

AJHS Finding Aid for the Grayce Perlbinder Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Abstract:	Papers of the Soviet Jewry movement activist Grayce Perlbinder of Great Neck, NY reflect her activities as one of the leaders of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry during the 1970s and early 1980s. The materials include speeches, notes, reports, a play script, information on trips to the USSR, correspondence, bulletins, memos, proposals, news clippings, newsletters and photographs.
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Historical Note

The Papers of Grayce Perlbinde represent one collection housed within the Archive of the American Soviet Jewry Movement (AASJM). These papers reflect the effort, beginning in the 1960s through the late 1980s, of thousands of American Jews of all denominations and political orientations to stop the persecution and discrimination of Jews in the Soviet Union. The American Soviet Jewry Movement (ASJM) is considered to be the most influential movement of the American Jewish community in the 20th century. The beginnings of the organized American Soviet Jewry Movement became a model for efforts to aid Soviet Jews in other countries, among them Great Britain, Canada, and France. The movement can be traced to the early 1960s, when the first organizations were created to address the specific problem of the persecution and isolation of Soviet Jews by the government of the Soviet Union.

The collection contains the papers of Grayce Perlbinde related to the activities of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry during the 1970s and the early 1980s. Created by Inez and Sydney Weissman in the early 1970s, the East Meadow-based Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry became the pivotal grassroots group within the national coalition Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. Grayce Perlbinde was one of the cadre of leaders of the LICSJ that included Inez Weissman, Toby Newman, Honey Karasyk and Lynn Singer. She served as the Committee's Vice President and President. LICSJ worked to raise awareness of the plight of Jews in the USSR by keeping its community informed via its own newsletter, the *Soviet Jewry Report*. The group organized numerous demonstrations, vigils, sit-ins and benefit concerts on behalf of Soviet Jews. The Committee helped connect American and Soviet Jewish families with projects such as Adopt-A-Family and the Soviet Jewry Write-ins. They also arranged meetings between Jews in the USSR and the American travelers.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Grayce Perl binder reflect her work at the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry from 1971 to 1982. The materials include Perl binder's speeches, notes, reports, a play script, information on her travels to the USSR, correspondence with Soviet Jews, bulletins, memos, proposals, news clippings and photographs.

The collection consists of one manuscript box and one half manuscript box.

Administrative Information

Physical Location

Located in AJHS New York, NY

Access Restrictions

The collection is open to all researchers, except items that may be restricted due to their fragility, or privacy.

Acquisition Information

Donated by Grayce Perl binder in 2008.

Arrangement

The collection consists of one manuscript box.

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Preferred Citation

Published citations should take the following form:

Description of item, date of item, Papers of Grayce Perl binder, *P-942, Box #, Folder #, Collection of the American Jewish Historical Society, New York, NY.

Related Material

The Papers of Grayce Perl binder is one individual collection within the Archive of the American Soviet Jewry Movement (AASJM) located at the American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS). Other Soviet Jewry Movement collections at AJHS include the records of [Action for Soviet Jewry \(I-487\)](#), the [National Conference on Soviet Jewry \(I-181 and I-181A\)](#), the [Union of Councils for Soviet Jews \(I-410, I-410A\)](#), the [Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews and Bay Area Council for Jewish Rescue and Renewal \(I-505 and I-505A\)](#), [Houston Action for Soviet Jewry \(I-500\)](#), [Seattle Action for Soviet Jewry \(I-507\)](#), [The Jewish Chronicle Soviet Jewry Collection \(I-523\)](#), [B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum Soviet Jewry Movement Collection \(I-529\)](#), [Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry \(I-530\)](#), [Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism \(I-538\)](#), [United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism \(I-543\)](#), [Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans \(I-547\)](#), [Jewish Defense League \(I-374\)](#) the papers of [Joel Ackerman \(P-787\)](#), [Julia Mates Cheney \(P-806\)](#), [Jerry Goodman \(P-863\)](#), [Laurel and Alan J. Gould \(P-866\)](#), [Carolyn W. Sanger \(P-870\)](#), [Leah Lieberman \(P-869\)](#), [Si Frumkin \(P-871\)](#), [Elaine Pittell \(P-873\)](#), [Sanford A. Gradinger \(P-880\)](#), [Shaul Osadchey \(P-882\)](#), [Leonard S. Cahan \(P-883\)](#), [Doris H. Goldstein \(P-887\)](#), [David H. Hill \(P-888\)](#), [Margery Sanford \(P-889\)](#), [Pinchas Mordechai Teitz \(P-891\)](#), [David Waksberg \(P-895\)](#), [Pamela](#)

