folder 2. Micah, undated
- Box 33. Folder 3. Psalms. For Encyclopedia Judaica, undated
- Box 33. Folder 4. Psalms. For Encyclopedia Judaica, undated
- Box 33. Folder 5. Psalms, undated
- Box 33. Folder 6. Psalms 19, 1966, 1968, undated

Box 33. Folder 7. Exodus, Leviticus, undated  
Box 33. Folder 8. Isaiah, Dead Sea Scrolls, undated  
Box 34. Folder 1. Numbers, undated  
Box 34. Folder 2. Deuteronomy, undated  
Box 34. Folder 3. Ecclesiastes, undated  
Box 34. Folder 4. Ecclesiastes, undated  
Box 34. Folder 5. Daniel, undated  
Box 34. Folder 6. Daniel, undated  
Box 34. Folder 7. Chronicles, undated  
Box 34. Folder 8. Chronicles, undated  
Box 35. Folder 1. Proverbs, undated  
Box 35. Folder 2. Ruth, undated  
Box 35. Folder 3. Lamentations, undated  
Box 35. Folder 4. Canticles/Song of Songs, undated  
Box 35. Folder 5. Ezekiel, undated  
Box 35. Folder 6. Hosea, undated  
Box 35. Folder 7. Jonah (includes High Holidays sermon: Why Jonah is Read on Yom Kippur), 1989  
Box 35. Folder 8. Amos/Zechariah, undated, 1973  
Box 35. Folder 9. Kings, undated  
Box 35. Folder 10. Kings, undated  
Box 35. Folder 11. Ketubim Committee. Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, undated

## **Subseries 2. Order of the Books of the Bible, 1969-1989**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 36. Folder 1. Biblical canon, 1969  
Box 36. Folder 2. Biblical canon, 1971  
Box 36. Folder 3. Ancient libraries, 1971  
Box 36. Folder 4. Ancient libraries, undated  
Box 36. Folder 5. Biblical canon, undated  
Box 36. Folder 6. Biblical canon, undated  
Box 36. Folder 7. Biblical canon, undated  
Box 36. Folder 8. Ancient libraries and the ordering of the biblical books, 1989  
Box 36. Folder 9. Transmission of the Torah, undated  
Box 36. Folder 10. Transmission of the Torah, undated

## **Subseries 3. Bible Translations, 1980, 1989, undated**

**Extent** 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 37. Folder 1. Bible translations, 1989
- Box 37. Folder 2. Bible translations, 1980, undated
- Box 37. Folder 3. Arabic, undated
- Box 37. Folder 4. Aramaic Targumim, undated
- Box 37. Folder 5. Dutch, undated
- Box 37. Folder 6. French, undated
- Box 37. Folder 7. German, undated
- Box 37. Folder 8. German-Jewish/Yiddish, undated
- Box 37. Folder 9. Gothic, undated
- Box 37. Folder 10. Greek, undated
- Box 37. Folder 11. Hungarian, undated
- Box 37. Folder 12. Italian, undated
- Box 37. Folder 13. Latin, Old, undated
- Box 37. Folder 14. Non-European, undated
- Box 37. Folder 15. Russian, undated
- Box 37. Folder 16. Samaritan, undated
- Box 37. Folder 17. Scandinavian, undated
- Box 37. Folder 18. Slavonic, Old, undated
- Box 37. Folder 19. Spanish, undated
- Box 37. Folder 20. Western Slavonic, Polish, Czech (Bohemian), Slovak, undated
- Box 38. Folder 1. Bible translations/Bible versions, undated
- Box 38. Folder 2. Bible translations/Bible versions, undated
- Box 38. Folder 3. Bible translations/Bible versions, undated
- Box 38. Folder 4. Targumim, undated
- Box 38. Folder 5. Bible translations/Bible versions, undated
- Box 38. Folder 6. Bible Translations and LXX Version, undated

### **Subseries 4. Versions of the Bible, undated**

**Extent** 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 38. Folder 7. Bishops' Bible, undated
- Box 38. Folder 8. Geneva version, undated
- Box 38. Folder 9. Great Bible, undated

