

THE IDA PEARLE AND JOSEPH CUBA ARCHIVES AND GENEALOGY CENTER
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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

REGISTER:
VIDA GOLGAR PAPERS
Mss. No.: 126

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Vida Goldgar (1930-2004) was an important contributor to *The Southern Israelite* for almost forty years. She moved to Atlanta from New York with her husband and four small children in 1959. After moving to Atlanta, she quickly became involved in the Jewish community and joined the staff of *The Southern Israelite* in 1964. Over the next forty years she filled many positions from columnist to managing editor. On January 1, 1979 she purchased the paper and became editor and publisher. She owned *The Southern Israelite* until August 1986, when she sold it again. After selling the paper, she continued to serve as a senior editor and columnist until her retirement in 1994. She continued to serve as a regular columnist for the *Atlanta Jewish Times*, formerly *The Southern Israelite* until her death in July 2004.

Goldgar's journalistic talent and leadership gained her national recognition. In 1988 she was elected the first woman president of the American Jewish Press Association. Earlier, in 1979 she was elected the first woman president of the Society of Professional Journalists. As well as being a successful journalist, Goldgar always managed to find time to serve her community. She served as trustee of the Marcus Jewish Community Center in Atlanta, as a board member for the Anti-Defamation League, and as a board member for the National Conference for Community and Justice. Her community service earned her honors such as the State of Israel Bonds Award (1994) and the Humanitarian Award from the Crohn and Colitis Foundation (1991).

The Vida Goldgar Papers 1908-2001, are arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder. The collection consists primarily of Goldgar's columns and news articles, which she wrote for *The Southern Israelite* as well as speeches she gave to various organizations. The collection also contains newspaper clippings about events in the Jewish community. Of special interest are pamphlets from early synagogues in Georgia. Also of special interest are articles and drafts documenting the settlement history of Jews in Georgia. Researchers interested in the history of southern Jewish journalism or the history of southern Jewish settlement will find this collection of special interest.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of Containers: 2

Photographs: Removed to visual arts collection

Audiocassette tapes: Dr. William Schatten interview of Rabbi Harry H. Epstein;

Interview of Harold Marcus Removed to Oral History Collection

Magazines and newspapers: Removed to Newspaper Collection

Shelf space occupied: .8 linear feet

Container

1 Subject file A- S, 1909 - 2001

- Folder 1: American Jewish Press Association, 1979.
- Folder 2: Atlanta Jewish Community Center, 1997-1998.
- Folder 3: Biography- Goldgar, Vida, 1994.
- Folder 4: Biography- Geffen, Rabbi Tobias, undated.
- Folder 5: Central Relief Committee, 1919.
- Folder 6: Certificates and awards, 1979-2001.
- Folder 7: Columns as editor and publisher, 1979-1980.
- Folder 8: Columns as editor and publisher – reprints, c. 1970-1995
- Folder 9: Correspondence, 1981-1987.
- Folder 10: Dictionary of Georgia Biography, 1983.
- Folder 11: Georgia Kashruth Bill, 1980.
- Folder 12: Hebrew Orphan's Home, 1934.
- Folder 13: History-Jews in Atlanta, GA, 1977, and undated, (includes typescript history by Rabbi David Marx).
- Folder 14: History-Jews in Savannah, GA, 1933-1976.
- Folder 15: Industrial Removal Office- (IRO), in Macon, GA, 1909-1913.
- Folder 16: Jewish press wars, undated.
- Folder 17: Kaler, Irving – Jewish voting, undated
- Folder 18: Miscellany, undated.
- Folder 19: National Conference of Christians and Jews, undated.
- Folder 20: Newspaper articles-anti-Semitism, 1946-1986, (includes articles on Colombians).
- Folder 21: Newspaper articles-general subjects, 1970-1986.

- Folder 22: Synagogues-Congregation Beth Shalom, GA, 1981.
- Folder 23: Synagogues-Congregation Etz Chaim, Marietta, GA, 1991.
- Folder 24: Synagogues-Congregation Shearith Israel, Atlanta, GA, 1940.
- Folder 25: Synagogues-Free Synagogue, New York, 1928.

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2 Subject Files S-Y, 1908 - 2000

- Folder 1: Synagogues-Temple Beth El, Dalton, GA, 1942.
- Folder 2: Synagogues-Temple Children of Israel, Augusta, GA, 1933.
- Folder 3: Synagogues-The Temple, 1917-1971.
- Folder 4: *The Southern Guide* (copy), 1908.
- Folder 5: *The Southern Israelite*-final issue printed in shop, 1973.
- Folder 6: *The Southern Israelite*-index 1929-1977.
- Folder 7: *The Southern Israelite*-issues published in Augusta, GA, 1925.
- Folder 8: *The Southern Israelite*-script 75th anniversary, 2000.
- Folder 9: *The Southern Israelite* payroll, 1976-1981.
- Folder 10: *The Southern Israelite* payroll, 1982-1985.
- Folder 11: *The Southern Israelite* tax returns and miscellaneous documents, 1978-1979.
- Folder 12: United Hebrew School, undated.
- Folder 13: Writings-anti-Semitism, undated.
- Folder 14: Writings-Jewish life, undated.
- Folder 15: Writings-Jewish journalism and *The Southern Israelite*, undated.
- Folder 16: Young Judaea-newsletter, "The Southern Judaeon," 1925.

REMOVED FROM THIS COLLECTION to other files:

MAGAZINES:

The American Jewish Chronicle

January 26, 1917

The American Jewish Review

October 1915

December 1915

The Jewish Tribune

August, 1, 1924

September 19, 1924

November 14, 1924

The Light of Israel

June 8, 1925

The Maccabean

July 1918

August 1918

October 1918

December 1918

January 1919

February 1919

March 1919

The New Maccabean

May 20, 1921

June 1, 1921

The Southern Judaeon

June 1925

NEWSPAPERS

The Southern Israelite

March 1973 (last paper in our own shop) autographed

March 1975

Atlanta Daily World

February 28, 1980

Atlanta Journal

April 24, 1989