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REGISTER: The Joseph Cuba
Family Papers

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Joseph Cuba (1909-1993) was a native Atlantan who spent a major portion of his life in service to the Jewish community of this city. In 1932, he assumed the presidency of the Southern Young Judaea Society, and after that time he actively participated in the leadership of Ahavath Achim Congregation, the Jewish Progressive Club, the Gate City Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Southeastern Region United Synagogue of America, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Home, the Standard Club, the Atlanta Jewish Federation, Jewish War Veterans, and the Georgia State University Alumni Association.

Mr. Cuba was a Certified Public Accountant and an Attorney-at-Law, and earned a degree at Georgia Tech in 1930, and a law degree from Atlanta Law School in 1934. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force as a Second Lieutenant, and he entered into active duty on October 2 of that year. By the end of WWII, he had been promoted three times, and served with distinction as the administrator of the Army Emergency Relief Program and the Soldier's Voting Program. He eventually left the service because of the economic hardship at home that was caused by his absence.

In the summer of 1938, he married Ida Pearle Miller, whose varied activities and interests are also reflected in these papers. Joe and Ida Pearle had three children: Phillip, Sara Lana (Krebs) and Larry.

Mr. Cuba was positively influenced by his older brother, Max Cuba, who was born in 1903 in New York and died in Atlanta in 1972. Although Max had no official wife, he was truly married to both the City of Atlanta and the Jewish community. Max served as a city alderman several times, and was a leader on the Atlanta-Fulton County Joint Planning Board for over 30 years. He was also twice the president of the Atlanta Jewish Community Council, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. In addition, Max served as a leader or president of almost every organization in which his brother Joe participated. He preceded Joe as the "Man of the Year" for B'nai B'rith, Jewish War Veterans, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. He also preceded his brother as the President of Ahavath Achim Congregation and B'nai B'rith. As he had no family of his own, his personal life was closely linked with the family of his brother, as he lived with them for some time.

The Joseph Cuba Family Papers, 1922-1993, are composed primarily of personal correspondence, certificates, speeches, memorabilia, newspaper articles, and the records of the many Jewish organizations in which the family actively participated. The social historian interested in Jewish community life, particularly in the South, will be especially interested in this collection. It contains many documents relating to the intricacies and hardship of leadership in large communal organizations.

All material is arranged in alphabetical order by subject, and then chronologically within each folder. Almost all organizations which are not preceded by a name contain documents from both Joe and Max Cuba. Some notable exceptions are the Jewish Home, the Air Force Reserves, and the Atlanta Jewish Welfare Fund which are almost exclusively of Joe. Correspondence is filed according to the persons to whom it pertains, with the unlabeled correspondence belonging to Joe. There are files for Joe, Max, Ida Pearle, Phillip, Sara Lana, Larry, Etta, Ray Lee and Minnie Cuba.

Restrictions: Available to the Serious Scholar

Number of containers: 21

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- Folder 3: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Centennial Torah Siyyum, 1986.
- Folder 4: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Joseph Cuba (President), 1954-1957.
- Folder 5: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Joseph Cuba (President), 1958-1960.
- Folder 6: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Educational Committee, 1955-1956.
- Folder 7: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Hebrew and Religious School, 1923-1956.

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- 2 Subject file, Ah, 1922-1992
- Folder 1: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Hebrew and Religious School, 1956-1970.
- Folder 2: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Hebrew and Religious School-record book and text book, 1922-1930.
- Folder 3: Ahavath Achim Congregation-History-"A History of the A.A. Congregation by Kenneth W. Stein, 1978.
- Folder 4: Ahavath Achim Congregation-holiday guides and song sheets, 1951-1960.
- Folder 5: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Junior Congregation, 1955-1957.
- Folder 6: Ahavath Achim Congregation-new building, 1949-1958.
- Folder 7: Ahavath Achim Congregation-newsletter-"Profile," 1975-1978.
- Folder 8: Ahavath Achim Congregation- programs and bulletins, 1950-1992

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- 3 Subject file, Ah-Ar, 1942-1988
- Folder 1: Ahavath Achim Congregation- rosters, 1986-1988
- Folder 2: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Sisterhood, 1950-1957.
- Folder 3: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Sisterhood-adult education, 1950-1957.
- Folder 4: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Sisterhood-Gold Book, 1984.
- Folder 5: Ahavath Achim Congregation-Sisterhood-speeches (Cuba, Ida Pearle), 1956-1957.
- Folder 6: American Jewish Committee, 1970-1981.
- Folder 7: American Joint Distribution Committee, 1963-1966
- Folder 8: Anti-Defamation League, 1963-1983.
- Folder 9: Army Air Force, 1942-1944
- Folder 10: Army Air Force, 1945-1967