Box 38. Folder 10. KJV version, undated  
Box 38. Folder 11. Rheims-Douai version, undated  
Box 38. Folder 12. Taverner version, undated  
Box 39. Folder 1. History of the Biblical text, undated  
Box 39. Folder 2. Bible versions, undated  
Box 39. Folder 3. Bible versions, undated  
Box 39. Folder 4. Bible versions, undated  
Box 39. Folder 5. Christian canon, undated  
Box 39. Folder 6. Coptic, Georgian, Armenian, Atlicoptic, and Slavonic versions, undated  
Box 39. Folder 7. Coverdale version, undated  
Box 39. Folder 8. LXX and Greek versions, undated  
Box 39. Folder 9. Matthew version, undated  
Box 39. Folder 10. New England Bible, undated  
Box 39. Folder 11. Pre-Wyclifite and Wyclifite Bibles, undated  
Box 39. Folder 12. Revised Standard version, undated  
Box 39. Folder 13. Syriac version, undated  
Box 39. Folder 14. Tyndale version, undated  
Box 39. Folder 15. Publication of early bibles, undated  
Box 39. Folder 16. Texts and Manuscripts, undated  
Box 39. Folder 17. Textual Criticism, undated  
Box 39. Folder 18. Bible versions, undated  
Box 39. Folder 19. Codex form of the Bible, undated

### **Subseries 5. Bible Study, 1960-1987**

**Extent** 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

#### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 40. Folder 1. Biblical Foundations of Western Civilization, 1960  
Box 40. Folder 2. Biblical criticism, undated  
Box 40. Folder 3. Biblical historiography, 1983, undated  
Box 40. Folder 4. Understanding the Bible, 1981, undated  
Box 40. Folder 5. Modern Study of the Bible, 1975-1987  
Box 40. Folder 6. Biblical law, 1965, undated  
Box 40. Folder 7. Biblical law, 1982, undated  
Box 40. Folder 8. Biblical law, 1984, undated  
Box 40. Folder 9. Biblical law, undated  
Box 40. Folder 10. Seals, stamps, and the concept of light in Biblical Literature, undated  
Box 40. Folder 11. Biblical canon, undated

- Box 40. Folder 12. Biblical canon, undated
- Box 41. Folder 1. Companion to the Bible. Ed. N. Sarna, undated
- Box 41. Folder 2. Bible article with notes [English, Hebrew, Latin], undated
- Box 41. Folder 3. Encyclopedia of Religion notes, undated
- Box 41. Folder 4. Medieval Biblical Exegesis, undated
- Box 41. Folder 5. Medieval Biblical Exegesis, undated
- Box 41. Folder 6. Miscellaneous notes, 1982, undated
- Box 41. Folder 7. Miscellaneous notes [English, Hebrew, Yiddish], undated
- Box 41. Folder 8. Modern translations in English, undated
- Box 41. Folder 9. Teaching the Bible, 1965, undated

## **Series I. Genesis Commentary, 1971-1995**

**Extent** 3.6 linear feet (9 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Sarna's notes on the various chapters in Genesis can generally be identified by either chapter number or, in the case of well-known Bible stories, by name. These boxes devoted to the Genesis Commentary, each of which holds roughly 800 pages, attest not only to Sarna's prodigious note-taking faculties, but to his exceptional interest, curiosity, and powers of interpretation, as well.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 42. Folder 1. Notes.
- Box 42. Folder 2. Notes.
- Box 42. Folder 3. Notes.
- Box 42. Folder 4. Notes.
- Box 42. Folder 5. Notes.
- Box 42. Folder 6. Notes.
- Box 42. Folder 7. Notes.
- Box 42. Folder 8. Notes. Gen. 1-2.
- Box 42. Folder 9. Notes. Gen. 1-2.
- Box 42. Folder 10. Notes. Gen. 2.
- Box 42. Folder 11. Notes. Gen. 5.
- Box 43. Folder 1. Notes. Gen. 10.
- Box 43. Folder 2. Notes. Gen. 10.
- Box 43. Folder 3. Notes. Gen. 10.
- Box 43. Folder 4. Notes. Gen. 10.
- Box 43. Folder 5. Story of Dinah.
- Box 43. Folder 6. Story of Dinah.
- Box 43. Folder 7. Judah and Tamar/Levirate marriage.
- Box 44. Folder 1. Notes. Gen. 16.
- Box 44. Folder 2. Notes. Gen. 25.



