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**A Finding Aid to the  
Celebrate 350 Records**

**Manuscript Collection No. 757**

## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Celebrate 350 Records
<b>Dates</b>	1998-2006
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-757
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Celebrate 350 Jewish life in America 1654-2004
<b>Extent</b>	5.6 linear feet (14 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Celebrate 350: Jewish Life in America, 1654-2004 was established in 2002 as an ad hoc, not-for-profit, limited term entity to encourage and facilitate activities by Jews and Jewish institutions across the country to commemorate the 350th anniversary of Jewish communal life in America. The organization's mission was to, "stimulate, to convene, to promote and to facilitate the appropriate observance of the 350th anniversary."

Celebrate 350 served as the national umbrella organization which coordinated and informed the community about the year-long series of commemorative and celebratory activities across the United States in 2004. Celebrate 350 provided resources and a focus to the efforts of the organizations and individuals who were commemorating the history of the Jewish community in America through a website containing a national calendar of events, primary documents, program resources, and links to sponsoring and participating organizations. The organization was also a clearinghouse for information on events, available resources, and other relevant information through the Celebrate 350 e-newsletter. The "virtual" nature of Celebrate 350 allowed for the empowerment and encouragement of Jewish communities, organizations, individuals and institutions across the country to plan their own celebrations, rather than attempting to control the celebration from one central locale.

Along with the website and e-newsletter, Celebrate 350's major programming included National Planning conferences, the commissioning of a commemorative medal and album, the creation of a traveling speakers bureau, and the co-hosting of a national dinner with the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History (the Commission was a partnership among the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, the American Jewish Historical Society and the American Jewish Archives) on September 14, 2005 as the concluding event of the celebration. It also funded three forward-looking projects: the endowment of an annual prize by the Jewish Book Council for outstanding published work in the field of American Jewish Studies; the endowment of a lecture series on Jewish life in America at the New York Public Library, and the provision of funds to the Yale University Press to assist in the publication of a forthcoming atlas of American Jewish history.

The staff of Celebrate 350 consisted of the Executive Director, first Lawrence Rubin and then Alice Herman, and Operations Manager Rachael (Diment) Dorr, along with a broad group of consultants and advisory committees. Robert S. Rifkind was the Chairman of Celebrate 350. The organization, always envisioned as a temporary entity, ended its operations in 2006.

### Scope and Content

The Celebrate 350 records consist mostly of records documenting the group's contact with organizations, groups, and individuals across the United States and its activities during the 2004 celebration of 350 years of Jewish life in America. The collection includes correspondence, information packets, press releases, and audiovisual materials such as photographs, compact discs, and DVDs, as well as a paper copy of the Celebrate 350 website.

### Arrangement

Collection is arranged in three (3) series: A. Office Files; B. Audio Visual Materials; C. Ephemera and Oversize Materials.

### Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Celebrate 350 Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-757. Celebrate 350 Records. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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## Index Terms

**Subjects** Anniversaries / Jews -- United States -- Anniversaries, etc.  
**Corporate Names** Celebrate 350 Jewish life in America 1654-2004 / Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History / National Dinner Celebrating 350 Years of Jewish Life in America (September 14, 2005 Washington, D.C.)  
**Media** Photographs

## Series A. Office Files, 1998-2006

**Extent** 4.4 linear feet (11 Hollinger boxes)

### Arrangement

The series is arranged into five (5) subseries: 1. National and International Organization Files; 2. Artist/Performer Files; 3. Public Relations and Press Files; 4. Planning Materials; 5. National Dinner.

## Subseries 1. National and International Organization Files, 2000-2006

**Extent** 2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Contains subject files on organizations involved in the 350th anniversary and is comprised of correspondence and informational materials, some of which are audiovisual.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically.

### Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. 92nd Street Y, 2004-2005

Box 1. Folder 2. Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, 2004

Box 1. Folder 3. American Jewish Press Association, 2004-2005

Box 1. Folder 4-5. American Jewish Archives, 2004-2005

Box 1. Folder 6. American Jewish Committee, 2002-2004

Box 1. Folder 7. American Jewish Historical Society, 2003-2005

Box 1. Folder 8. American Jewish Historical Society. Jewish Major Leaguers baseball cards, 2003

Box 1. Folder 9. American Jewish Historical Society. Jewish notecards, 2000

Box 2. Folder 1. American Jewish Legacy, 2003-2004

Box 2. Folder 2. American University, 2003

Box 2. Folder 3. Arthur Szyk Society, 2002-2003

Box 2. Folder 4. Association of Jewish Libraries, 2003-2004

Box 2. Folder 5. Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education, 2004

Box 2. Folder 6. Avi Chai, 2003

Box 2. Folder 7. BaBaGaNewz, 2003-2005

Box 2. Folder 8. Behrman House, 2004

Box 2. Folder 9. Berkshire Hills - Emanuel Camps, circa 2004

Box 2. Folder 10. Beth Ahabah Museum and Archives, 2005

Box 2. Folder 11. B'nai B'rith International, 2003

Box 2. Folder 12. Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, 2003-2004

Box 2. Folder 13. Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE), 2004

Box 2. Folder 14. Center for Jewish History, 2001-2005

Box 2. Folder 15. Charleston Strolls, 2004

Box 2. Folder 16. Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJ), 2003

Box 2. Folder 17. Conference of Presidents, 2003

Box 2. Folder 18. Congregation Beth El (South Orange, N.J.), 2004-2005

Box 2. Folder 19. Congregation Mikveh Israel (Philadelphia, Pa.), 2005

Box 2. Folder 20. Congregation Ner Tamid of South Bay (Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.), 2005

Box 2. Folder 21. Congregation Or Zarua (New York, N.Y.), circa 2004

Box 2. Folder 22. Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 2005

Box 2. Folder 23. Congregation Temple Emanu-El (Staten Island, N.Y.), 2003-2004

Box 2. Folder 24. Contemporary Jewish Museum, 2004-2005

Box 2. Folder 25. Council of American Jewish Museum (CAJM), 2002-2004

Box 2. Folder 26. City University of New York Television, 2004-2005

Box 3. Folder 1. Eldridge Street Project, 2004

Box 3. Folder 2. Feinstein Center for American Jewish History at Temple University, 2004

Box 3. Folder 3. Fairview Press, 2002

Box 3. Folder 4. Federations (Jewish), 2004

Box 3. Folder 5. First Heritage, 2003

Box 3. Folder 6. Gomez Mill House, 2003

Box 3. Folder 7. Hadassah, 2003-2005

Box 3. Folder 8. Hillel, 2003

Box 3. Folder 9. Historicana, 2004

Box 3. Folder 10. Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton, 2004

Box 3. Folder 11. Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, 2004

Box 3. Folder 12. Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina, 2005

Box 3. Folder 13. Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, 2004

Box 3. Folder 14. Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven, 2004

Box 3. Folder 15. Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington/Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum, 2004-2005

Box 3. Folder 16. Jewish Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South, 2004

Box 3. Folder 17. Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, 2003

Box 3. Folder 18. Jewish Historical Society - Milwaukee, 2004

Box 3. Folder 19. Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina and Southern Jewish Historical Society, 2004

Box 3. Folder 20. Jewish Historical Society - Washington State, 2004-2005

Box 4. Folder 1. Jewish Telegraphic Association, 2003-2004

Box 4. Folder 2. Jewish Temple, Congregation Gemiluth Chassodim (Alexandria, La.), 2005

Box 4. Folder 3. Jewish Heritage New York and New York Jewish Community Relations Council, 2003-2005

Box 4. Folder 4. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 2005

Box 4. Folder 5. Jewish Children's Learning Lab, circa 2004

Box 4. Folder 6. Jewish Council for Public Affairs, 2005-2006

Box 4. Folder 7. Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, 2004

Box 4. Folder 8. Jewish Community Centers Association, 2003

Box 4. Folder 9. Jewish Major Leaguers, Inc. National Baseball Hall of Fame Program, 2004

