

# AJHS Finding Aid for the Papers of Leah Lieberman

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Guide to the Papers of Leah Lieberman, 1970-1971, 2009 *P-869
<b>Dates:</b>	Creation: 1970-1971, 2009.
<b>Abstract:</b>	The papers and the oral history of Leah Lieberman reflect the creation and the early activities of the Brooklyn Coalition for Soviet Jewry. Materials include minutes, memorandums, correspondence, photos and a DVD.
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<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined, English
<b>Repository:</b>	American Jewish Historical Society,

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## Historical Note

A Zionist community leader from London, UK, Leah Lieberman moved to Brooklyn, NY in the late 1960s. Mrs. Lieberman got involved with the Brooklyn Jewish community and in the Soviet Jewry movement. Upon witnessing the activities of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry led by Jacob Birnbaum, Mrs. Lieberman realized the need for an adult organization with the similar purpose, but with more visibility and power in the national political arena. Her idea was to create Brooklyn Coalition for Soviet Jewry in order to unite local Jewish leadership to spearhead and fortify the efforts for Soviet Jewry. She had reached out to local Jewish community organizations and individual activists, most of whom agreed to join the Coalition. In 1971, with help from Yaakov Birnbaum, Mrs. Lieberman had organized a series of meetings and information events in local synagogues, Jewish community centers and in Brooklyn College, aimed at raising public awareness to the plight of Soviet Jews. At the end of 1971 Leah Lieberman disengaged herself from the Brooklyn Coalition for Soviet Jewry and continued her involvement in the Soviet Jewry movement in the private capacity.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Leah Lieberman focus on her role in the creation and the early activities of the Brooklyn Coalition for Soviet Jewry. The collection also includes Mrs. Lieberman's correspondence with the mayor of the city of Worms, Germany, in which she urges the West German leadership to use diplomacy to help ease the oppression of Jews in the USSR. The collection features a DVD video oral history interview with Leah Lieberman conducted at the offices of the American Jewish Historical Society on May 12, 2009.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Physical Location**

Located in AJHS New York, NY

### **Arrangement**

The collection consists of one folder and one DVD with oral history interview.

Leah Lieberman Papers, 1970-1971, 2009

### **Acquisition Information**

Donated by Leah Lieberman in 2009.

### **Related Material**

The Papers of Leah Lieberman is one individual collection within the Archive of the American Soviet Jewry Movement (AASJM) located at the American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS).

### **Access Restrictions**

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### **Preferred Citation**

Published citations should take the following form:

Description of item, date of item, Papers of Leah Lieberman, P-869, Box #, Folder #, Collection of the American Jewish Historical Society, Boston, MA, and New York, NY.

### **Controlled Access Headings**



## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Leah Lieberman Papers, 1970-1971, 2009

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[ Digital Item ]		<a href="#">Video: Oral History with Leah Lieberman, 2009</a>
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