Box 44. Folder 3. Notes.

Box 44. Folder 4. Notes.

Box 44. Folder 5. Notes.

Box 44. Folder 6. Story of Joseph.

Box 44. Folder 7. Story of Joseph.

Box 44. Folder 8. Story of Joseph.

Box 44. Folder 9. Story of Joseph.

Box 44. Folder 10. Story of Joseph.

Box 45. Folder 1. Notes. Gen. 22.

Box 45. Folder 2. Notes. Gen. 22.

Box 45. Folder 3. Notes. Gen. 22.

Box 45. Folder 4. Notes. Gen. 23.

Box 45. Folder 5. Notes. Gen. 23.

Box 45. Folder 6. Notes. Gen. 23.

Box 45. Folder 7. Notes. Gen. 27.

Box 45. Folder 8. Notes. Gen. 28.

Box 45. Folder 9. Notes. Gen. 29.

Box 45. Folder 10. Notes. Gen. 29-30.

Box 45. Folder 11. Notes. Gen. 29-30.

Box 46. Folder 1. Notes. Gen. 32.

Box 46. Folder 2. Notes. Gen. 33.

Box 46. Folder 3. Notes. Gen. 34-35.

Box 46. Folder 4. Notes. Gen. 36. Story of Joseph/Kings of Edom.

Box 46. Folder 5. Notes. Gen. 42-43.

Box 46. Folder 6. Notes. Gen. 44-46.

Box 46. Folder 7. Notes. Gen. 46-48.

Box 46. Folder 8. Notes. Gen. 49.

Box 46. Folder 9. Notes. Gen. 49.

Box 46. Folder 10. Notes. Gen. 49.

Box 47. Folder 1. Notes. Gen. 38. Judah and Tamar/Levirate marriage.

Box 47. Folder 2. Notes. Sodom and Gemorah.

Box 47. Folder 3. Notes. Sodom and Gemorah.

Box 47. Folder 4. Archaeological research.

Box 47. Folder 5. Notes.

Box 47. Folder 6. Notes: Archaeology, patriarchs, Rashi.

Box 47. Folder 7. Notes: Patriarchs.

Box 47. Folder 8. Notes: Patriarchs.

Box 47. Folder 9. Notes: Delitzsch, flood.

Box 48. Folder 1. Notes: Flood.

Box 48. Folder 2. Notes: Flood/Noahide Commandments.  
Box 48. Folder 3. Notes: Noah and the flood/other flood epics.  
Box 48. Folder 4. Notes.  
Box 48. Folder 5. Notes.  
Box 48. Folder 6. Notes.  
Box 48. Folder 7. Job commentary, 1980  
Box 48. Folder 8. JPS Tanakh/Daniel, 1994  
Box 48. Folder 9. JPS Torah commentary Committee. Report on Status of Commentaries, 1982 July 13  
Box 48. Folder 10. Correspondence, 1971-1975  
Box 48. Folder 11. Correspondence, 1986-1995  
Box 49. Folder 1. Notes: Gen. 20.  
Box 49. Folder 2. Notes: Gen. 21.  
Box 49. Folder 3. Notes: Gen. 25.  
Box 49. Folder 4. Notes: Gen. 25.  
Box 49. Folder 5. Notes: Gen. 31.  
Box 49. Folder 6. Notes: Gen. 49.  
Box 49. Folder 7. Notes: Gen. 50.  
Box 49. Folder 8. Notes.  
Box 49. Folder 9. Notes.  
Box 49. Folder 10. Notes.  
Box 50. Folder 1. Miscellaneous, 1974-1986  
Box 50. Folder 2. Notes.  
Box 50. Folder 3. Notes.  
Box 50. Folder 4. Notes.  
Box 50. Folder 5. Notes: Noah.  
Box 50. Folder 6. Ziggurat/Ziqqurat.  
Box 50. Folder 7. Commentary book reviews.  
Box 50. Folder 8. Genesis/Exodus commentary corrections.

## **Series J. Exodus Commentary, 1986-1999**

**Extent** 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Sarna's organizational skills are well-represented in this series, with chapter and verse numbers appearing in virtually every corner of every page of his notes.