Box 4. Folder 10. The Jewish Museum, 2004

Box 4. Folder 11. Jewish Renaissance Media, 2003

Box 4. Folder 12. Jewish Labor Committee, 2004

Box 4. Folder 13. Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, 2005

Box 4. Folder 14. JewishHistory.com, undated

Box 4. Folder 15. Jewish Theological Seminary, 2003-2005

Box 4. Folder 16. Jewish Virtual Library, 2004

Box 4. Folder 17. Jewish War Veterans, 2004

Box 4. Folder 18. Jewish Women's Archive, 2003-2005

Box 4. Folder 19. Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2004-2005

Box 4. Folder 20. Koret Jewish Book Awards, 2002-2003

Box 4. Folder 21. Lehigh Valley Celebrates 350, 2005

Box 4. Folder 22. Library of Congress exhibit proposal, 2001-2004

Box 4. Folder 23. Library of America, 2003

Box 4. Folder 24. Lilith, 2004

Box 4. Folder 25. Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 2003-2004

Box 5. Folder 1. McKissick Museum - University of South Carolina, undated

Box 5. Folder 2. Milken Archive [VHS], 2003

Box 5. Folder 3. Milken Archive, 2003-2004

Box 5. Folder 4. Murray Street, 2003

Box 5. Folder 5. Museum of the City of New York, 2004-2005

Box 5. Folder 6. Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2001-2004

Box 5. Folder 7. Museum of New Mexico, 2004

Box 5. Folder 8. National Council of Jewish Women, 2004

Box 5. Folder 9. National Endowment for the Humanities, undated

Box 5. Folder 10. National Foundation for Jewish Culture. General, 2000-2005

Box 5. Folder 11. National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Cruise Booklets, circa 2004

Box 5. Folder 12. National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Legacy Cruise, 2004

Box 6. Folder 1. National Foundation for Jewish Culture. 350th Anniversary of Jewish Life in America. Commission on the Future of Jewish Culture in America, 2002-2005

Box 6. Folder 2. National Jewish History Month, 2004

Box 6. Folder 3. New York Jewish Music and Heritage Festival, 2004

Box 6. Folder 4. National Museum for American Jewish History, undated

Box 6. Folder 5. New York Public Library, 2004

Box 6. Folder 6. North American Jewish Choral Festival, 2004

Box 6. Folder 7. Oregon Jewish Museum, 2005

Box 6. Folder 8. Orthodox Union, 2003

Box 6. Folder 9. Out of Spain, undated

Box 6. Folder 10. Queens College, 2004

Box 6. Folder 11. Rabbinical Assembly, 2004

Box 6. Folder 12. Salisbury University, 2004

Box 6. Folder 13. Salute to Israel Parade, 2005

Box 6. Folder 14. Scouts, 2005

Box 6. Folder 15. Singer 100: Isaac Bashevis Singer, 1904-2004, 2004

Box 6. Folder 16. Congregation Shearith Israel, 2003-2004

Box 6. Folder 17. Skirball Cultural Center, 2004-2005

Box 6. Folder 18. The Jewish Press, 2003

Box 6. Folder 19. The Shalem Center, 2000

Box 6. Folder 20. Spertus Institute, 2004-2006

Box 6. Folder 21. Sutton Place Synagogue, 2003

Box 6. Folder 22. Temple Emanu-El (Dallas, Tex.), 2004-2005

Box 6. Folder 23. Touro Synagogue (Newport, R.I.), 2003-2004

Box 6. Folder 24. United Jewish Communities, 2003-2004

Box 6. Folder 25. United Synagogue Review, 2004

Box 6. Folder 26. Yavneh Day School, undated

Box 6. Folder 27. Yeshiva University, 2004-2006

Box 6. Folder 28. YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2003-2005

