

SUMMARY

Historical Materials in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Pertaining to "Jewish History"

The Eisenhower Library has more than 22,000 pages of material available for research which pertains to various aspects of Jewish history. The pages consist primarily of speeches and messages to Jewish organizations, letters and telegrams from the general public, and newspapers clippings. Only a small portion of the documents are high level memoranda, correspondence, minutes, and reports that cover the decision-making process of the Eisenhower Administration.

The Library has almost no readily-identifiable manuscript regarding the persecution of Jews during World War II. We do have several large collections such as the U.S. Army's Selected After Action Records which cover the war years, but it is not possible to determine the quantity of items in these holdings which actually deal with the Nazi concentration camps.

Foreign policy documentation clusters around the major international crises in the Middle East during the 1950s (Suez crisis of 1956, Middle East Resolution of 1957, and Lebanon crisis of 1958), general Arab-Israeli relations, Palestinian refugee questions, and Jewish immigration problems. As noted above, little of the material related to foreign policy reflects the decision-making process. Rather, a large portion of items on these subjects are public opinion telegrams (6250 pages) found in the records of the White House Office, Telegraph Office.

Materials related to domestic affairs during the Eisenhower Presidential years are more varied. Regarding the problem of Jewish civil rights, there is a large amount of material (1150 pages) on the bombing of synagogues. There is a smaller amount of documentation on political aspects of the "Jewish vote" (125 pages), and the problem of anti-Semitism (120 pages). Among the numerous organizations mentioned, the National Conference of Christians and Jews is the most prominent multi-religious group. The primary Jewish organization covered in the documents is B'nai B'rith, the oldest and largest national service organization of American Jews. Material on B'nai B'rith includes considerable information on the activities of its Anti-Defamation League. Two other organizations covered in detail are the Jewish War Veterans and the American Jewish Community. All total, more than 3000 pages pertain to speeches and messages to the various Jewish organizations, hospitals, congregations, and newspapers. These messages include invitations to speak, endorsements, anniversary greetings, and statements prepared for religious holidays.

Eisenhower's Records and President (White House Central Files) in the most valuable collection for research on Jewish history. The documents in the Central Files reflect the Administration's actions on both foreign and domestic questions. Among the important folders for foreign policy are OF 193--Israel, OF 116-LL and GF 122-BB on the Suez crisis of 1956, and OF 116-R and GF 122 on the Middle East in General. For domestic concerns, OF 144-B-3 and GF 118-B cover "Jewish Matters," OF 142-C and GF 124-B pertain to the bombing of synagogues, and PPF 47 has folders for over fifty specific Jewish organizations. Eisenhower's Papers as President, while not containing as large a quantity of relevant material as his Records as President, also is a valuable collection.

Among the Library's other holdings, the papers of Leonard Finder are probably the most useful for researching Jewish history. Finder's papers document his active role in Jewish affairs, especially his activities in B'nai B'rith. Since so much of the Central Files' material deals with messages and greetings sent to various Jewish organizations, the records of Frederic Fox are of special interest. These records include two large folders which contain carbon copies of almost all of President Eisenhower's special messages and greetings to Jewish organizations.

Historical Materials in NLE Pertaining to Jewish History

PAGE COUNT, BY SUBJECTS

	Central Files	Staff Files
Speech Folders	350	570
Organizations (hospitals, churches)	560	270
Messages	1200	385
Synagogue bombings	550	600
B'nai B'rith	585	365
Nat. Conf. Of Christians and Jews	425	105
Press conference material Anti-Semitism "Jewish Matters"	2075	20
World War II persecutions Appeal to, as voters		125
Middle East--various crises	5000	1900
Miscellaneous		210
Newsclippings		550
Public opinion telegrams re Israel _____	<u>6250</u>	
Totals	10,745	11,550

GRAND TOTAL: Approximately 22,300 pages on Jewish History

Comments on above figures:

1. These page counts by subject are Estimations, based upon a search of only obviously relevant folders.
2. The page count includes the material described on JWL's survey of material re Israel.
3. Many of the documents could fit equally well into several subject categories.
4. Since this search was only in open, generally a viable, collection, the page count does not reflect materials in closed, vault collections.