**Arrangement** The commentary notes in this series are arranged by chapter number.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 51. Folder 1. Notes, undated  
Box 51. Folder 2. Notes: Ex. 1:1-1:14.

Box 51. Folder 3. Notes: Ex. 1:14-2.4.  
Box 51. Folder 4. Notes: Ex. 2:5-3:1.  
Box 51. Folder 5. Notes: Ex. 3:1-3:10.  
Box 51. Folder 6. Notes: Ex. 3:12-4:21.  
Box 51. Folder 7. Notes: Ex. 4:21-4:31.  
Box 51. Folder 8. Exploring Exodus. Correspondence and book reviews, 1986  
Box 51. Folder 9. Exploring Exodus. Book reviews, interviews, 1987, 1993, 1999  
Box 52. Folder 1. Notes: Ex. 5:1-6:27.  
Box 52. Folder 2. Notes: Ex. 7:1-8:15.  
Box 52. Folder 3. Notes: Ex. 8:15-10:29.  
Box 52. Folder 4. Notes: Ex. 25:1-22.  
Box 52. Folder 5. Notes. Ex. 25:17-40.  
Box 52. Folder 6. Notes. Ex. 25:31-26:14.  
Box 52. Folder 7. Notes. Ex. 25:15-30, 27:1-21.  
Box 52. Folder 8. Notes: Ex. 27:21-28:30.  
Box 52. Folder 9. Notes: Ex. 28:30-29:7.  
Box 52. Folder 10. Notes: Ex. 29:7-29:46.  
Box 52. Folder 11. Notes: Ex. 30:1-30:11.  
Box 52. Folder 12. Notes: Ex. 30:11-31:8.  
Box 52. Folder 13. Notes: Ex., chapters 35 - 40.55.  
Box 53. Folder 1. Notes: Ex. 12:1-14.  
Box 53. Folder 2. Notes: Ex. 12:15-37.  
Box 53. Folder 3. Notes: Ex. 12:37-13:39.  
Box 53. Folder 4. Notes: Ex. 13:9-20.  
Box 53. Folder 5. Notes: Ex. 13:21-15.  
Box 53. Folder 6. Notes: Ex. 15:1-12.  
Box 53. Folder 7. Notes: Ex. 15:13-16:36.  
Box 54. Folder 1. Notes.  
Box 54. Folder 2. Notes.  
Box 54. Folder 3. Notes: Ex. 19. Personal and place names.  
Box 54. Folder 4. Notes: Ex. 19:6.  
Box 54. Folder 5. Notes: Ex. 19:6.  
Box 54. Folder 6. Notes: Ex. 19:7-8.  
Box 54. Folder 7. Notes: Ex. 19: 8-10.  
Box 54. Folder 8. Notes: Ex. 19: 10-13.