B. Cohen (P-897), Moshe Decter (P-899), William Korey (P-903), Morey Schapira (P-906), Charlotte Gerper Turner (P-907), Myrtle Sitowitz (P-908), Kathleen M. Hyman (P-911), Babette Wampold (P-912), Rabbi David Goldstein and Shannie Goldstein (P-918), Leslie Schaffer (P-923), Arthur Bernstein (P-925), Dolores Wilkenfeld (P-927), Sylvia Weinberg (P-928), Irwin H. Krasna (P-934), Constance S. Kreshtool (P-935), Betty Golomb (P-938), Mort Yadin (P-943), Ann Polunsky (P-886), Lillian Foreman (P-945), Marilyn Labendz (P-946), Abraham Silverstein (P-947), Bert Silver (P-949), Billie Kozolchyk (P-950), John Steinbruck (P-951), Lawrence I. Lerner (P-952), Ruth Geller Gold (P-953), Efry Spectre (P-954), Alan M. Kohn (P-956), Frank Brodsky (P-957), Victor Borden (P-959), Estelle Newman (P-960), Carol S. Kekst (P-961), Linda Rutta (P-965), Rachel Braun (P-967), Jack Forgash (P-968), Michael Greene (P-969), Judith A. Manelis (P-970), Fred Greene (P-971), Harry Lerner (P-972), Alan L. Cohen (P-973), Murray Levine (P-974), Jack Minker (P-975) and Barry Marks (P-993).

[American Soviet Jewry Movement Oral Histories Collection \(I-548\)](#) contains audio and video interviews with activists of the American Soviet Jewry Movement, former Refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience.

[American Soviet Jewry Movement Photographs \(I-495\)](#) contains digitized photographs from The Archives of the American Soviet Jewry Movement.

[American Soviet Jewry Movement Posters and Ephemera Collection \(I-566\)](#) contains digitized posters and ephemera from The Archives of the American Soviet Jewry Movement.

Additional materials from other collections include records dealing with the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) located within the [North American Jewish Students Appeal \(NAJSA, I-338\)](#) and the records of the [National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council \(NJCRAC, I-172\)](#). Related records are also located at the AJHS in Newton Centre, MA including [memorabilia and ephemera of the New England Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry \(I-237\)](#) and the [Records of the Student Coalition for Soviet Jewry—Brandeis University \(I-493\)](#).

Use Restrictions

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Controlled Access Headings

- Antisemitism
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Human rights
- Jews, Soviet
- Memorandums
- Newsletters
- Pamphlets
- Photographs
- Refuseniks
- Reports
- Soviet Union
- Transcripts
- United States

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Grayce Perl binder Papers, undated, 1971-1982

Box Folder

1 1 Bulletins, Memoranda, Newsletters, undated, 1971-1981

Box Folder

[Digital Item] [Bulletins, Memoranda, Newsletters, undated, 1971-1981](#)

1 2 Correspondence, undated, 1971, 1974-1977, 1981-1982

[Digital Item] [Correspondence, undated, 1971, 1974-1977, 1981-1982](#)

1 3 LICSJ - Miscellaneous Materials, undated, 1974-1977, 1980

[Digital Item] [LICSJ - Miscellaneous Materials, undated, 1974-1977, 1980](#)

1 4 LICSJ Community Coordination, undated, 1967, 1973, 1976

[Digital Item] [LICSJ Community Coordination, undated, 1967, 1973, 1976](#)

1 5 Newspaper Clippings on LICSJ Activities, undated, 1972-1981

[Digital Item] [Newspaper Clippings on LICSJ Activities, undated, 1972-1981](#)

1 6 Projects of LICSJ - Operation "Soviet Jewry Write-In", undated, 1972-1976

[Digital Item] [Projects of LICSJ - Operation "Soviet Jewry Write-In", undated, 1972-1976](#)

1 7 Proposals, 1974

[Digital Item] [Proposals, 1974](#)

1 8 Reports, Information Materials, undated, 1973-1975, 1977, 1979-1980

[Digital Item] [Reports, Information Materials, undated, 1973-1975, 1977, 1979-1980](#)

2 1 Speeches, Notes, undated, 1971, 1973-1974, 1979

[Digital Item] [Speeches, Notes, undated, 1971, 1973-1974, 1979](#)

2 2 Stories, Dramatic Readings, undated, 1971-1973

[Digital Item] [Stories, Dramatic Readings, undated, 1971-1973](#)

2 3 Travel to the USSR, undated, 1974-1976, 1982

[Digital Item] [Travel to the USSR, undated, 1974-1976, 1982](#)

2 4 Photographs, undated, 1974-1975

[Digital Item] [Photographs, undated, 1974-1975](#)