A Finding Aid to the
Joseph M. Papo Research Materials

Manuscript Collection No. 866
Collection Summary

Title: Joseph M. Papo Research Materials
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.

Terms of Access
The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

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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Provenance
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Index Terms

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.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Amado, Richard, 1972-1977
Box 1. Folder 5. Amateu, Albert J., 1974-1992
Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence, 1988-1993
Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1968-1976
Box 1. Folder 9. Benisgnor, Moise, 1941-1979
Box 1. Folder 15. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1947-1966
Box 1. Folder 17.Hallo, Josef, 1980-1984
Box 1. Folder 22. Stock, 1973-1975
Box 1. Folder 27. Muriciano, Rabbi Asher, 1972-1977
Box 1. Folder 28. Correspondence with David Perahia, 1970-1979
Box 1. Folder 29. Perahia, David, 1979-1985
Box 1. Folder 30. Politi, David, 1956-1977
Box 2. Folder 1. Rabbi Alcalay, 1956-1977
Box 2. Folder 2. Newspapers, 1950
Series B. Manuscripts, 1983, undated

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.
Box and Folder Listing

- Box 3. Folder 17. Manuscripts, 1936-1940
- Box 3. Folder 18. Manuscript chapters, undated
- Box 3. Folder 19. Manuscript chapters, undated
- Box 3. Folder 20. Manuscript chapters, undated
- Box 4. Folder 1. Manuscript chapter, Moise S. Gadol, undated
- Box 4. Folder 2. Manuscript chapter, Sephardi Communal Interaction, undated
- Box 4. Folder 3. Manuscript chapter, untitled, undated
- Box 4. Folder 4. Manuscript chapter, bibliography, undated
- Box 4. Folder 5. Revised materials, undated
- Box 4. Folder 6. Sephardi communities outside of N.Y., undated

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.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 4. Folder 9. Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America minutes, 1944-1948
- Box 4. Folder 10. Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America minutes, 1949-1959
- Box 4. Folder 11. Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America minutes, 1961-1975
- Box 4. Folder 12. Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America sisterhood, 1943-1947
- Box 4. Folder 14. Old Age Home Committee, 1948
- Box 4. Folder 15. Sephardic Jewish Community minutes, 1926-1932
- Box 4. Folder 16. Sephardic Jewish Community of New York, 1913-1928
- Box 4. Folder 18. Sephardic Society for the Aged, minutes, 1939-1942

Series D. General, 1927-1992

Extent 2 linear feet (2 record cartons)

Scope and Content Note Biographies, interviews, and newsclippings concerning Sephardic subjects compiled by Papo
Box and Folder Listing

Box 5. Folder 1. American Sephardi Federation, 1989-1993
Box 5. Folder 3. American Sephardi Federation, 1975-1985
Box 5. Folder 4. Los Amigos Sefaradis, 1985-1987
Box 5. Folder 5. Arab National League, 1937
Box 5. Folder 6. Material sent to Papo from Henry V. Besso, 1952-1978
Box 5. Folder 7. Sephardi bibliographies, 1971-1972
Box 5. Folder 8. Certificates of Incorporation, 1918-1968
Box 5. Folder 9. Sephardi community constitution, 1941-1973
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 14. MORIT, 1986-1989
Box 5. Folder 16. Periodicals, 1935-1972
Box 5. Folder 17. Answers to questionnaires, 1972-1973
Box 5. Folder 18. Quincentennial events, 1992
Box 5. Folder 19. Sephardic notes, 1941-1979
Box 5. Folder 20. Sephardic material, 1940-1978
Box 6. Folder 1. Sephardi material-cultural, religious, 1945-1978
Box 6. Folder 2. Miscellaneous Sephardi material, 1944-1943
Box 6. Folder 3. Sephardi composition lesson, 1926
Box 6. Folder 6. Sephardi culture material, 1936-1978
Box 6. Folder 8. Sephardic House and other material, 1982-1985
Box 6. Folder 13. Sephardic societies miscellaneous material, 1922-1979
Box 6. Folder 14. Foreign papers, 1927-1979
Box 6. Folder 17. World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries, 1973-1979
Box 6. Folder 20. World Sephardi Federation, 1929-1969