## **Series K. Lectures, Sermons, and Notes, 1972-2002**

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Sarna's lectures, sermons, and his notes for these reflect the interests which are well-documented elsewhere. The relative paucity of material would seem to indicate that his love of, and need for, public speaking was adequately met by his years of teaching in the classroom. Much that is found here was written for his family, his congregation in Florida, or very close friends.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 55. Folder 1. Sermon "Va Yehiy.", 1977, 1978, 1984
- Box 55. Folder 2. Sermon "Va Yehiy.", 1990, 1998, 2002
- Box 55. Folder 3. Sermon "Exodus.", undated
- Box 55. Folder 4. Sermons, 1986, undated
- Box 55. Folder 5. Lecture "Job vs. God.", 1982, 1990, 1992
- Box 55. Folder 6. Moosnick lecture, 1998
- Box 55. Folder 7. Lecture "Archaeology and the Bible.", undated
- Box 55. Folder 8. Lecture, Scholar-in-Residence (Congregation Beth Shalom, Coconut Creek, Fla.), 1996
- Box 55. Folder 9. Divrei Torah for the Hammer children at their b'nai mitzvah, 1988, 1991, 1996
- Box 55. Folder 10. Divrei Torah for b'nai mitzvah, 1980, 1986, 1991, 1993, 1996
- Box 55. Folder 11. Fox, Marvin. Eulogy, 1996 March 10
- Box 55. Folder 12. Kushner Drash (on floppy disk).
- Box 56. Folder 1. Lecture "Parshan-data: Rashi the Commentator.", undated
- Box 56. Folder 2. Lecture "Parshan-data: Rashi the Commentator".
- Box 56. Folder 3. Lecture "How Do New Discoveries from the Ancient Near East Influence Our Understanding of the Bible?", 1998
- Box 56. Folder 4. Lectures, sermons, notes, 1994, undated
- Box 56. Folder 5. Lectures, sermons, notes, undated
- Box 56. Folder 6. Lectures, sermons, notes, 1983-1995
- Box 56. Folder 7. Lectures, sermons, notes, undated
- Box 56. Folder 8. Lectures, sermons, notes, undated
- Box 56. Folder 9. Miscellaneous notes, 1990-1992
- Box 56. Folder 10. Miscellaneous notes, undated
- Box 56. Folder 11. Commencement addresses. Baltimore Hebrew, 1987, 1999
- Box 56. Folder 12. Sermon "The Creation Story.", undated
- Box 57. Folder 1. Lecture Subjects: Decalogue, Monarchy Period, Archaeology and Bible.
- Box 57. Folder 2. Lectures, sermons, notes, 1972, undated
- Box 57. Folder 3. Lectures, undated
- Box 57. Folder 4. Lectures, sermons, notes, undated
- Box 57. Folder 5. Torah Lishma Study Session, 1991 February 25
- Box 57. Folder 6. Boca Raton Judaic Fellows Program, 1996-1998
- Box 57. Folder 7. Pedagogic Material. Florida Atlantic University. Biblical Law, Amos, 1999

## Series L. Writings, 1962-1993

**Extent** 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** The series holds drafts and manuscripts of some of Nahum Sarna's books, accompanied by the appertaining correspondence. The researcher cannot fail to notice that Sarna's books were never rushed, and sometimes took decades to complete. His respect for his subject matter, and for "getting it right," were of paramount importance. It should be mentioned here that McGraw-Hill and Schocken Books were two other publishers (besides JPS) with whom Sarna was associated.

### Box and Folder Listing

Box 58. Folder 1. Understanding Genesis, 1962-1965

Box 58. Folder 2. Understanding Genesis, 1966

Box 58. Folder 3. Understanding Genesis, 1967

Box 58. Folder 4. Understanding Genesis, 1968-1980

Box 58. Folder 5. First draft of book about Proverbs, 1972-1973

Box 58. Folder 6. Understanding Genesis book reviews.

Box 59. Folder 1. Songs of the Heart (book about Psalms). Ch. 1-4.

Box 59. Folder 2. Songs of the Heart. Ch. 5-9, Notes to Introduction, Afterword.

Box 59. Folder 3. Songs of the Heart notes, bibliography.

Box 59. Folder 4. Early partial manuscript Songs of the Heart. Psalms 1-3.

Box 59. Folder 5. Early partial manuscript Songs of the Heart. Psalms 4-8.

Box 59. Folder 6. Edited copy of manuscript Songs of the Heart.

Box 59. Folder 7. Notes for book about the Psalms.

Box 59. Folder 8. Songs of the Heart book reviews.

Box 60. Folder 1. First draft, Songs of the Heart. Pp. 113-190.

Box 60. Folder 2. First draft, Songs of the Heart. Pp. 191-288.

Box 60. Folder 3. Second draft, Songs of the Heart. Pp. 1-25. Includes correspondence and corrections, 1968

Box 60. Folder 4. Second draft, Songs of the Heart. Pp. 26-112, 1968-1969

Box 60. Folder 5. Copy-edited manuscript of Introduction to Songs of the Heart, 1992-1993

Box 60. Folder 6. Festschrift. The Biblical Sources for the History of the Monarchy Period [handwritten manuscript], undated

Box 61. Folder 1. First draft of a book about Job, 1975

Box 61. Folder 2. Revised manuscript of book about Job, undated

Box 61. Folder 3. Notes for book about Job.

Box 61. Folder 4. Notes for book about Job.

Box 61. Folder 5. Notes for book about Job.

Box 61. Folder 6. Notes for book about Job, includes The Book of Job.

Box 61. Folder 7. Rashi. Articles, lectures, notes, undated

Box 61. Folder 8. A Vindication of Judaism: The Polemics of the Hertz Pentateuch by Meirovich, Harvey Warren. Reviewed by N. Sarna.

