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The Samuel Leon Eplan Family Papers

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Samuel Leon Eplan (1896-1982) was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of Leon and Rosa Eplan. Samuel's father, Leon, immigrated to the United States in 1880, arriving in Atlanta a year later. It was in Atlanta that the senior Eplan elevated himself from peddler to merchant and then to banker. He would later become a vice president of the Morris Plan Bank, an establishment which he helped to found. Active in the Jewish community, Leon Eplan helped to organize and operate the Jewish Educational Alliance, the Jewish Progressive Club and Ahavath Achim Congregation.

Samuel Eplan began his educational career at Crew Street Elementary School, graduating in 1913. He later attended college and law school at Emory University, receiving his law degree in 1919. In July of that same year, Samuel Eplan announced his association with Owens Johnson in the practice of law. Mr. Eplan would continue to practice law in the City of Atlanta for the next 60 years. He was admitted to the Court of Appeals of Fulton County in 1919, the Supreme Court of Florida in 1925, the U.W. district Court in 1933, the Court of Appeals of Georgia in 1942 and the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1961.

Samuel Eplan was as equally devoted to community service as he was to the practice of law, and actively participated in a number of clubs, organizations and causes that were a vital part of both the Jewish and general communities of Atlanta. He was an active member of the Don't Worry Club (a Jewish debating club), the Progressive Club, Congregation Ahavath Achim, Jewish War Veterans and Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. In addition to these activities, Mr. Eplan was also recognized for his support of the Jewish Home, the Jewish Welfare Federation (Atlanta Jewish Federation) Emory University, and Jewish refugee relief following WW2, the State of Israel, and for his devotion to finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis by sponsoring an annual golf tournament, which generated the largest source of funds for the Atlanta Chapter.

The Samuel Leon Eplan Papers, 1905-1982, are primarily composed of correspondence, newspaper, articles, programs, certificates, a scrapbook and memorabilia from the various organizations and causes in which Mr. Eplan participated. The Eplan family has had a long and

respected history of service to the City of Atlanta, and in particular, to Atlanta's Jewish community. The researcher interested in documenting Jewish concerns and the varied interests of a southern Jewish family will find this collection of special interest.

All material is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and then chronologically within each folder.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of containers: 1

Oversize flat items: Removed to oversize collection

Photographs: Removed to visual arts collection

Plaques: Removed to plaque collection

Shelf space occupied: .4 linear feet

CONTAINER

- 1 Correspondence, newspaper articles, programs, certificates, a scrapbook and memorabilia from various organizations of which Eplan family members participated.

Folder 1: Biography of Samuel Leon Eplan, undated.

Folder 2: Brides book and copy of marriage license of wedding of Bess Abelson and Samuel Eplan, 1922.

Folder 3: Business cards, 1919.

Folder 4: Cards, invitations, menus, and programs, 1922-1955.

Folder 5: Certificates, 1944-1955.

Folder 6: Community activities – Alpha Epsilon Pi, Nehemiah Gittelsohn Award, 1963.

Folder 7: Community activities – Congregation Ahavath, 1980 and undated.

Folder 8: Community activities – Don't Worry Club, ca. 1915-1951.

Folder 9: Community activities – The Jewish Progressive Club, 1922-1969.

- Folder 10: Community activities – Jewish War Veterans, 1944-1950.
- Folder 11: Community activities – Junior Alliance Debating Society, undated.
- Folder 12: Community activities – Karen Hayesod, 1922.
- Folder 13: Community activities – Masters Preview, 1961-1967.
- Folder 14: Community activities – United Jewish appeal, Welfare Fund, 1943-1948.
- Folder 15: Community activities – World War I community service, 1919.
- Folder 16: Community activities – World War II bonds drive, 1943.
- Folder 17: Correspondence, 1918-1964.
- Folder 18: “History of the National Bank of Georgia”, 1974.
- Folder 19: Miscellany, 1922-1966.
- Folder 20: Newspaper clippings, 1919-1981.
- Folder 21: Scrapbook, 1905-1923.
- Folder 22: Telegrams, 1922-1980.
- Folder 23: Thesis – “The Early years of the Atlanta Jewish Community: the Ordeal of Settlement” by Elise R. Eplan, 1982.
- Folder 24: Tribute to I.M. Weinstein written by Samuel Eplan, 1954.

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