

# AJHS Finding Aid for the Kathleen M. Hyman Papers

## Descriptive Summary

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Kathleen M. Hyman of La Grange Park, IL is a former Soviet Jewry movement activist, who was involved with Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry, grass-roots non-profit organization that has advocated for Jews in the U.S.S.R. In 1976 Mrs. Hyman traveled to U.S.S.R., where she established contacts with prominent Soviet Jewish Refuseniks. She has been involved with the West Suburban Synagogue in Oak Park and their adopted village Penza in the Former Soviet Union and has been a liaison between her synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, Naperville, IL and the remnants of the Jewish community in Jekabpils, Latvia. The collection contains Mrs. Hyman's correspondence with Refuseniks, memos, notes, and clippings related to the Soviet Jewry movement.
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## Historical Note

The Papers of Kathleen M. Hyman 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.

Papers of Kathleen M. Hyman reflect her work on behalf of Jews in the U.S.S.R.

Kathleen M. Hyman of La Grange Park, IL was involved with the Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry, a grass-roots non-profit organization that advocated for Jews in the USSR. In 1976 she accompanied her husband Lloyd Hyman, a High Energy Physicist affiliated with the Argonne National Laboratory, to a physics conference in the U.S.S.R. During the trip she met with the Refuseniks Vladimir and Maria Slepak, Ida Nudel, Alexander Lerner and Nahum Meiman. Upon her return to the United States, Mrs. Hyman took advantage of her knowledge of Russian and continued corresponding with those individuals, and other Refuseniks, while supporting them in their efforts to leave the Soviet Union. Mrs. Hyman has been involved with the West Suburban Synagogue in Oak Park and their adopted village Penza in the Former Soviet Union. During the decade of 2000s she was the liaison between her synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, Naperville, IL and the remnants of the Jewish community in Jekabpils, Latvia.

## Scope and Content Note

Kathleen M. Hyman's collection contains correspondence with Refuseniks, and newspaper articles, pamphlets, notes and memos regarding Jews in the Soviet Union.

## Administrative Information

### 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 Kathleen M. Hyman in 2011.

### Arrangement

The collection is arranged into a single series.

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### Preferred Citation

Published citations should take the following form:

Description of item, date of item, Papers of Kathleen M. Hyman, P-911, Box #, Folder #, Collection of the American Jewish Historical Society, New York, NY.

### Related Material

The papers of Kathleen M. Hyman 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 \(NCSJ; I-181 and I-181A\)](#), the [Union of Councils for Soviet Jews \(I-410, I-410A\)](#), [Houston Action for Soviet Jewry \(I-500\)](#), [Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews \(I-505\)](#), [Seattle Action for Soviet Jewry \(I-507\)](#), [Medical Mobilization for Soviet Jewry](#), 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 \(P-870\)](#), [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 \(P-907\)](#) and [Myrtle Sitowitz \(P-908\)](#).

Individual accounts of activities within the Soviet Jewry Movement are preserved in the UJA Oral History Collection (I-433), which includes accounts from members of the following organizations: the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, Bay Area Council on Soviet Jews (BACSJ), Seattle Action for Soviet Jews, Houston Action for Soviet Jews, Chicago Action for Soviet Jews, Colorado Committee of Concern for Soviet Jews and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Interviewees include accounts by Lillian Forman (BACSJ), Ann Polunsky, Morey Schapira, Myrtle Sitowitz, Deborah Turkin, David Waksberg,

Sylvia Weinberg and Dolores Wilkenfeld. In addition, posters related to the Soviet Jewry Movement can be found in the [Jewish Student Organizations Collection \(I-61\)](#).

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 \(I-493\)](#).

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Antisemitism
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Emigration and immigration
- Human rights
- Jews -- Soviet Union -- Politics and government
- Jews, Soviet
- Memorandums
- Notes (documents)
- Photographs
- Political prisoners
- Prisoners -- Legal status, laws, etc
- Refuseniks
- Soviet Union
- United States

## Detailed Description of the Collection

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1	1	Action Committee for Soviet Jewry, undated, 1976-1979
1	2	Lerner, Alexander, undated, 1976-1981
1	3	Meiman, Nahum, undated, 1956, 1975-1980, 1984, 1987
1	4	Nudel, Ida, undated, 1976-1979
1	5	Slepak, Vladimir, undated, 1975-1979, 1981
1	6	Various Refuseniks, 1976-1978
1	7	Photographs and Notes, 1976