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The Atlanta Jewish Times Records

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The *Atlanta Jewish Times*, until January of 1987, was known as the *Southern Israelite*. The paper was established in Augusta, Georgia, in 1925 by Rabbi H. Cerf Strauss to serve Jewish readers in the southeastern section of the United States. Within a few years, the newspaper was sold to Herman Dessauer, who moved the publication to Atlanta. In 1929, he was joined by M. Stephen Schiffer, who later became sole owner and publisher. Through the ingenuity and determination of Schiffer, the publication managed to stay afloat for the 22 years of his ownership, even during the harsh years of the Depression. In 1931, under Schiffer's direction, the format of the paper was changed to a monthly magazine. A tabloid-size newspaper was added in 1934. The magazine met its demise in 1972, as a result of a decrease in advertising revenues.

In 1951, the paper was again sold, this time to a group of Georgians headed by Adolph Rosenberg, a native of Albany, Georgia, who had been employed by the *Southern Israelite* since 1940. Although it was difficult at times to meet financial obligations, Rosenberg was able to keep the *Southern Israelite* published while maintaining a high level of journalism.

As a result of the 1977 death of Mr. Rosenberg, the newspaper was sold to Jack Geldbart, an Atlanta lawyer and businessman. He would however, retain possession for only two years. In 1979, the paper changed hands for the fourth time when it was purchased by Vida Goldgar. Ms. Goldgar, who had started with the paper as a part-time writer in 1964, had, by the early '70s, become a full-time staffer in the capacity of assistant editor. In 1985, the *Southern Israelite* was sold for the fifth time, and is presently owned by Sun Publications, Inc.

The Atlanta Jewish Times Records, 1917–1985, include correspondence, biographical material, records and memorabilia from communities outside of Atlanta and the state of Georgia, and general files. Although not the oldest English-Jewish newspaper in the Southeast, it is the most enduring. The records reflect upon the varied subjects and individuals, which were profiled in the *Southern Israelite* during the years that the paper was in Atlanta. The researcher interested in

the daily operations of a regional newspaper or in the type of information that an English-Jewish newspaper found worthy of publication will find this collection of special interest. The researcher should also take note that a photographic collection of over 1,000 images was removed to the visual arts collection. These photographs are pictures of persons, places and events from Atlanta and the other communities in the Southeast that the *Southern Israelite* served.

The records are divided into two series. Series I consists of resource files, which include material relating to the various persons and subjects which were researched for articles for the paper. Unless otherwise noted, these files are arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically within each folder. The biographical files are arranged alphabetically within each folder. Series II consists of general operating files. These files are also arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically within each folder.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar
Number of Containers: 6
Photographs: Removed to visual arts collection
Shelf space occupied: 2.5 cubic feet.

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Series I
Resource files, 1917-1985

CONTAINER

- 1 Resource file, individuals, A-Z (includes biographies, obituaries and newspaper articles), 1930-1985, and subjects, A-An, 1939-1975.

Folder 1: Individuals, A-E, 1930-1972.

Folder 2: Individuals, F-J, 1935-1969.

Folder 3: Individuals, K-N, 1937-1975.

Folder 4: Individuals, O-Z, 1936-1975.

Folder 5: Individuals – Abram, Morris B., 1961-1968.

Folder 6: Individuals – Blatt, Solomon, 1973.

- Folder 7: Individuals – Frank, Leo, n.d. (copy of report re: Frank case by Governor Slaton).
- Folder 8: Individuals – Goldstein, Abe, 1969-1982.
- Folder 9: Individuals – Golden, Harry, 1955-1981.
- Folder 10: Individuals – Hirsch, Harold, 1939.
- Folder 11: Individuals – Kahn, Edward M., 1958-1985.
- Folder 12: Individuals – Kaler, Irving K., 1963
- Folder 13: Individuals – Katz, Leo, 1933-1966.
- Folder 14: Individuals – Marx, Dr. David, 1962.
- Folder 15: Individuals – Massell, Benjamin J., 1950.
- Folder 16: Individuals – Massell, Samuel, 1971.
- Folder 17: Individuals – Medintz, Barney, 1960.
- Folder 18: Individuals – Simmons, Dr. Barry, 1972.
- Folder 19: Individuals – Thompson, Fletcher, 1968.
(Congressional Opinions)
- Folder 20: Subjects – Ahavath Achim Congregation, 1962.
- Folder 21: Subjects – American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1939.
- Folder 22: Subjects – American Zionist Federation, Atlanta section, 1972.
- Folder 23: Subjects – Anti-Semitic literature, 1966-1975.