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- 4 Subject file, Ar-At, 1942-1979
- Folder 1: Army Air Force-personal file, undated.
- Folder 2: Army Air Force-personal file, 1944-1948 (original order by subject).
- Folder 3: Army Air Force-release forms, 1945-1946.
- Folder 4: Army Air Force-training notes, 1942.
- Folder 5: Articles and verse-miscellaneous authors, 1948-1979.
- Folder 6: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education, 1951-1957.
- Folder 7: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education, 1958-1968.

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- 5 Subject file, At, 1951-1987.
- Folder 1: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education, 1965-1976.
- Folder 2: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education-book fair, 1959-1961.
- Folder 3: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education-book month, 1962.
- Folder 4: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education-“Ha-Moreh,” January, 1951-February, 1953.
- Folder 5: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education-“Ha-Moreh,” November, 1953-April, 1954.
- Folder 6: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education-“Ha-Moreh,” January, 1955-February, 1962.
- Folder 7: Atlanta Commission for the Study of Jewish Education, 1955-1956.
- Folder 8: Atlanta Jewish Community Center, 1953-1987.
- Folder 9: Atlanta Jewish Community Center-new building, 1957.

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- 6 Subject file, At-Bn, 1933-1984.
- Folder 1: Atlanta Jewish Federation, 1953-1983.
- Folder 2: Atlanta Jewish Federation-Council for the Aged, 1983-1984.
- Folder 3: Atlanta Jewish Federation-Women’s Division, 1945-1963.
- Folder 4: Atlanta Jewish Federation-Women’s Division, 1964-1970.
- Folder 5: Atlanta Jewish Times, 1965.
- Folder 6: Atlanta Law School, 1933-1934
- Folder 7: The Atlanta Legionnaire, 1949-1950 (3 issues)
- Folder 8: Biographies, 1967-1987.
- Folder 9: Blass, Nathan Family, 1954-1962.

Folder 10: B'nai B'rith-87th Annual District Grand Lodge Convention, 1963

Folder 11: B'nai B'rith-Gate City Lodge, 1929-1963.

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7 Subject file, Bn-Br, 1933-1988.

Folder 1: B'nai B'rith-Gate City Lodge, 1963-1974.

Folder 2: B'nai B'rith-Gate City Lodge, 1976-1985.

Folder 3: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, 1933-1967.

Folder 4: Brandeis University National Women's Committee, 1980-1986.

Folder 5: William Breman Jewish Home-Board of Directors-manual, 1982.

Folder 6: William Breman Jewish Home-correspondence, 1952-1991.

Folder 7: William Breman Jewish Home-financial records, 1953-1988.

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8 Subject file, Br-Bu, 1930-1990

Folder 1: William Breman Jewish Home-general records (including minutes and programs), 1989- 1990.

Folder 2: William Breman Jewish Home-"The Jewish Home News,"1966-1984.

Folder 3: William Breman Jewish Home-speeches, 1967-1980.

Folder 4: Business records-Max M. Cuba and Company, 1935-1969.

Folder 5: Business records-Max M. Cuba and Company, 1970-1984.

Folder 6: Business records-Max M. Cuba and Company-audits, 1930-1937.

Folder 7: Business records-Max M. Cuba and Company-real estate ventures, 1946-1961.

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9 Subject file, Ca-Co, 1934-1985.

- Folder 1: Calendars, 1972-1976.
- Folder 2: Calendars, 1982-1984.
- Folder 3: Camps-Camp Barney Medintz (Cleveland, Georgia), 1961-1988.
- Folder 4: Camps-Camp Barney Medintz (Cleveland, Georgia), 1964 and undated.
- Folder 5: Camps-Camp-Macabee (Pelican Lake, Wisconsin), 1956-1958.
- Folder 6: Camps-Camp Rutledge (Rutledge, Georgia), 1954-1960.
- Folder 7: Cemetery records, 1945-1948.
- Folder 8: Certificates, 1934-1985.
- Folder 9: Community activities, undated.

