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**A Finding Aid to the  
Moshe Knapheys Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 796**

## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Moshe Knapheys Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1965-1975
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-796
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Knapheys, Moshe, 1910 Okrutny, Joseph
<b>Extent</b>	1 linear foot (1 record carton)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	Yiddish

## Administrative Information

<b>Biographical Sketch</b>	<p>Moshe Knapheys was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1910. A well-known poet and prose writer, he published poetry in various periodicals in Poland and Latvia, and edited literary collections and newspapers. Before World War II, three collections of his poetry appeared in Poland and two in the Soviet Union (in 1940 and 1941); after the war he published one book in the Soviet Union and one in Poland. During the war he was imprisoned in Poland for being a Communist, and fled to Soviet Central Asia. In 1946 he returned to Poland, then moved to Paris in 1948 and Argentina in 1952, where he became an important Yiddish writer and activist. He wrote a two-volume novel, <i>A yingl fun Varshe</i> (A Boy from Warsaw, 1960-1961) and translated the medieval Yiddish epic poem <i>Bove-bukh</i> into modern Yiddish. Other works include 100 sonetn in 1957 and <i>Di geshikhte fun a bukh a polit</i> in 1976.</p> <p>--Adapted from <a href="http://www.yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/Yiddish_Literature/Yiddish_Literature_after_1800#id0nuh">http://www.yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/Yiddish Literature/Yiddish Literature after 1800#id0nuh</a>, (accessed on 11/16/11)</p>
<b>Scope and Content</b>	Yiddish correspondence of an Argentinian Jew, Moshe Knapheys, together with letters of another Argentinian Jew, Joseph Okrutny.
<b>Arrangement</b>	Arranged in one (1) series: A. General.
<b>Terms of Access</b>	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
<b>Preferred Citation</b>	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Moshe Knapheys Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:  [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-796. Moshe Knapheys Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<b>Provenance</b>	Received from the Wimberly Library, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla., May 2006.
<b>Processing Information</b>	Processed by Kevin Proffitt, August 2011.  This collection was arranged and described according to minimal-processing standards. Processing was made possible through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

## Subjects

Argentina / Yiddish language

### Series A. General, 1965-1975

**Arrangement** Arranged in seven file folders of correspondence, sorted roughly by date.

### Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1-7. Miscellaneous correspondence and Moshe Knaphey's "Cartas.", 1965-1975