REPORT OF SURVEY OF EISENHOWER LIBRARY'S

HOLDINGS RELATED TO "JEWISH HISTORY"

The following citations to NLE material related to "Jewish History" are based upon a search of all finding aids for generally available collections. These citations are in addition to, not duplications of, the materials cited on Jim Leyerzapf's survey of NLE holdings on the subject of Israel, and should be used as a companion search with Jim's survey (see attached copy, "Report of Survey of NLE Holdings on the Subject, Israel"). The two searches fit together well, since the Israel survey covers primarily major international events and U.S. foreign policy questions, and the Jewish History survey reports primarily domestic issues.

This search for materials on Jewish History deals only with NLE's manuscript collections, not oral history transcripts of audio-visual documents. Time did not allow a detailed, page-by-page, check through either large correspondence and/or chronological series as found in some collections, or through large runs of unindexed speeches or press releases. The page counts given for each folder are approximations.

Adams, Sherman: Papers

Box 28 Speeches--American Jewish Community, N.Y. City, 4/13/57 [75 pages; full speech folder, with corr. Setting up, speech copy, follow up corr.]

Adkins, Bertha S.: Papers (a73-17)

Box 22 Speech marking dedication of Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, August 3, 1960, Washington, D.C. [20 pages]

Aurand, Henry S.: Papers

Boxes 28-31 --material re Aurand's activities while closing out the Africa-Middle East Theater, 1946 [probable scattered items; c. 50 pages]

Benedict, Stephen: 1952 campaign material

Box 5 10-28 or 29-52 Zion Square, Brooklyn, N.Y., note on Jewish persecution [1 page]

Bull, Harold: Papers

Slim possibility that scattered documents might touch on Jew in Germany, 1944-45.

Butcher, Harry C.: Papers

A70-6--large correspondence series

Cotter, Cornelius P.: Papers

Unable to tell from the finding aid; is material on the Republican's "Tanks Force on Human Rights and Needs"

Dulles, Eleanor Lansing: Papers

Box 32 Clippings re Suez and others [c. 10 pages]

Box 16 John Foster Dulles: The Last Year, "Middle East Proposals," Message to Congress by President Eisenhower, 1/5/57 [c. 20 pages]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Papers, 1916-52

Box 56 Jewish Theological Seminary [40 pages; speech text, and corr.]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Papers as President, 1953-61

Administrative Series--primarily a name series which would require an extensive search

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Papers as President, 1953-61(cont.)

Speech Series

Box 5 Anti-Defamation League, 11/23/53 [3 pages]

Box 10 American Jewish Tercentenary 10/20/54 [40 pages]

Box 12 Washington Hebrew Temple 5/6/55 [10 pages]

United Jewish Appeal Citation 6/3/55 [2 pages]

Box 28 Tribute to American-Israel Cultural Foundation [1 page]

Press Conference Series

Box 4 3/7/56, 3/21/56, 4/4/56, 4/25/56, 5/4/56
 Box 5 5/9/56, 5/23/56, 8/1/56, 8/8/56, 9/11/56, 10/11/56, 11/14/57, 3/7/57, 3/13/57,
 3/27/57, 4/3/57
 Box 6 4/10/57, 5/15/57, 5/22/57, 7/17/57, 10/30/57
 Box 7 2/4/58, 3/5/58, 3/26/58, 4/23/58
 Box 8 7/8/59
 Box 9 2/11/60
 Box 10 2/17/60, 3/16/60, 3/30/60

[On above dates, there is some mention of the Middle East in the pre-press conference briefing;
 c. 30 pages]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Records as President, 1953-61