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- 10 Subject file, Co, 1928-1993
- Folder 1: Community Chest, 1955.
- Folder 2: Congregation Beth El, 1963-1965.
- Folder 3: Congregation Beth Jacob, 1962-1986.
- Folder 4: Congregation Mickve Israel, Savannah, undated.
- Folder 5: Congregation Or VeShalom,
- Folder 6: Correspondence-general, 1934-1992.
- Folder 7: Correspondence-general, undated.
- Folder 8: Correspondence-letters of condolence, 1993.
- Folder 9: Correspondence-letters from Cuba, Joseph to Goldberg, Leon, 1928-1993.
- Folder 10: Correspondence-telegrams, 1938-1967.
- Folder 11: Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 1956-1960.
- Folder 12: Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 1962-October 1963.

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- 11 Subject file, Co-Cu, 1935-1992.
- Folder 1: Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, November, 1963-1983.
- Folder 2: Cuba, Etta, 1938-1968.
- Folder 3: Cuba, Ida Pearle, 1935-1992.
- Folder 4: Cuba, Ida Pearle, undated.
- Folder 5: Cuba, Ida Pearle-Atlanta Jewish Welfare Fund (forerunner of the Atlanta Jewish Federation)-Women's Service Group, 1961, 1968.
- Folder 6: Cuba, Ida Pearle-correspondence-condolence letters, 1985.
- Folder 7: Cuba, Ida Pearle-course work, 1935.
- Folder 8: Cuba, Ida Pearle-course work, undated.
- Folder 9: Cuba, Ida Pearle-course work, undated.

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- 12 Subject file, Cu, 1934-1985
- Folder 1: Cuba, Ida Pearle-course work, undated.
- Folder 2: Cuba, Ida Pearle-course work, undated.
- Folder 3: Cuba, Ida Pearle-course work, sociology, 1947-1955.
- Folder 4: Cuba, Ida Pearle-financial records, 1969-1976.
- Folder 5: Cuba, Ida Pearle-Jewish Heritage Museum, 1984.
- Folder 6: Cuba, Ida Pearle-Jewish Women's Institute, undated.
- Folder 7: Cuba, Ida Pearle-journal, 1964.
- Folder 8: Cuba, Ida Pearle-memorial book, 1985.
- Folder 9: Cuba, Lana, 1945-1988.
- Folder 10: Cuba, Larry, 1950-1977.

Folder 11: Cuba, Max-Atlanta-Fulton County Planning Board, 1934-1955.

Folder 12: Cuba, Max-Atlanta-Fulton County Planning Board, 1956-1972.

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Folder 1: Cuba, Max-Atlanta Jewish Community Council, 1953-1965.

Folder 2: Cuba, Max-Atlanta Jewish Community Council-“Together, “ 1955-1963 (2 issues).

Folder 3: Cuba, Max-biographies, 1941-1970.

Folder 4: Cuba, Max-certificates and awards, 1927-1973.

Folder 5: Cuba, Max-Commercial High School, 1920-1935.

Folder 6: Cuba, Max-Correspondence, 1932-1972.

Folder 7: Cuba, Max-Georgia State University, 1968-1985.

Folder 8: Cuba, Max-Georgia Tech University, 1923-1934.

Folder 9: Cuba, Max-miscellany, 1927-1963 and undated.

Folder 10: Cuba, Max-newspaper clippings, 1930-1972.

Folder 11: Cuba, Max-obituaries and letters of condolence, 1973.

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Folder 3: Cuba, Max-scrapbook, 1935-1951 (scrapbook 1-part II).

Folder 4: Cuba, Max-scrapbook, 1951-1952 (scrapbook 1-part III).

Folder 5: Cuba, Max-scrapbook (photocopy of clippings in scrapbook 1), 1931-1952.

Folder 6: Cuba, Max-scrapbook, 1936-1979 (scrapbook 2).

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15 Subject file, Cu-Ep, 1934-1986

Folder 1: Cuba, Max-scrapbook (photocopy of clippings in scrapbook 2) 1936-1979.

Folder 2: Cuba, Max-speeches, 1959-1966.

Folder 3: Cuba, Max-Woodrow Wilson College of Law, 1934.

Folder 4: Cuba, Minnie, 1935-1978.

Folder 5: Cuba, Philip, 1947-1969.

Folder 6: Cuba, Ray Lee, 1936-1975.

Folder 7: Dwoskin, Inc., 1966.

Folder 8: Epstein, Rabbi Harry H. Family, 1949-1986.

Folder 9: The Epstein, School, 1982-1986.

Folder 10: The Epstein School-ad books, 1985-1986.

Folder 11: The Epstein School-birthday book, 1982.

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Folder 1: Georgia State University, 1964-1979.

Folder 2: Georgia State University, 1972-1980

Folder 3: Georgia State University, 1981-1990.

