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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

REGISTER:
RABBI EDMUND A. LANDAU FAMILY

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Rabbi Edmund A. Landau (1875-1945) was born in Hamilton, Ontario, the son of Wolf and Emma (Alderman) Landau. The family moved from Canada to the United States in 1876. Edmund attended the University of Cincinnati, and in 1892 entered Hebrew Union College, where he studied for the rabbinate.

In 1898, he accepted his first pulpit at Temple B'nai Israel (Albany Hebrew Congregation) in Albany, Georgia. Several years later in 1905, he agreed to also act as the rabbi at Temple Bethel in neighboring Bainbridge, Georgia. He remained the spiritual leader of both congregations throughout his career.

As rabbi of the Albany Hebrew Congregation, Dr. Landau immersed himself in local causes and organizations. From 1923-1924 he was president of the Nochaway Council, the first rural area council of Boy Scouts of America. He was also actively involved in the Albany Cooperative Concert Association, the Little Theatre, the Kiwanis and the Clinic for Underprivileged Children.

In 1904 he married Rose (Heller) Geiger, the daughter of Louis and Mollie (Grass) Geiger.

The Rabbi Edmund A. Landau Papers, 1878-1982, consist of correspondence, record books of birth, marriages and funerals at which Dr. Landau officiated, addresses, scrapbooks and writings. Rabbi Landau was a contemporary of Rabbi David Marx of The Temple in Atlanta, and both were schooled in the teachings of Classical Reform Judaism. Confirmation of these teachings is evident in the writings and addresses of Dr. Landau found within this collection. Throughout Rabbi Landau's tenure at Temple B'nai Israel he served as a respected leader within the Jewish and general communities of Albany. The social historian interested in Jewish life in the rural South will also find this collection of special interest. The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar.

Number of containers: 4

Shelf space occupied. 1.6 cubic feet.

Photographs: Removed to the visual arts collection.

Container

1 Subject Files, A-L, 1878-1963

- Folder 1: Albany Kiwanis Club, 1929-1970.
- Folder 2: Autograph book of Mollie Geiger, 1878-1879.
- Folder 3: Book-“*Pure Words*” A Collection of Special Prayers by Rev. Isaac P. Mendes-
- Folder 4: Boy Scouts of America, 1941.
- Folder 5: Mickva Israel, Savannah, Georgia, 1884.
- Folder 6: Community Concert Association-Albany, Georgia, 1939-1963.
- Folder 7: Correspondence-letter copy book, 1911-1929.
- Folder 8: Correspondence-various correspondents, 1901-1963.
- Folder 9: Elks Association-Atlanta and Bainbridge Lodges, 1909-1929.
- Folder 10: Eulogies, 1898-1922.
- Folder 11: Georgia-Florida-Alabama Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1939.
- Folder 12: Gift record book-wedding of Rose Heller Geiger and Edmund A. Landau and other occasions, 1904.
- Folder 13: Hagaddah, 1896.
- Folder 14: Hebrew Union College, 1892-1898.
- Folder 15: Landau, Edmund A. Jr., 1915-1946.
- Folder 16: Ledger of vocabulary, 1900-1915.

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2 Subject Files, M – S, 1892 – 1982

- Folder 1: Memorial book-Mollie Geiger, 1904
- Folder 2: Memorial book- Rabbi Wolf Landau, 1903.
- Folder 3: Memorial resolutions and obituaries, 1898-1944. (includes resolution on the death of Samuel Brown, Mayor of Albany)
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous items including a *Purim* ball invitation, 1892-1942.
- Folder 5: Newspaper clippings, 1915-1982.
- Folder 6: Occasional addresses, 1921-1926; 1932-1933.
- Folder 7: Occasional addresses, 1934-1943.
- Folder 8: Programs, 1932-1939.
- Folder 9: Record books-burials, funerals, weddings, 1898-1944.
- Folder 10: Scrapbook, 1892-1911.

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3 Subject Files, S, 1892 - 1934

Folder 1: Scrapbook, 1892-1911 (photocopy of original).

Folder 2: Scrapbook, 1931-1933.

Folder 3: Scrapbook, 1931-1933 (photocopy of original).

Folder 4: Scrapbook, 1939-1941.

Folder 5: Scrapbook, 1939-1941 (photocopy of original).

Folder 6: Scrapbook-funeral clippings, 1898-1933.

Folder 7: Scrapbook-funeral clippings, 1898-1933 (photocopy of original).

Folder 8: Scrapbook-funeral clippings, 1934-1943 (includes photocopies of loose clippings).

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4 Subject Files, S - W, 1898- 1943

Folder 1: Scrapbook-funeral clippings, 1934-1943 (photocopy of original).

Folder 2: Scrapbook-radio addresses, 1922-1934.

Folder 3: Scrapbook-trip to Estes Park, 1924-1925.

Folder 4: Scrapbook-trip to Estes Park, 1924-1925 (photocopy of original).

Folder 5: Scrapbook-wedding clippings, 1898-1937.

Folder 6: Scrapbook-wedding clippings, 1898-1937 (photocopy of original).

Folder 7: Scrapbook-wedding clippings, 1911-1942 (includes photocopy of original).

Folder 8: Sermons, undated.

Folder 9: Temple Beth El-Bainbridge, Georgia-confirmation program, 1923.

Folder 10: Temple B'nai Israel-Albany, Georgia-women's class-minutes, 1940.

Folder 11: The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1933-1934.

Folder 12: Writings, undated.