Box 733 OF 142-C Demonstrations against Racial and Religious groups--dynamiting
 of Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 12, 1958
 [50 pages--letters, telegrams, memos]
 Boxes 736-7 OF 144-B-3 Jewish Matters [225 pages--letters, telegrams, memos, reports,
 printed matter; re persecution of Jewish leaders in foreign
 countries]
 GF 117 Messages Requests--Greeting Requests [Scattered items--many
 references to this code from alpha file]
 Boxes 682-4 GF 118-B Jewish Matters [900 pages--same type of documents as OF on
 Jewish matters, but more from general public and on routine
 matters such as greetings on Jewish New Years]
 Box 692 GF 118-J National Conference of Christians and Jews [50 pages]
 Boxes 701-2 GF 120 B'nai B'rith [150 pages, including many x-ref sheets]
 Box 708 GF 120 Jewish War Veterans [50 pages]
 GF 122-F-1 [scattered items--many references to this code from Alpha file]
 Box 923 GF 124-B Demonstrations against racial and religious groups [400 pages--
 primarily public opinion material]
 GF 124-B-1 Bombing of Synagogue, Atlanta, GA., (Oct. 1958) [100 pages--
 primarily telegrams from public]
 Box 37 PPF 1-F-38 Jewish Tercentenary [350 pages]
 Box 691 PPF 27-A-2 Beth Israel Hospital [10 pages]
 PPF 27-A-2 Jewish Hospital [10 pages]
 PPF 27-A-2 Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital [10 pages]
 PPF 27-A-2 National Jewish Hospital at Denver [25 pages]
 Box 575 PPF 40-H The Jewish Star (magazine) [10 pages]
 Boxes 771-773 PPF 46-A The American Hebrew
 The American Israelite
 American Jewish Outlook
 B'nai B'rith Messenger
 Day-Jewish Journal
 Intermountain Jewish News
 Jewish Daily Forward
 Jewish Standard, The
 Box 777 PPF 47 Organizations, and Messages Sent to Organizations
 Agudath Israel of America

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Organizations, and Messages Sent to Organizations
 Box 778 America-Israel Cultural Foundation
 America-Israel Society
 Box 779 American Association for Jewish Education
 American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers
 Box 786 American Jewish Committee (1)-(3)
 American Jewish Congress
 American Jewish League against Communism
 American Jewish Literary Foundation
 Box 798 Benoth Zion Mizrahi Organization of Milwaukee
 B'nai B'rith (1)-(3)

Box 799	B'nai B'rith Women
	B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
Box 802	Brith Abraham
	Brith Sholom
Box 810	Farband Labor Zionist Order
Box 811	Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York
	Hebrew Free Loan society, Inc.
	Hebrews Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society
Box 817	Independent Order of Brith Sholom
Box 820	International Cultural Center for Youth in Jerusalem
Box 822	Jewish Community Council of greater Washington
	Jewish Consumptive Relief Society
	Jewish Federation of Trenton
	Jewish Labor Committee
	Jewish national Home for Asthmatic Children
	Jewish Publication Society of America
	Jewish Telegraphic Society
	Jewish War Veterans of USA (1)(2)
	Junior Hadassah
Box 828	Mizrachi Hatzair
	Mizrachi Organization of America
	Mizrachi Women's Organization of America
Box 834	National Committee for Labor, Israel
	National Conference of Christians and Jews (1)
Box 825	National Conference of Christians and Jews (2)-(4)
	National Conference of Jewish Connunial Services
Box 837	National Council of Jewish Women
	National Council of Young Israel
Box 839	National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Inc.
Box 842	National Jewish Welfare Board
	National Jewish Youth Conference
Box 854	Rabbinical Alliance of America
	Rabbinical Council of American
	Religious Zionists of America Mizrachi-Hapael Harmizrachi
Box 857	Society B'nai David
Box 859	Synagogue Council of America
Box 860	Union of American Hebrew Congregations
	Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of Am
	United Synagogue of America
	Young Men's Hebrew Association
Box 921	PPF 53-B-3 Jewish, 1953-60 (1)-(8)

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Records as President, 1953-61

Box 922-924 PPF 53-B-3 Churches Lists names of specific Jewish congregations; usually just 2-3 pages per folder with a message sent on some anniversary.