Box 7. Folder 1. Brazil, 2004

Box 7. Folder 2. General, 2003-2005

## **Subseries 2. Artist/Performer Files, 1998-2005**

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

**Scope and Content Note** Contains subject files on individuals involved in the 350th anniversary and is

comprised of correspondence and informational materials, some of which are audiovisual.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 7. Folder 3. Kentucky Colonel Jason Alexander, 2003
- Box 7. Folder 4. Awake and Sing, 2004
- Box 7. Folder 5. Emily Bingham, 2003
- Box 7. Folder 6. Debra B. Darvick, 2002-2003
- Box 7. Folder 7. Eli N. Evans, 2002-2005
- Box 7. Folder 8. Film/TV Scripts, 2003
- Box 7. Folder 9. Judith Goldsmith, 2003
- Box 7. Folder 10. Joseph Heckelman, 2004
- Box 7. Folder 11. Vanessa Hidary, 2003-2004
- Box 7. Folder 12. Hip Hop Hoodios, 2002-2004
- Box 7. Folder 13. The Immigrant, 2005
- Box 7. Folder 14. Isle of Klezbos, 2002-2004
- Box 7. Folder 15. Jewish Music, 1998-2000
- Box 7. Folder 16. Klezka, 2003
- Box 7. Folder 17. Joep de Koning, 2004
- Box 7. Folder 18. Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, 2005
- Box 8. Folder 1. Metropolitan Klezmer, 2001-2004
- Box 8. Folder 2. Millie and the Mentshn, 2004
- Box 8. Folder 3. Paul Shapiro, 2003
- Box 8. Folder 4. Henry Stolzman, 2004
- Box 8. Folder 5. A Stoop on Orchard Street, 2003-2004
- Box 8. Folder 6. Lexi Van de Walle, 2002-2004

### **Subseries 3. Public Relations and Press Files, 2003-2006**

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

**Scope and Content Note** Includes a printed copy of the entire Celebrate 350 website, including the calendar, timeline, resources, and e-newsletter, as well as press clippings from 2003 through 2005 and samples of Celebrate 350 stationery.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 8. Folder 7. Website - Home, 2005
- Box 8. Folder 8. Website - About Us, 2005
- Box 8. Folder 9. Website - Calendar (empty).
- Box 8. Folder 10. Website - Speaker's Bureau, 2005
- Box 8. Folder 11. Website - Timeline, 2005

Box 8. Folder 12. Website - Donations, 2005  
Box 8. Folder 13. Website - Program Resources, 2005  
Box 9. Folder 1-2. Website - E-Newsletters, 2003-2005  
Box 9. Folder 3. Website - Celebrate 350, 2006  
Box 9. Folder 4. Press clippings, 2003-2004 August  
Box 9. Folder 5. Press clippings, 2004 September  
Box 9. Folder 6. Press clippings and Forward, 2004 October-December  
Box 10. Folder 1. Press clippings, 2005  
Box 10. Folder 2. Duplicate press releases, 2003-2005  
Box 10. Folder 3. Press releases and press packets, 2004-2005  
Box 10. Folder 4. Samples of letterhead and envelopes, circa 2004

#### **Subseries 4. Planning Materials, 2002-2003**

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

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of the National Planning Conference proceedings, as well as research materials from the Tercentenary celebration.

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

Box 10. Folder 5. National Planning Conference proceedings, 2003  
Box 10. Folder 6. Tercentenary research files, 2002

#### **Subseries 5. National Dinner, 2005**

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

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of information on the 350 Fund expenditures on the event, sample invitations and programs, as well as returned RSVP cards, and photographs taken at the National Dinner.

