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FRED BERGMAN PAPERS
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Guide

BIOGRAPHY

Fred Bergman and his wife, Minnie, were Jewish community leaders in Seattle, Washington and supporters of Israel. Minnie was active in Hadassah for decades. She also was an amateur musician and belonged to the Ladies Musical Club. Fred served as president of B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 503. Fred Bergman died in 1991. The Bergmans had two sons, Elihu and Abraham. Elihu attended Reed College. After World War II, he assisted the Hagganah (Jewish resistance movement in Palestine) in the illegal transportation of Jewish Holocaust survivors to Palestine. He was later employed by the Mutual Security Agency in Washington, D.C.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Fred Bergman papers measure 2.39 cubic feet and span the years 1893 to 1998. They contain an equal amount of papers of Minnie Bergman and some of Elihu and Abraham Bergman, including letters documenting Elihu's travel to Palestine to assist with the Zionist movement and his brief internment in a refugee camp in Cyprus in 1947.

ARRANGEMENT

Subgroups were created for all four of the Bergmans. Letters in which both Fred and Minnie are addressed were put in Minnie's subgroup. Since many family letters are directed to multiple recipients, they were subgrouped by author.

ACQUISITION INFORMATION

This accession is composed of papers donated to the Libraries by Minnie and Elihu Bergman, Meta Buttnick and Shirley Guterson between 1984 and 1999.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

Processed in 1999, this accession is a merger of accession nos. 2975-2, 2975-3, 2975-4, 2975-5, #4392 (Minnie Bergman papers), #5932-1 (Elihu Bergman papers) and unaccessioned Elihu Bergman papers.

RELATED MATERIAL

See also Fred Bergman accession #2975 for a tape recorded interview with Fred Bergman by Joseph Cohen.

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INVENTORY

<u>Box/Folders</u>		<u>Dates</u>
	<u>Subgroups</u>	
	FRED BERGMAN	
1/1	Biographical Features	1991
1/2	Incoming Letters	1939-80
	Outgoing Letters to:	
1/3	Baer (Bear) Bergman	1948, 50, 58, n.d.
1/4	Elihu Bergman	1945-46, n.d.
1/5	Baer and Elihu Bergman	1950, 54, 61, n.d.
1/6	Misc.	1939, 40, 1946
	General Correspondence	
1/7	Hebrew Ladies Free Loan Society	1963-77
1/8	Lindenberg Family	1937-52, 72, n.d.
1/9	Re: Estate of Samuel Siegel	1950-64
1/10	Anniversary Book - Seattle B'nai B'rith 100 Year Celebration	1983
1/11	Speeches and Writings	1976, n.d.
2	Video Tape - Fred Bergman Singing Yiddish Songs	1988
1/12	Ephemera	1921, 30, 35, n.d.
	Subject Series	
1/13	Citizenship	1893, 1910-11, 18-19, 43-45
1/14-15	Condolences and Remembrances of Fred Bergman	1991
1/16	Estate of Esther Bergman	1956-58
1/17-19	Israel Imports	1969-79
1/20	Israel Imports/Fantasia Imports	1968-76
1/21	Jackson, Henry	1957, 1974-79, 1982
1/22	Sightseeing Ltd.	1954-75, n.d.
1/23	Soldiers Welfare Committee, Jerusalem	1974-78
1/24	Clippings	1908, 26, 30, 58, n.d.

Subgroups (cont.)

MINNIE BERGMAN

Incoming Letters

1/25	Alexander, Eddie and Leah	1974, 81-85, 88-89
1/26	Bamberger, Martha	1975-87
1/27	Cantor, Shulamith L.	1971
1/28	Cats, Chana	1971-92
1/29	Cornish School	1937
Fldr. 3	Cornish School <u>OVERSIZED</u>	1924-26
1/30	Erman, Sarah	1971-73
1/31	Goldberg, Arthur	1948, 54, 56, 71-84
1/32	Jerusalem Mental Health Center: Ezrath Nashim, Israel	1967, 83, 85
Fldr. 3	Ladies Musical Club <u>OVERSIZED</u>	1923, 26
1/33	Levin, Bertha	1967-69, 83-86
1/34	Levy, Shalom	1973, n.d.
1/35	Mevaseret Zion Educational Center	1983-90
1/36	Rivlin, Rahel	1943, 1974-85
1/37	Ruppin, Hanna	1971-79
1/38	Tannenbaum, Helen	1974-81
1/39	Misc. to Minnie Bergman	1936-37, 59, 63, 73-77, 91
1/40-41	Misc. to Minnie and Fred	1904, 36, 44-98

Outgoing Letters to:

1/42	Baer Bergman	1948-54
1/43	Elihu Bergman	1945-46, 50, n.d.
1/44	Elihu Bergman and Baer Bergman	1950, 54, 57-58, n.d.
1/45	Fannie Hurwitz	1974-75
1/46	Judy Kind and Family	1958, 61-62, 70-76
1/47	Misc.	1958, 64, 70-71
1/48	General Correspondence - of Others	1933
1/49	Family Tree	1996
1/50	Reel to Reel Audio Tape - Bergman's Symphony	July 30, 1968
1/51	Guestbook - Minnie Bergman's 90 th Birthday	n.d.
1/52	Memorabilia	1923, 34
1/53	Notes	1923, 54, n.d.
1/54-55	Programs	1923-46, 61
2/1	Photographs	1944
2/2	Photo Album - Israel	1957
2/3	Yearbook - Sealth Yearbook	1921

Subgroups (cont.)

MINNIE BERGMAN (cont.)

Video Tape

2	Minnie Speaking at a Meeting	1988
Fldr. 3	Certificates <u>OVERSIZED</u>	n.d.
	Collage of Portraits <u>OVERSIZED</u>	n.d.
	Magazine - <i>Life</i> Special Report on the Spirit of Israel <u>OVERSIZED</u>	1973
4	Sheet Music	
	Mss.	1949, n.d.
	Printed	1944-65, n.d.
2/4	Ephemera	1930, 42-46, 96, n.d.
2/5	Clippings	1957-59, 76, 93, 97
	Subject Series	
2/6	Hannah and Mark Bargteil	1987, n.d.
2/7	Haifa Music Library	1956-61
2/8	Inbal Dance Center	1959, 62, n.d.
2/9	Israel Trips	1957-58, 75, n.d.
2/10	Music	1929-60

Sub-Subgroup

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America. Seattle Chapter

2/11	General Correspondence	1921-31, 35, 47-51
2/12	Newsletters	1936, 73
2/13	Programs	1927, 29, n.d.
2/14	Invitations	1959-62
2/15	Clippings	1985, 88, n.d.

ELIHU BERGMAN

2/16	Incoming Letters - Arthur Goldberg	1949
	Outgoing Letters to:	
2/17-28	Fred and Minnie Bergman	1946-72, 83
2/29	Transcription of Letters to Fred and Minnie Bergman	1947-48
2/30	Writing – "Adversaries and Facilitators: The Unconventional Diplomacy of Illegal Immigration to Palestine, 1945-48"	1999

Sub-subgroups (cont.)

ABRAHAM BERGMAN

2/31	Incoming Letters	1950, 57, 91
	Outgoing Letters to:	
2/32	Bergman, Fred and Minnie	1950-85, n.d.
2/33	Hurwitz, Fannie	1958-59, 61

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