Box 924 PPF 53-B-3-A Jewish New Year
Alpha File B'nai B'rith
Box 340 [primarily x-ref sheets, to invitations, endorsements, general public opinion mail, anniversary acknowledgments, etc.]
Alpha File Jewish (A-Z)
Boxes 1584-5 [same sort of material as in Alpha B'nai B'rith]
Alpha File Hebrew
Box 1374 [same type of material as in Alpha B'nai B'rith]

Finder, Leonard V.: Papers

Box 2 Anti-Defamation League "A Further Program" (1940-43)
Anti-Defamation League Finder Severance From (1943)
Anti-Defamation League Response to Resignation (1943)
B'nai B'rith (1946)
Box 3 National Council of Jewish Women (1947-48)
Box 7 B'nai B'rith 1957
B'nai B'rith (1960-610)
B'nai B'rith (conventions, 1953)
B'nai B'rith (District #1, 1953-55)
B'nai B'rith Speaking Engagements, 1951-53
Anti-Semitism (1)(2) [much is anti-DDE smear]
Box 10 B'nai B'rith--anti-Defamation League
Box 24 Organizations: Hillel Foundation
Organizations: Temple-- B'nai B'rith
Box 27 Israel-Arab, Clippings, etc.
Jewish Federation [printed]
Organizations: Anti-Defamation League [printed]
Organization: Congregation B'nai Israel Anniversary
Organization: Hillel [printed]
Organization: Jewish Community Relations Council [printed and corr.]
Organizations: Temple B'nai Israel [empty]
Box 29 University of California--Middle East Class Material [most is printed material]
University of California--Middle East Lectures [course outlines]
University of California--Middle East Material, 1967-68 (1)(2) [printed]
Box 32 Israel [printed]

Fox, Frederic: Records

Box 8 Jewish [cc of outgoing Presidential messages]
Rosh Hashonah 1956 (Jewish New Year), Sept. 5, 1956
Religious--Jewish [cc of messages]
Box 26 Israel's 10th Anniversary [cc of message]

Fox, Frederic: Papers

Box 11 Judaism [handwritten notes; printed]

Hagerty, James, C.: Papers

Box 90 is the appropriate index box to Hagerty's press conferences. There are 16 entries for Israel, 5 entries for Jewish. Based on 1 page per entry, total of c. 20 pages.

Hall, Leonard: Papers

- Box 9 Civil Rights (1)-(4) [20 pp.; scattered, re anti-Semitism]
- Box 60 Ethnic Division (1)(2) [125 pp.; primarily Israel-Jewish material, re voters, politics; printed, corr.]
- Box 114 Minority Groups (1)-(4) [c. 20 pp.; scattered]
- Box 212 Church Groups (1)-(3) [empty folders]
- Box 223 Conference of the Ethnic Division, June 1956 [negative]

Harlow, Bryce: Papers

- Box 25 DDE speech-- Nov. 23, 1953 -- B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League [75 pp.; drafts, etc.]
DDE speech==Nov 23, 1953--B'nai B'rith [20 pp.; printed]

Hobby, Oveta Culp: Papers

- Box 9 National Conference of Christians and Jews [5 pp.]
- Box 33 Speech--National Conference of Christians and Jews, Boston, Mass. February 19, 1953 [20 pp.; speech copy]
- Box 34 Speech--Tuesday, May 26, 1953--B'nai B'rith, North-Eastern Conference, Monticello, New York. Acceptance of Award of "Women of the Year", Oveta Culp Hobby [20 pp.; two copies of speech]
- Box 37 Speech---National Conference of Christians and Jews--Washington, D.C. February 23, 1954 [100 pp.; speech copy, plus corr. setting up]
- Box 38 Speech--Sunday, March 28, 1954 (Evening). The Temple Women's Organization, Cleveland, Ohio--(Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver). [50 pp., speech, plus corr.]