Folder 4: Georgia Tech University, 1925-1977

Folder 5: Ginsburg, Paul, 1942-1969.

Folder 6: Girls High School, 1933-1983.

Folder 7: Good Will Women's Club, 1942-1953.

- Folder 8: Hadassah, 1952-1983.
Folder 9: Hebrew books (used for teaching), 1913-1918.

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- 17 Subject file-Ho-Je, 1934-1992
- Folder 1: Holidays-Passover, 1938-1952.
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Folder 3: Invitations, programs and memorabilia, 1934-1974.
Folder 4: Invitations, programs and memorabilia, 1975-1992 and undated.
Folder 5: Israel, 1956-1984.
Folder 6: Israel Bonds, 1951-1975.
Folder 7: Israel Expo, 1985.
Folder 8: Jacobs, Hyman S., 1963.
Folder 9: Jewish Children Service, undated.
Folder 10: Jewish education, 1947-1968. News worthy

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- 18 Subject file, Je, 1929-1988
- Folder 1: Jewish Family Services, Inc., 1970-1985.
Folder 2: Jewish National Fund, 1981.
Folder 3: Jewish National Fund-Trees for Israel-certificates, 1975-1993.
Folder 3: Jewish Progressive Club, 1931-1966.
Folder 4: Jewish Progressive Club, 1967-1971.
Folder 5: Jewish Progressive Club, 1972-1983.
Folder 6: Jewish Progressive Club, undated.

- Folder 7: Jewish Progressive Club-newsletter, 1929-1970.
Folder 8: Jewish Theological Seminary, 1952-1988.

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- 19 Subject file, Je-Mo, 1926-1993
- Folder 1: Jewish War Veterans, 1940-1966.
Folder 2: Kahn, Edward M., 1963-1964.
Folder 3: Katherine and Jacob Greenfield Hebrew Academy of Atlanta, Inc., 1954-1971.
Folder 4: Katherine and Jacob Greenfield Hebrew Academy of Atlanta, Inc., 1977-1980.
Folder 5: Katherine and Jacob Greenfield Hebrew Academy of Atlanta, Inc.-bulletins and newsletters, 1956-1964.
Folder 6: Katherine and Jacob Greenfield Hebrew Academy of Atlanta, Inc.-Women's Committee, undated.
Folder 7: Kaufman, Sarah Rebecca, 1930.
Folder 8: Krebs, Richard, 1992.
Folder 9: Laventhol Krekstein Horwath & Horwath, 1973-1974
Folder 10: Legal and financial papers, 1931-1959.
Folder 11: Letterhead (miscellaneous organizations), undated.
Folder 12: The Mayfair Club, 1948-1953.
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- 20 Subject file, Na-We, 1945-1990
- Folder 1: National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1966-1971.
- Folder 2: National Conference on Religion and Race, 1963.
- Folder 3: National Council of Jewish Women-Atlanta Section, undated.
- Folder 4: National Jewish Welfare Board-population study-Atlanta, 1947.
- Folder 5: Newspaper clippings, 1947-1993.
- Folder 6: Orkin, Otto, 1948-1951.
- Folder 7: Organization for Rehabilitation and Training (ORT), 1990.
- Folder 8: Political activities, 1966-1988.
- Folder 9: Pools Mill Bridge, 1968-1982.
- Folder 10: Rosenberg, Adolph, 1965
- Folder 11: Scripts, undated.
- Folder 12: Sherman, Robin, undated.
- Folder 13: Speeches, undated.
- Folder 14: The Standard Club, 1945-1972.
- Folder 15: Travel-documents, itineraries and memorabilia, 1965-1974.
- Folder 16: United Jewish Appeal, 1967-1975.
- Folder 17: United Jewish Appeal-mission to Israel, 1967.

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- 21 Subject file, Un, 1927-1974
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- Folder 3: United Jewish Appeal-Women's Division, 1957-1968.
- Folder 4: United Palestine Appeal, Southern Region-audit, 1927.
- Folder 5: United Synagogue of America, 1954-1955.
- Folder 6: United Synagogue of America, 1956-1958.
- Folder 7: United Synagogue of America, 1959.
- Folder 9: United Synagogue of America, 1960-1963.

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- Folder 1: Atlanta Bar Association membership information, calendar from Capitol Fish Company, certificates, maps of Israel, and a political campaign poster for Max Cuba, 1914-1918. (1/2 folder)
- Folder 2: Atlanta Bar Association membership information, blue prints from the Jewish Progressive Club and The William Breman Jewish Home, 1940-1964. (full folder)