## **Series M. Encyclopedia Judaica, 1968-1971**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Sarna served as Departmental Editor for Encyclopedia Judaica while contributing over forty articles to it. The "Technical Matters" referred to in the Box and Folder List have largely to do with word count, margins, and other details related to the physical appearance of the encyclopedia.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 62. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1968-1969

Box 62. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1970

Box 62. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1971

Box 62. Folder 4. Technical matters, undated

Box 62. Folder 5. Technical matters, undated

Box 62. Folder 6. Technical matters, 1968

Box 62. Folder 7. Technical matters, 1968-1970

Box 62. Folder 8. Technical matters, 1968-1970

Box 62. Folder 9. Technical matters, 1970

## **Series N. Subject Files, 1894, 1934-2003**

**Extent** 4 linear feet (10 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Two subjects to which Sarna devoted considerable attention are the Decalogue (Ten Commandments), and Sabbatical Year. Sarna's heritage as the son of a bookseller is evident, both in the folder called "Book buying and selling" and in the "Library" folder.

**Arrangement** The subject files are arranged alphabetically within each box.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 63. Folder 1. Decalogue, 1951-1984, undated

Box 63. Folder 2. Decalogue, undated

Box 63. Folder 3. Decalogue, undated

Box 63. Folder 4. Decalogue, undated

Box 63. Folder 5. Decalogue, undated

Box 63. Folder 6. Decalogue, undated

Box 63. Folder 7. Decalogue, undated

Box 63. Folder 8. Biblical Law, 1986

Box 63. Folder 9. Biblical Law, undated

Box 64. Folder 1. Cordova, Moshe. Revivim, 1981-1983

Box 64. Folder 2. Dead Sea Scrolls, undated

Box 64. Folder 3. Dead Sea Scrolls, 1991

Box 64. Folder 4. Divine title (name of God), undated

Box 64. Folder 5. Divine titles (names for God), undated

Box 64. Folder 6. Ebla, undated

Box 64. Folder 7. Islam.

Box 64. Folder 8. Triennial Cycle, undated

Box 65. Folder 1. Ancient Near East, 1960, undated

Box 65. Folder 2. Ashkenazim and Sephardim, 1961

Box 65. Folder 3. Ezra, Moses Ibn, 1934, undated

Box 65. Folder 4. Gutenberg, Johann, 1977, 1980, undated

Box 65. Folder 5. Hasidism, 1952, undated

Box 65. Folder 6. Hebrew and the Classical Tradition, 1959, undated

Box 65. Folder 7. Jewish Community, undated

Box 65. Folder 8. Jewish History, 1894, 1949, 1952, undated

Box 65. Folder 9. Jewish Studies at the University Level, 1994, 1995

Box 65. Folder 10. Making of the Modern Jew, undated

Box 65. Folder 11. Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia.

Box 65. Folder 12. Miscellaneous readings.

