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Louis Rosenblum Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 926



Collection Summary

Title	Louis Rosenblum Papers
Dates	1963-2008, bulk dates 1964-1980
Collection Number	MS-926
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Rosenblum, Louis, 1923-2019
Extent	2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English, Hebrew, Russian

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Louis Rosenblum was born on November 15, 1923, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of paper-dealer Julius Rosenblum and Marion Sandler. He attended the Yeshivah of Flatbush and Brooklyn College. From 1943 to 1946, during World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Infantry in the Pacific Theater. During that time, he fought in the Battle of Okinawa and received a Bronze Star. He returned to Brooklyn College after the war and graduated in 1948 with a B.S. in chemistry. He then went to Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated with a Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1952. In that year, he began working as a research scientist and technical manager at the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He was appointed Chief of the Direct Energy Conversion Division in 1969, Chief of the Solar and Electrochemistry Division in 1977, and to the Federal Senior Executive Service in 1979. He retired from NASA in 1981, and from 1982 to 1983 he worked as a private consultant in photovoltaic and renewable energy systems.

In 1963, Rosenblum was a founder of the Cleveland Committee on Soviet Anti-Semitism, the first major American organization dedicated to the Soviet Jewry movement. It was renamed the Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism (CCSA) in 1965, and he later became its executive director. In 1970, the CCSA was one of the founding organizations of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ), of which he served as president from 1970 to 1973. He was active with the Soviet Jewry movement for fifteen years, during which time he helped collect information about Soviet Jewry, published resources and educational material, organized other Soviet Jewry organizations in other American and Canadian cities, and developed major nationwide campaigns like calling Soviet Jews directly and sending them holiday cards. Rosenblum was a founder and president of Beth Israel-The West Temple. He also volunteered for the Jewish History division of the Western Reserve Historical Society as an archival processor. In 1949, he married Evelyn Janice Mull of Cleveland. They had four children: Janet, Miriam, Diane, and Daniel.

He moved to Wellesley, Massachusetts in 2013. He died there on April 4, 2019.

Scope and Content

This collection documents decades of Rosenblum's involvement with the Soviet Jewry movement, including papers from various organizations, correspondence with activists, notes on its history, and publications issued by various Soviet Jewry organizations.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two (2) series:

Series A. General

Series B. Publications

Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply

Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Barnett and Rebecca Brickner Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Provenance

The Louis Rosenblum Papers were received from Louis Rosenblum in 2012.

Index Terms

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Series A. General, 1963-2008, undated

Extent 1.5 linear feet (3.75 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note

This series consists of material related to Rosenblum's involvement in the Soviet Jewry movement, including papers from organizations like the CCSA and UCSJ, correspondence with other activists, and notes on the history of the movement.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.

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Series B. Publications, 1963-1992, undated

Extent 0.5 linear feet (1.25 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note This series consists of published material from the CCSA, the UCSJ, and other Soviet Jewry organizations, including books, newspapers, and newsletters.

Arrangement This series is arranged alphabetically.

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Box 5. Folder 6. News Bulletin on Soviet Jewry [Action Committee of Newcomers from the Soviet Union], 1970-1972, undated

Box 5. Folder 7. Outcry! 25th Anniversary Issue [Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews], 1992
October

Box 5. Folder 8. Soviet Terror Against Jews, How Cleveland Initiated an Interfaith Protest,
1963

Box 5. Folder 9. The Spotlight [Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism], 1965-1969

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Anti-Semitism], 1964

Box 5. Folder 11. The White Book of Exodus #2 [Union of Councils for Soviet Jews], 1973