

Leo Yanoff Collection
Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest Archives
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Record Group: 1

Collection Number: 1-98

Creator: Leo Yanoff

Inclusive Dates: 1941-1996

Extent: 1 cf

Abstract:

Papers from assorted clubs and groups of which Leo and Louise Yanoff were members as well as Leo Yanoff's memoirs

Acquisition information:

Records in the collection were donated by Leo Yanoff

Preferred Citation:

Judge Leo Yanoff Collection, Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest

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History:

Leo Yanoff was a retired judge of the Essex County Superior Court and a past president of what is now United Jewish Communities. Born in New York City, he lived there and in Paterson, Newark, and West Orange before moving to Maplewood in 2001. Yanoff was a World War II U.S. Army veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, then returned home to attend the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School. He had a lifelong affection for the judicial system and a deep interest in Judaism and was a member of the Zionist Organization of America.

Reference from:

<http://njewishnews.com/article/1706/leo-yanoff-99-former-federation-president#.T3XuCzGvgy4>

Scope and Content:

The collection is divided into two series: Clubs and Groups and Personal Papers. Within the Clubs and Group series are materials from both Louise and Leo's involvement assorted Zionist groups. These subseries contain documents from national affiliation agencies, but also contain materials from local chapters.

Yanoff's personal papers are few and include some materials pertaining to his career as a Judge as well as some personal correspondence, which contains mostly letters of appreciation for his work in the community.

An item of interest is a bulletin from March 25, 1948 calling for protest against the "new act of our Government...demanding the decision of November 29th, 1947 be upheld" and support that the "Jewish State will start functioning on May 16th." - Box 2 folder 7

Also of interest is a letter to Louise Yanoff from President Harry Truman's Secretary responding to a letter that she sent about "recent action by him in the Far Eastern situation." Box 2 folder 8

This collection is comprised of paper and is divided into two series as follows:

- I. Clubs and Groups
 - A. Creative Arts Group
 - B. Dorot Zion
 - C. League of Women Voters
 - D. Miscellaneous
 - E. Progressive Zionist League
 - F. Zionist Organization of America
- II. Personal Papers
 - A. Career Related
 - B. Memoirs
 - C. Miscellaneous