A Finding Aid to the
Moshe Pelli Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 798
Collection Summary

Title Moshe Pelli Papers
Dates 1926-1998
Collection Number MS-798
Repository The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator Pelli, Moshe, 1936
Extent 9 linear feet (9 record cartons)
Language of the Material English and Hebrew

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Moshe Pelli, born in Israeli in 1936, is currently the Director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Judaic Studies and the Abe and Tess Wise Endowed Professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Central Florida. His major area of specialization is Modern Hebrew Literature, with concentration on Hebrew Haskalah (Enlightenment) in the 18th and 19th centuries. In addition, he has written extensively on the literature of the Holocaust, and has taught courses on the Literature of the Bible. Prof. Pelli has published twelve scholarly books on Hebrew Enlightenment, Hebrew culture in America, and literature of the Holocaust, as well as two novels and eight children's books.

Scope and Content This collection consists of files relating to Professor Pelli’s 1998 book ha-Tarbut ha-Ivrit ba-America, Hebrew Culture in America: 80 Years of Hebrew Culture in America (1916-1995). These files include handwritten notes, photocopied newspaper and journal articles, and nearprint. A full third of the collection is devoted to articles of Hadoar, a newspaper published by the Histadruth Ivrit, the Hebrew Language and Culture Association in the USA. The collection also contains extensive documentation on other publications by the Histadruth Ivrit, as well as articles on specific people associated with the Histadruth Ivrit and information on the Histadruth Ivrit's Hebrew Youth movement.


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Preferred Citation Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Moshe Pelli Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms

Subjects Hebrew language
Personal Names Pelli, Moshe, 1936-

Series A. Hadoar, 1926—1991

Extent 4 linear feet (4 record cartons)

Scope and Content Note Includes photocopies back issues of Hadoar, a periodical published by the Histadruth Ivrit.
Arrangement  Arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Notes on article retrieval, 1998
Box 1. Folder 2-24. Back issues of Hadoar, 1926-1941
Box 4. Folder 14-16. Notes [includes issues of Brit be-America, ha-Olam ha-Ivri, be-Olam ha-Ivri; English and Hebrew nearprint about publications; English, Hebrew, German articles on Hadoar, Haskalah, modern Israeli literature, personalities; and articles by Pelli], 1946-1998

Series B. Hebrew Culture, 1946—1998

Extent  5 linear feet (5 record cartons)

Scope and Content Note  Includes handwritten notes on the Histadruth Ivrit, its primary officers and organizations, and nearprint of its various publications: Ivrit ba-America (Hebrew in America), ha-Olam ha-Ivri (The Hebrew World), be-Olam ha-Ivri (Hebrew Life), ha-Kevutzah, Tarbut, Shvilei ha-Chinuch, le-Mishpachah, and The Hebrew Monthly of America. There is extensive documentation on the 1975 event "The Hebrew Month", including notes, Hebrew dictionaries for children, and juvenile biographies. There are also numerous articles in Hebrew and English from academic journals, primarily Hebrew Studies and Judaism, which address Hebrew culture and literature.

Arrangement  Arranged topically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 5. Folder 1. Publications for the "Hebrew Month" and American Bicentennial, 1975-1976
Box 5. Folder 3-13. Notes [includes articles related to the Histadruth Ivrit, two children's literacy workbooks, and organizer containing articles on members of the Histadruth Ivrit], 1950-1998
Box 5. Folder 14-16. Issues of Shvilei ha-Chinuch [includes information on the Histadruth’s youth movement], 1920-1940


Box 9. Folder 27. Nearprint published by the Histadruth Ivrit [includes articles from academic journals on Hebrew culture and literature], 1958-1971