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Collection Summary

Title	Louis Newman Papers
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Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Newman, Louis, 1918-2007
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Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Louis Newman was born in New York in 1918. He graduated from the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, City College, and Herzliah Teachers' Institute and received his M.A. in Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University. His progressive educational philosophy, developed as director of Camp Ramah in Wisconsin (1951-1953), became the dominant framework for all the Ramah camps in North America and Israel. From 1951-1963 he headed the nondenominational Akiba Hebrew Academy in Philadelphia. Newman's design for the country's first intensive, Jewish pluralistic school influenced the creation of seventy-five such schools in North America. From 1963-1973, he was the founding director of the Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He was the executive director of the Boston Bureau of Jewish Education until his retirement in 1983. There, he expanded services to all age groups, denominations, and day schools, and introduced informal weekend camps for children. Upon retirement he contributed to the founding of Boston's Rashi School and Gann Academy and the Howard County Jewish Community Center in Columbia, Maryland.

He and his wife Shirley were married for 63 years and had three children.

Scope and Content Personal papers, together with correspondence and curricula pertaining to his career as a Jewish educator at the various institutions and schools where he worked.

Includes papers relating to: the Conservative movement's Ramah Camps and counselor training programs in Wisconsin, the Berkshires, the Poconos, and Connecticut; the Akiba Hebrew Academy in Philadelphia; the Melton Center for Research in Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York; the Bureau of Jewish Education of Boston; the Rashi School in Boston; and the Howard County Jewish Community Center in Columbia, Maryland.

Arrangement This collection is arranged in five (5) series: Series A. Personal. 1936-2006.; Series B. Melton Research Center. 1961-1977.; Series C. Boston Bureau of Jewish Education. 1954-2001.; Series D. Camp Ramah. 1951-2002.; Series E. Miscellaneous. 1955-1993.; Series E. Miscellaneous. 1955-1993.

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Series A. Personal, 1936-2006

Extent 1 linear foot (1 record carton)

Scope and Content Note Contains personal information, including but not limited to, his old report cards, resumes, school transcripts and diplomas, his marriage certificate, letters of recommendation, term papers from when he was a student, speeches he gave, published articles, and personal correspondence.

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- Box 1. Folder 5. Columbia University, 1940
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- Box 1. Folder 7. City College Report Cards, 1940
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- Box 1. Folder 9. Copy of marriage certificate, 1965
- Box 1. Folder 10. Graduate school application, GREs, 1966
- Box 1. Folder 11. Resume, 1983
- Box 1. Folder 12. School transcripts, 1942-1948
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- Box 1. Folder 17. Papers, undated
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- Box 1. Folder 20. Speeches, undated
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- Box 1. Folder 23. Papers and grades from Teacher's College, 1947-1950
- Box 1. Folder 24. Ed. 308B term paper, 1943
- Box 1. Folder 25. Teacher's College final assignment, 1949
- Box 1. Folder 26. Term papers. Psychology, 1943
- Box 1. Folder 27. Term papers, 1950-1970
- Box 1. Folder 28. Speeches, 1986, undated
- Box 1. Folder 29. Tribute dinner, 1983 October 23
- Box 1. Folder 30. JTS - Course Ed. 33, 1972 Spring
- Box 1. Folder 31. JTS publications, 1963-1969

Box 1. Folder 32. JTS Leaders Training Fellowship 1, 1954-1960

Box 1. Folder 33. JTS Leaders Training Fellowship 2, 1960-1962

Box 1. Folder 34. Pluralistic Education for the Young and the Mature: New Tasks, undated

Series B. Melton Research Center, 1961-1977

Extent 4 linear feet (4 record cartons)

Scope and Content Note Consists of teaching materials: curricula, lesson plans, and handouts designed by both himself and the Center's other teachers, as well as speeches and meeting minutes revolving around curriculum and school updates. There is a special emphasis on lesson plans for how to teach midrash and the books of Genesis and Exodus. The majority of the other material consists of lesson plans and teaching material, though for the Akiba Hebrew Academy, the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Rashi School of Boston, the emphasis is not on Bible but on teaching prayer and Hebrew language to elementary school students.

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Box 2. Folder 8. Miscellaneous curriculum 4, 1973

Box 2. Folder 9. Miscellaneous curriculum 5, 1970-1972

Box 2. Folder 10. Rosenak paper, undated

Box 2. Folder 11. Paper on education, undated

Box 2. Folder 12. Bi-weekly report, 1965 January 15

Box 2. Folder 13. Schwab: Practical #3, 1963

Box 2. Folder 14. Miscellaneous notes, correspondence, lesson plans, 1963-1973

Box 2. Folder 15. Brauner's Hebrew to English Genesis, undated

Box 2. Folder 16. Melton training materials, 1970

Box 2. Folder 17. Rationale for teacher training, undated

Box 2. Folder 18. Glick: Adolescent questionnaire, undated

Box 2. Folder 19. Sol Goldman, undated

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Box 4. Folder 10. Melton internal memoranda, 1969-1971

Box 4. Folder 11. Curriculum meeting, 1969 April 25

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Box 4. Folder 13. Rothschild "God and Modern Man", undated

Box 4. Folder 14. Notes and correspondence regarding curricula, 1963

Box 5. Folder 1. Exodus teaching materials, undated

Box 5. Folder 2. Maimonides on the Reasons for the Commandments, undated

Box 5. Folder 3. Heschel: Basic Jewish Values, undated

Box 5. Folder 4. Grammatical Ideas for Understanding Biblical Hebrew Usage, 1966 April 27

