

# **BRODSKY, JOSEPH, 1940- Joseph Brodsky collection, 1988-1989**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Brodsky, Joseph, 1940-  
**Title:** Joseph Brodsky collection, 1988-1989  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 901  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Collected materials relating to the life and work of Russian poet Joseph Brodsky.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English .

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Restrictions on access**

Unrestricted access.

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### **Source**

Purchase, 2001.

### **Citation**

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### **Processing**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Iosif Alexandrovich Brodsky (Joseph Brodsky) (1940-1996), a Russian poet, was born May 24, 1940 in Leningrad, USSR (St. Petersburg, Russia) to Jewish parents. He left school at the

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age of fifteen to study independently, teaching himself English and Polish. In 1964 he was arrested by Soviet authorities on charges of "social parasitism" and sentenced to five years of hard labor on a state farm near the Arctic Circle. He was released after serving less than two years of his sentence, but in 1972 he was forced into exile. Befriended by American poet W. H. Auden, Brodsky settled in the United States, where he taught literature and creative writing at several universities, including the University of Michigan, Queens College, and Mount Holyoke College. He won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1987 and was appointed a Poet Laureate of the United States in 1991. He died of a heart attack in New York City on January 28, 1996.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Joseph Brodsky collection contains materials relating to the life and work of Joseph Brodsky. The collection includes two printed commencement speeches by Brodsky and two poems inscribed to him by poet Mark Strand.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by document type.

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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Commencement speech: University of Michigan, 1988
1	2	Commencement speech: Dartmouth College, June 11, 1989
1	3	"Figure in a Landscape" and "The Idea" by Mark Strand, inscribed to Joseph Brodsky

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