Box 65. Folder 13. Religion and the Use of Hydrogen Power, 1960, undated

Box 65. Folder 14. Zion in Jewish Tradition, 1952

Box 66. Folder 1. 92nd Street "Y, 1984-1985

Box 66. Folder 2. Academy for Jewish Studies Without Walls, 1976-1986

Box 66. Folder 3. American Council of Learned Societies, 1968-1981

Box 66. Folder 4. Biblical colloquium, 1967

Box 66. Folder 5. Columbia University, Adjunct professorship, 1992

Box 66. Folder 6. Florida Atlantic University, 2003

Box 66. Folder 7. Institute for Distinguished Leaders, 1982-1983

Box 66. Folder 8. Institute for Traditional Judaism, 1990

Box 66. Folder 9. Lucerne Conference, 1983, 1984, 1986

Box 66. Folder 10. Sun Symbolism, undated

Box 66. Folder 11. Ugaritic Texts, undated

Box 66. Folder 12. Ugaritic Texts, undated

Box 67. Folder 1. Concept of time, 2000, undated

Box 67. Folder 2. Corruption of Blood, Blasphemy, undated

Box 67. Folder 3. Corruption of Blood, 1993, 1994, undated

Box 67. Folder 4. Ethics of the Fathers, undated

Box 67. Folder 5. Hellenistic Period, undated

Box 67. Folder 6. Immanuel of Rome, 1973, undated

Box 67. Folder 7. Jewish Pope/Book burning, undated

Box 67. Folder 8. Joshua, 1971, undated

Box 67. Folder 9. King Ahab's Vineyard, 1997

Box 67. Folder 10. Patriarchs, undated

Box 67. Folder 11. Levi, Shabbetai, undated

Box 67. Folder 12. Selichoth, 1984, undated

Box 67. Folder 13. Statistics/Jews, 1995, 1999, undated

Box 67. Folder 14. Ten Tribes, 1996

Box 67. Folder 15. Ten Tribes, undated

Box 67. Folder 16. Tolerance in the Bible, 1987, 1997

Box 67. Folder 17. Vali, Moses David, undated

Box 68. Folder 1. American Oriental Society, 1964, 1966

Box 68. Folder 2. Book buying and selling, 1984, 1986, 1988

Box 68. Folder 3. Cuneiform Literature, undated

Box 68. Folder 4. Exodus, miscellaneous, 1987, undated

Box 68. Folder 5. Jewish Religion and Israel, 1972, undated

Box 68. Folder 6. Sarna, Nahum, Library of.

Box 68. Folder 7. Miscellaneous, 1975, 1980, undated

Box 68. Folder 8. PAAJR (Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research), 1992-1994, undated

Box 68. Folder 9. PAAJR (Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research), 1994

Box 68. Folder 10. Society of Biblical Literature, 1964

Box 69. Folder 1. Bible and the Modern Jew, undated

Box 69. Folder 2. Do Jews and Christians Share the Same Bible?, 1991, undated

Box 69. Folder 3. Hymns of Praise. Psalms, Ecclesiastes, undated

Box 69. Folder 4. Philo and the Graeco-Roman World, undated

Box 69. Folder 5. Religion and Secular Culture, undated

Box 69. Folder 6. Subjects unknown [Italian and Hebrew].

Box 69. Folder 7. Yosippon, 1994-1995

Box 70. Folder 1. Sabbatical year, 2001, undated

Box 70. Folder 2. Sabbatical year, undated

Box 70. Folder 3. Sabbatical year, 1973, undated

Box 70. Folder 4. Sabbatical year/Kings, 1965, 2000, undated

Box 70. Folder 5. Sabbatical year, undated

Box 70. Folder 6. Sabbatical year.

Box 70. Folder 7. Sabbatical year, undated

Box 70. Folder 8. Sabbatical year, undated

Box 70. Folder 9. Nehemiah/destruction of Temple.

Box 70. Folder 10. Sabbatical year.

Box 71. Folder 1. Orlinsky Festschrift: Sabbatical year, undated

Box 71. Folder 2. Orlinsky Festschrift: Sabbatical year, undated

Box 71. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, 1989, undated



Box 71. Folder 4. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 71. Folder 5. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 71. Folder 6. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 71. Folder 7. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 72. Folder 1. Miscellaneous, 1961, undated  
Box 72. Folder 2. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 72. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 72. Folder 4. Miscellaneous, 2000, undated  
Box 72. Folder 5. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 72. Folder 6. Miscellaneous, undated  
Box 72. Folder 7. Miscellaneous, undated

## **Series O. Personal/Professional, 1952-2004**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Includes an unpublished memoir titled *Wanderstaub*, written by Sarna's father in German, contained in Folder 1. Other items include manuscripts by Helen Sarna, personal cards and letters, and a family photo.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 73. Folder 1. Sarna family genealogy.  
Box 73. Folder 2. Writings of Chaim Potok by Helen Sarna.  
Box 73. Folder 3. Manuscript about Aharon Megged by Helen Sarna.  
Box 73. Folder 4. Manuscript about Aharon Megged by Helen Sarna.  
Box 73. Folder 5. Personal Cards and Letters, 1973-2004  
Box 73. Folder 6. Personal Cards and Letters, 1973-2004  
Box 73. Folder 7. Personal, includes family photos, 1998-2003  
Box 73. Folder 8. Professional biography, includes vita and sketches, 1952-1984  
Box 73. Folder 9. Professional biography and bibliography, through 2000.