Box 5. Folder 5. Miscellaneous papers 1, 1961-1968

Box 5. Folder 6. Miscellaneous papers 2, 1972

Box 5. Folder 7. Chapter 3: Spies in Jericho, undated

Box 5. Folder 8. Miscellaneous teaching material 1, undated

Box 5. Folder 9. Miscellaneous teaching material 2, 1961

Box 5. Folder 10. Psalm 23: Notes, undated

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Box 5. Folder 12. Notes, correspondence, curricula, 1966-1968

Box 5. Folder 13. Lesson Plans on the Siddur, 1973

Box 5. Folder 14. Jacobson lessons, writing, 1968

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Box 5. Folder 16. The Melton Research Center in the Next Decade: A Projection, 1972
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- Box 6. Folder 5. Miscellaneous papers 2, 1970-1987
- Box 6. Folder 6. "Challenge and Response: Varieties of Jewish Religion in America", 1978-1979
- Box 6. Folder 7. "Challenge and Response: Varieties of Jewish Religion in America", 1981
- Box 6. Folder 8. AAJE Conference summary, 1976-1977
- Box 6. Folder 9. Greater Miami Day School survey, 1977
- Box 6. Folder 10. Sourcebooks, services, 1976
- Box 6. Folder 11. Principals and planned services, 1980-1981
- Box 6. Folder 12. "The Deterioration of the Profession" by Shevitz, 1983
- Box 6. Folder 13. "Dilemmas and Adaptations: Core Curriculum, 1978-1979
- Box 6. Folder 14. "Teaching Tfilah to Grades Bet and Gimel", undated
- Box 6. Folder 15. "Holocaust Curriculum for Jewish Schools", 1980
- Box 6. Folder 16. Tu Bi-Shevat, 1978-1979
- Box 6. Folder 17. Com. Ed. Forum, undated
- Box 6. Folder 18. Hebrew College faculty manual, 1974
- Box 6. Folder 19. Curriculums in English - 3 Day and 5 Day, 1967
- Box 6. Folder 20. Curriculum NOW (Myth and Fact), 1975
- Box 6. Folder 21. Himmelfarh, Harold S., 1974
- Box 6. Folder 22. Preschool, 1978-1982
- Box 7. Folder 1. Miscellaneous papers 1, 1973-1977
- Box 7. Folder 2. Miscellaneous papers 2, 1979-1996
- Box 7. Folder 3. Miscellaneous papers 3, 1977-1978
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- Box 7. Folder 5. Interoffice memoranda, 1979-1981
- Box 7. Folder 6. "Are We One People?" lesson plan, undated
- Box 7. Folder 7. Educational planning, 1978
- Box 7. Folder 8. Flow charts, undated
- Box 7. Folder 9. Questions from RA speech, undated
- Box 7. Folder 10. Torah Curriculum for Daled Class, undated
- Box 7. Folder 11. Demographic questionnaire, 1975
- Box 7. Folder 12. Kiddush - Verses, 1976
- Box 7. Folder 13. A Psalm of David, 1977
- Box 7. Folder 14. Teaching Genesis, 1975
- Box 7. Folder 15. Jewish Identity, undated

Box 7. Folder 16. Elazar - High School, 1981
Box 7. Folder 17. Literature, 1973
Box 7. Folder 18. N:KKVD, undated
Box 7. Folder 19. Central School, undated
Box 7. Folder 20. Attitude - Task Force - Talk by Louis Newman, 1976 September 28
Box 7. Folder 21. Joe Lusinsky Festschrift, 1999
Box 7. Folder 22. The Study of Bible for Teachers and Students, undated
Box 7. Folder 23. "The Power to Lead", 1983

Series D. Camp Ramah, 1951-2002

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Box 8. Folder 6. Conservative movement, 1970
Box 8. Folder 7. Rabbi Shapiro funeral, undated
Box 8. Folder 8. Mador: National Training Institute, 1964
Box 8. Folder 9. Ramah Camp - Poconos, 1962-1964
Box 8. Folder 10. Ramah Mador, 1967
Box 8. Folder 11. Ramah Wisconsin Jr. Counselor's Training Manual, 1962
Box 8. Folder 12. Ramah Wisconsin, 1953
Box 8. Folder 13. Ramah Wisconsin, 1987
Box 8. Folder 14. Ramah Connecticut, 1955
Box 8. Folder 15. Ramah - Various locations, general, 1953-1964
Box 8. Folder 16. Ramah questionnaires, 1965
Box 8. Folder 17. Hebrew source books, undated
Box 8. Folder 18. "Shirley Newman's Midrash class - Ramah to Melton Teachers?", undated
Box 8. Folder 19. Midrash - Level Daled, 1968
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Box 9. Folder 1. Chaim Potok - Ramah and JTS, 1964-1965
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Box 9. Folder 3. National Ramah Commission publications, 1958

Series E. Miscellaneous, 1955-1993

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- Box 9. Folder 6. Akiba Hebrew Academy. Quarterly reports, 1955
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- Box 9. Folder 9. Rashi School. Speeches, 1988
- Box 9. Folder 10. Rashi School. Mission statement, undated
- Box 9. Folder 11. Rashi School. Tribute, 1996
- Box 9. Folder 12. Rashi School. Administrative notes, correspondence, 1988-1993
- Box 9. Folder 13. Howard County JCC. Correspondence and introduction, 1983
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- Box 9. Folder 19. Howard County JCC. School evaluation, 1984
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