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REGISTER: ZIONIST  
ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICA-ATLANTA DISTRICT

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The Zionist Organization of America-Atlanta District was organized in 1910. Although many of the founder's names are unknown, Max Freedman and Joel Dorfman can be counted as among the organizers. Samuel L. Eplan was one of the earliest presidents and served when he was only 20 years old.

Often meeting resistance from a segment of anti-Zionists in the Atlanta Jewish community, the organization remained small and relatively obscure until its reorganization in 1936. The Holocaust obliterated the divisiveness regarding Zionism that had previously separated the community, and following WWII and the founding of the State of Israel in 1948, membership and support for ZOA grew. At one time, Atlanta chapter membership numbered over 1,400.

The Zionist Organization of America-Atlanta District Records, 1937-1985, consist of newsletters, scrapbooks, and speeches written by Adelbert Freedman, active in ZOA since 1936 and Executive Director of the Southeastern region from 1940-1951. The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder.

The researcher studying the development of Zionism in the Southeast and particularly in Atlanta will find this collection of special interest. Of note, is the open letter written<sup>^</sup>by Adelbert Freedman to members of The Temple, October 11, 1943, in response to an anti-Zionist sermon delivered by Rabbi. pavid Marx, spiritual leader of that congregation.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar.  
Number of containers: 2  
Photographs: Removed to visual arts collection.  
Shelf space occupied:

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1 Newsletters, reports, scrapbooks and speeches, 1937-1985.

Folder 1: American Zionist Council-Southern Area newsletter- "Let's Talk",  
1955-1963.

Folder 2: Newspaper and magazine articles, 1939-1985.

Folder 3: Programs and souvenir booklet, 1948-1971

Folder 4: Scrapbook, 1937-1941.

Folder 5: Southeast Zionist Region-Conference reports, 1940-1941.

Folder 6: Southern Zionist Region-newsletter, "The Southern Zionist", 1947-1952.

Folder 7: Southeast Zionist Region-scrapbook, 1939-1941.

Folder 8: Speeches by Adelbert Freedman, 1937-1951,

Folder 9: The Temple, 1943, 1948.

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2 Scrapbook, 1941-1950. (oversize)

Volume 1: Scrapbook, 1941-1950

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