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Joseph M. Papo Research Materials
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Collection Summary

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| Title | Joseph M. Papo Research Materials |
| Dates | 1926-1992 (bulk 1970-1987) |
| Collection Number | MS-866 |
| Repository | The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives |
| Creator | Papo, Joseph M., 1902- Amateau, Albert J., 1889-1996 Levy, Louis N., 1918-1994 |
| Extent | 5 linear feet (5 record cartons) |
| Language of the Material | English, Spanish, and Yiddish |

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Joseph M. Papo was born in 1902 in Palestine and attended school in Egypt. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Western Reserve University. Papo worked as a teacher and social worker in Cleveland, Ohio and Duluth, Minnesota.

Among his leadership roles, Papo was the founder and president of Masada, the Young Men's Zionist Organization of America in Cleveland; head of the Duluth Jewish Federation (1941-1945); executive director of the Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America (1944-1947); and executive director of the Portland Jewish Federation (1947-1948).

He and his wife had two children, Ruth C. and Michael Abram.

Scope and Content The collection consists of correspondence with Albert J. Amateau (Foreign Language Service Company), Moise Bensignor, Louis N. Levy (Sephardic Foundation), various Sephardic organizations, and others concerning the subject of Sephardic Jewry. Together with organizational records of the Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America and the Sephardic Jewish Community of New York during Papo's involvement. Series D, General, contains research material compiled by Papo for his book *Sephardim in Twentieth Century America*.

Arrangement This collection is arranged in four (4) series: A. Correspondence; B. Manuscripts; C. Organizational Records; D. General.

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Preferred Citation Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Joseph M. Papo Research Materials and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms

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| Subjects | Jews -- United States -- History / Sephardim |
| Corporate Names | Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America / Sephardic House (New York, N.Y.) |

Series A. Correspondence, 1927-1992

Extent 3 linear feet (3 record cartons)

Scope and Content Note Correspondence with Albert J. Amateau (Foreign Language Service Company), Moise Bensignor, Louis N. Levy (Sephardic Foundation), Sephardic Jewish Community of New York, and others regarding Sephardim.

Arrangement Alphabetical by correspondent.

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Extent 0.5 linear feet (0.5 record carton)

Scope and Content Note Articles and a draft of chapter two through the bibliography of Sephardim in Twentieth Century America.

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Series C. Organizational Records, 1926-1978

Extent 0.5 linear feet (0.5 record carton)

Scope and Content Note Minutes and constitutions from the Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America, Sephardic Jewish Community of New York, and Sephardic Home for the Aged.

Arrangement Arranged alphabetically.

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Series D. General, 1927-1992

Extent 2 linear feet (2 record cartons)

Scope and Content Note Biographies, interviews, and newspaper clippings concerning Sephardic subjects compiled by Papo

including material on the American Sephardi Federation, Sephardic House, and World Sephardi Federation.

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- Box 5. Folder 10. Gadol, Moise, 1937-1980
- Box 5. Folder 11. Interviews with Sephardi leaders, 1937-1972
- Box 5. Folder 12. Jewish calendars published by "La Vara", 1925-1944
- Box 5. Folder 13. Miscellaneous, 1962-1989
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- Box 5. Folder 16. Periodicals, 1935-1972
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Box 6. Folder 16. The World Institute of Sephardic Studies, 1971-1974

Box 6. Folder 17. World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries, 1973-1979

Box 6. Folder 18. Sephardi course questionnaires, 1972-1973

Box 6. Folder 19. World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries, 1948-1984

Box 6. Folder 20. World Sephardi Federation, 1929-1969

Box 6. Folder 21. Zionism, 1922-1973