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- 2 Resource file, subjects, At-O, 1931-1985.
- Folder 1: Subjects – Atlanta Jewish Community Center, n.d.
- Folder 2: Subjects – Atlanta Jewish Community Center (formerly Jewish Educational Alliance), Alliance Day Camp, n.d.

- Folder 3: Subjects – Atlanta Jewish Federation, 1950-1951.
- Folder 4: Subjects – Blue Star Camps, 1956-1972.
- Folder 5: Subjects – B’nai B’rith, 1936-1950.
- Folder 6: Subject B’nai B’rith, Anti-Defamation League, 1951.
- Folder 7: Subjects – B’nai B’rith, A.Z.A., Atlanta Chapter, n.d.
- Folder 8: Subjects – B’nai B’rith, Atlanta Lodge, n.d.
- Folder 9: Subjects – B’nai B’rith, Gate City Lodge, 1936-1982.
- Folder 10: Subjects – B’nai B’rith, Gate City Lodge – Pinch Hitter Project, 1984-1985.
- Folder 11: Subjects – B’nai B’rith, Youth Organization (B.B.Y.O.), n.d.
- Folder 12: Subjects – Brandeis Camp Institute, Inc., 1943-1949.
- Folder 13: Subjects – Camp Oxford and Camp Guilford, n.d.
- Folder 14: Subjects – Camps – general, 1956.
- Folder 15: Subjects – Chanukah, n.d.
- Folder 16: Subjects – “Columbians” 1946. (Anti-Black/Anti-Jewish organization)
- Folder 17: Subjects – Congregation Beth Jacob, 1966.
- Folder 18: Subjects – Congregation Beth Shalom, 1982.
- Folder 19: Subjects – Congregation Shearith Israel, 1981 and undated.
- Folder 20: Subjects – Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare funds, 1938-1941.
- Folder 21: Subjects – Development Corp. for Israel, 1962. (formerly Israel Bonds)
- Folder 22: Subjects – Georgia, State of, 1933-1963.
- Folder 23: Subjects – Green Mountain Boy’s Camp, 1956-1957.

- Folder 24: Subjects – Hadassah, Atlanta Chapter, 1939.
- Folder 25: Subjects – Hebrew Academy, 1960-1977
- Folder 26: Subjects – Israel, State of, 1939-1969.
- Folder 27: Subjects – The Jewish Chautauqua Society, n.d.
- Folder 28: Subjects – The Jewish Home, 1953-1954.
- Folder 29: Subjects – Jewish Progressive Club, 1943-1944.
- Folder 30: Subjects – Jewish Telegraphic Agency, news releases, 1977.
- Folder 31: Subjects – Jewish War Veterans, 1951-1985
- Folder 32: Subjects – Miscellany, 1954-1973.
- Folder 33: Subjects – National Jewish Welfare Board, 1952.
- Folder 34: Subjects – National linen Service Corporation, 1944.
- Folder 35: Subjects – National Service Company, Inc., 1956.
- Folder 36: Subjects – Organization for Rehabilitative Training (ORT), n.d.
- Folder 37: Subjects – other communities, Alabama – Birmingham, 1931-1940.
- Folder 38: Subjects – other communities, Florida- Jacksonville, 1935-1936.
- Folder 39: Subjects – other communities, Florida – St. Petersburg, n.d.
- Folder 40: Subjects – other communities, Florida – Tampa, 1934-1969.
- Folder 41: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – Albany, 1935-1940.

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3 Resource file, subjects, Ot-Z, 1917-1972, General operating files, Ad, 1955-1971.

- Folder 1: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – Augusta, 1937-1954.