Jackson, C.D.: Papers

- Box 2 Atrocities--Paris (1)(2) [c. 20 pp.; scattered references to atrocities against Jews in WW II]

McCann, Kevin: Records

- Box 6 DDE speeches--Dedication of the Washington Hebrew Congregation Temple, May 6, 1955 [5 pp., cc of notes]

McCardle, Carl: Papers

- Box 8 President's Message to Congress on Middle east, 1/5/57 [20 pp.; two copies of press release]

Morgan, Gerald D.: Records (Pre-Acc)

- Box 23 Segregation, Minorities, etc. [negative re Jews]

National Federation of Republican Women: Records

- Box 111 National Conference of Christians and Jews [100 pp.; primarily printed material]

New York Times, Washington Bureau: Clippings re DDE

- Box 3 Eisenhower--BenGurion, David [10 pp.]
- Box 4 Eisenhower--B'nai B'rith [2 pp.]

Pusey, Merlo J.: Papers

- Box 18 Israel Crisis [250 pp.; clippings]
- Box 21 Middle East [100 pp.; clippings]
- Box 26 Suez Crisis [40 pp.; clippings]

Republican National Committee: News Clippings and Publications

- Box 81 Jewish News Letter [4 pp.; printed]
- Box 114 Ambassadors: Barbour, Walworth (Israel) [1 p.]

Rogers, William P.: Papers

- Large chronological file--needs page-by-page search
- Box 29 B'nai B'rith [85 pages; primarily corr., some printed]

Smith, Walter Bedell: Collection of WWII Documents

- Can not tell from the finding aid; probably material on Nazi Concentration camps in WWII.

Stephens, Thomas E.: records

Several correspondence series--needs page-by-page search

U.S. President's Citizen Advisors on the Mutual Security program (Fairless Committee): Records
Box 9 Religious Groups [6 pp.; Nat. Council of Jewish Women]

U.S. President's Commission on Veterans' Pensions: Records
Box 8 Veterans Organizations: Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. [20 pp.; includes 10 of
clippings]
Veterans Organizations: National Jewish Welfare Board [15 pp.]

U.S. President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief: Records
Box 11 Volunteer Agencies--United Hias [5 pp.]
Box 14 Cooperating Agencies--National Jewish Hospital at Denver [3 pp.]

White House Office, Office of the special Assistant for Personnel Management: Records
Box 6 CHRON FILE -- October 1958 [re bombings; 10 pp., cc of outgoing letters]
Box 43 Synagogue Bombings, A-Z (1)-(4) [600 pages; primarily public mail incoming, and cc of
outgoing letter]

White House Office, Telegraph Office: Records
Box 132 Israel and Arabs, Jan. 1956 [250 pp.]
Israel and Arabs, Feb. 1956 (1)(2) [300 pp.]
Box 133 Israel and Arabs, Feb. 1956 (3) [100 pp.]
Box 134 Israel and Arabs, March 1956 [125 pp.]
Box 135 Israel and Arabs, April 1956 [20 pp.]
Box 137 Israel, Oct. 1956 [225 pp.]
Box 139 Mid-East, Nov. 1956 [200 pp.]
Box 140 Mid-East, Nov. 1956 (1)-(3) [600 pp.]
Box 141 Mid-East, Dec. 1956 [75 pp.]
Box 143 Israel Sanctions February 1957 (1)-95) [1200 pp.]
Box 144 Israel Sanctions Feb., 1957 (6)-(10) [1200 pp.]
Box 145 Israel Sanctions Feb., 1957 (11)-(15) [1200 pp.]
Box 146 Israel Sanctions Feb., 1957 (16)-(18) [750 pp.]