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

Box 11. Folder 1. Contracts and payment information, 2005  
Box 11. Folder 2. 350 Fund - General, 2005  
Box 11. Folder 3. 350 Fund - Initial Loans, 2005  
Box 11. Folder 4. 350 Fund - Commemorative Album payments, 2005  
Box 11. Folder 5. 350 Fund - Foremost Caterers, 2005  
Box 11. Folder 6. 350 Fund - Gala Events, Inc, 2005  
Box 11. Folder 7. 350 Fund - invitation, envelope, RSVP and program samples, 2005  
Box 11. Folder 8-19. Photographs [in packages], 2005  
Box 12. Folder 1. RSVP cards received as of 19 September 2005, 2005



## Series B. Audio Visual Materials, 2003-2005

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

**Scope and Content Note** Documents the events and programming of the 350th anniversary in photographs, audio, and moving images on data compact discs, audio compact discs, videocassettes, and DVDs. Other audio visual materials can be found within specific organizational, artist, and event files in Series A.

### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 12. Folder 2. Celebrate 350 logos [CD], 2003-2004
- Box 12. Folder 3. Celebrate 350 stationery [CD], 2003-2005
- Box 12. Folder 4. The Eternal Light: "Rendezvous with Liberty" - Broadcast September 1954, Courtesy of Jewish Theological Seminary [CD], 2005
- Box 12. Folder 5. Celebrate 350 General Presentation (PowerPoint) [CD], 2004 May
- Box 12. Folder 6. "New Beginnings," Solomon Schechter High School of New York Annual Benefit [DVD], 2004 June 2
- Box 12. Folder 6. "There'll Come a Day," song by Paul and Elaine Suchow [CD], undated
- Box 12. Folder 7. Celebrate 350: Memo and PR Templates (TIFF Files and Microsoft Word templates) [CD], 2003
- Box 12. Folder 7. Celebrate 350: Community Action Guide (PDF) [CD], 2004
- Box 12. Folder 8. "Civilization and the Jews" - Celebrate 350 and Channel 13 (video) [CD], 2005 March 15
- Box 12. Folder 9. Salute To Israel Parade Images [CD], 2005 June 5
- Box 12. Folder 10-15. National dinner images (3 discs in each envelope; duplicates) [CD], 2005
- Box 12. Folder 16-17. Launch of 350 Years of Jewish Life in America - Photos by Simona Aru [CD], 2003
- Box 12. Folder 18. 350th Anniversary of American Jewish Life National Jewish Life Dinner [DVD], 2005
- Box 13. Folder 1. Celebrate 350 Interviews [VHS], 2003 September 9
- Box 13. Folder 2. Celebrate 350 Presentation [VHS], 2003 September 9
- Box 13. Folder 3-4. Celebrate 350 Launch [VHS], 2003 September 9
- Box 13. Folder 5. Celebrate 350 Fox News Magazine [VHS], 2004 September 19

## Series C. Ephemera and Oversize Materials, 2003-2005

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

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of commemorative items given to Celebrate 350 from other organizations, such as a t-shirt, Kiddush Cup, and calendar, as well as those produced by Celebrate 350, such as the commemorative medal and documentary book.

### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 13. Folder 6. 350th medal and label, 2004
- Box 13. Folder 7. Business cards of contacts, circa 2003-2004

Box 14. Folder 1. Articles and special journals on 350th, 2004-2005

Box 14. Folder 2. Proclamation by Senator Michael DeWine, 2005 July 28

Box 14. Folder 3. The Jewish Calendar 2005, Celebrating 350 Years of Jewish Life in America, 2004 September - 2005 December

Box 14. Folder 4. Proclaim Liberty Kiddush cup, 2004

Box 14. Folder 5. Three Hundred Fifty Years - An Album of American Jewish Memory, 2004

Box 14. Folder 6. In the Port of Pernambuco, the Gateway to New York - Exhibit Catalog for the Jewish History Archive of Pernambuco, circa 2004

Box 14. Folder 7. T-shirt - "Pernambuco, Brazil, a Portal to New York, circa 2004

Box FF. Folder C6/D4. Library of Congress Exhibition Poster: From Haven to Home, 350 Years of Jewish Life in America, 2004