- Folder 2: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – Brunswick, 1949-1950.
- Folder 3: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – Columbus, 940.
- Folder 4: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – Fitzgerald, n.d.
- Folder 5: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – Macon, 1934-1959.
- Folder 6: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – Savannah, 1929-1962.
- Folder 7: Subjects – other communities, Georgia – West Point, 1959.
- Folder 8: Subjects – other communities, Louisiana – New Orleans, n.d.
- Folder 9: Subjects – other communities, North Carolina, n.d.
- Folder 10: Subjects – other communities, North Carolina – Asheville, 1931-1932.
- Folder 11: Subjects – other communities, North Carolina – Charlotte, 1931-1966.
- Folder 12: Subjects – other communities, North Carolina, Durham, n.d.
- Folder 13: Subjects – other communities, North Carolina, Statesville, n.d.
- Folder 14: Subjects – other communities, South Carolina – Charleston, 1939-1953.
- Folder 15: Subjects – other communities, Tennessee – Chattanooga, 1931-1966.
- Folder 16: Subjects – other communities, Tennessee – Knoxville, 1947-1951.
- Folder 17: Subjects – other communities, Tennessee – Memphis, 1938.
- Folder 18: Subjects – other communities, Tennessee – Nashville, 1936-1951.
- Folder 19: Subjects – Passover, n.d.
- Folder 20: Subjects – Reform camp, 1962.
- Folder 21: Subjects – The South”, 1931.
- Folder 22: Subjects – Standard Club, Ballyhoo, 1949.

- Folder 23: Subjects – “Talmudic Treasures,” translated by Jacob L. Friend.
- Folder 24: Subject – Tau Epsilon Pi, 1961.
- Folder 25: Subjects – The Temple (Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, 1917-1972.
- Folder 26: Subjects – Zionist Organization of America, nd.

Series II
General Operating Files, 1935-1975

- Folder 27: Advertising – 1955-1963.
- Folder 28: Advertising – Jewish New Year, 1971.
- Folder 29: Advertising – Jewish New Year, requests and responses for ads, and organizational histories, 1971.

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- 4 General operating file, Ad-Co, 1933-1972.
- Folder 1: Advertising – Jewish New Year, requests and responses for ads, and organizational histories, 1972.
- Folder 2: Advertising – Samples, 1951-1954.
- Folder 3: Advertising – Samples, Camping, 1964-1968.
- Folder 4: American Jewish Press Association, 1966-1975.
- Folder 5: American Jewish Press Association – election of Adolph Rosenberg as President, 1966.
- Folder 6: Atlanta Jewish Federation – gift subscriptions, 1971.
- Folder 7: Building – maintenance, 1968-1969.
- Folder 8: By-laws, n.d.
- Folder 9: Copyright, 1935
- Folder 10: Correspondence, 1933-1955.

- Folder 11: Correspondence, January – June 1956.
- Folder 12: Correspondence, July – December, 1956.
- Folder 13: Correspondence, 1957-1961.

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- 5 General operating file, Co., 1962-1968
 - Folder 1: Correspondence, January – April, 1962.
 - Folder 2: Correspondence, May – December 1962.
 - Folder 3: Correspondence, January – May 1963.
 - Folder 4: Correspondence, June- December, 1963.
 - Folder 5: Correspondence, 1964.
 - Folder 6: Correspondence, 1965–1967.
 - Folder 7: Correspondence, 1968.

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- 6 General operating file, Co –W, 1939-1975.
 - Folder 1: Correspondence, 1969-1974.
 - Folder 2: Correspondence, undated.
 - Folder 3: Correspondence – Sample letters sent to subscribers, 1957-1970.
 - Folder 4: Freelance submissions, 1939, 1964, and undated.
 - Folder 5: Georgia Press Association, 1962-1966.
 - Folder 6: Invitations, 1954-1970.
 - Folder 7: List of Stockholders, n.d.
 - Folder 8: News releases, 1940-1973.

- Folder 9: Paid bills, 1955-1956.
- Folder 10: Personnel, 1953-1969.
- Folder 11: Political endorsements, 1954.
- Folder 12: Purchase of Southern Israelite by Adolph Rosenberg, 1951.
- Folder 13: Reprints, (ads, articles, prints), n.d.
- Folder 14: Rosenberg, Adolph – personal, 1957-1963.
- Folder 15: Rosters – other organizations, 1952-1975.
- Folder 16: Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, Inc., 1961-1963.
- Folder 17: State Mutual Life Insurance Co. of American, 1957.
- Folder 18: Subscriber's list, n.d.
- Folder 19: Subscription sponsors, 1959.
- Folder 20: Tax returns, 1950-1954
- Folder 21: Taxes – unemployment Compensation, 1956.
- Folder 22: World Federation of Jewish Journalists, 1968-1969.