Louis and Anna Geffen family papers, circa 1898-2010

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Abstract: The Louis and Anna Geffen family papers consist of personal, professional, and religious material, including correspondence, writings, printed material by and about the Geffen family, photographs and photograph albums, subject files, audiovisual materials, and memorabilia relating mainly to Louis and Anna Geffen, and their son Rabbi David Geffen.
Language: Materials in English, Yiddish, and Hebrew.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Tobias Geffen (1870-1970), was born in Kovno, Lithuania in 1870. He married Sara Hene Rabinowitz, the daughter of Aryeh Lieb and Gitel Rabinowitz, in 1898 in Kovno. In May of 1903, the young family immigrated to the United States settling first in New York City, then Canton, Ohio, before finally settling in Atlanta, Georgia in the fall of 1910. He became rabbi of the Congregation Shearith Israel in Atlanta serving until his death in 1970. Sara and Tobias Geffen had seven children: Lottie Geffen (1900-1991), Joel Geffen (1902-1988), Louis Geffen (1904-2001), Samuel Geffen (1907-2002), Bessie Geffen (1908-2005), Annette Geffen (1912-2001), Helen Geffen (1914-2003) and Abraham Geffen (b. 1916). Tobias Geffen died on February 10, 1970 and Sara Hene Geffen died on February 1, 1961, and are both buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia.

Louis Geffen (1904-2001), son of Tobias and Sara Geffen, was born in New York City and moved to Atlanta with his parents in 1910. He attended Emory University (BA, 1923) and Columbia University Law School (JD, 1927), and then practiced law in Atlanta (1927-1989). From January 1941-March 1946, Louis Geffen served as a judge advocate in the United States Army (310th Military Government Group, 3rd Army), rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Most of his assignments were in the United States, but at the conclusion of World War II, he was sent as part of a military government team to join General Douglas McArthur in Manila and then in Japan. In Japan, he served as chief prosecutor at the Yokohama war crimes trials primarily preparing the prosecution of General Masaharu Homma, who instigated the Bataan death march. Upon returning to the United States, he helped found and served as Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 112. Louis was also involved in several organizations serving on the Atlanta Board of Education (1935-1937), as an officer in the Zionist Organization of America, as president of the Southeastern Region of Young Judaeas, and for a number of years as pro bono counsel for Shearith Israel.

On December 26, 1934, Louis married Anna Birshstein (1906-2001), daughter of Cathriel (1884-1941) and Frieda Birshstein (1884-1963) of Norfolk, Virginia. The Birshstein's owned the Birshstein Furniture Store in Norfolk and had four other children: S. Joseph Birshstein (1904-1989), Mayer Isaac Birshstein (1909-1978), Oscar Brandeis Birshstein (1916-1997), and Hadassah Birshstein (1918-1925). Outside of her home life, Anna was involved in such organizations as the Junior Hadassah (Norfolk, Virginia), Textilettes (Atlanta, Ga.), the Atlanta and Southern Region of Hadassah, and the Shearith Israel Sisterhood (Atlanta, Georgia). Louis Geffen died on January 23, 2001 and Anna Geffen died on October 25, 2001 and are both buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia.
David Geffen (1938– ), the only child of Louis and Anna Geffen was born in Atlanta, Georgia on November 1, 1938. He attended Emory University (BA, 1965), the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (MHL, 1963), and Columbia University (PhD, 1970). After becoming ordained as a rabbi in 1965, he served as a Chaplain in United States Army from 1965-1967, mainly at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, eventually reaching the rank of Captain. While working on his PhD at Columbia, he did part-time rabbinical work at Congregation Beth Shalom (Wilmington, Delaware). In 1970, he became Rabbi of Beth Shalom, serving from 1970-1977. In 1977, the Rabbi and his family moved to Israel, where he worked several jobs and did research in preparation of the publication of his book, *American Heritage Haggadah* (1992). While in Israel, he also served in the reserves of Israel Armed Forces. Returning to the United States in 1992, he served as Rabbi at Temple Israel (Scranton, Pennsylvania) from 1993-2004. As a young man he was involved with the Aleph Zadik Aleph Chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and Emory University's Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. He was also a founding member of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and was involved with the Masorti Movement in Israel; the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Rabbis, the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the Zionist Organization of America. Along with his father, he helped prepare an English translation of the Jewish legal responsum authored in 1935 by his grandfather Tobias Geffen on the issue of whether "Coca Cola was kosher and kosher for Passover." The translation and a biography of Tobias Geffen appeared in the publication *Lev Tuvia* (1988) which was edited by Joel Geffen.

He married Rita Feld, the daughter of David and Frieda Feld of Rego Park, Queens, New York, on December 29, 1962. Rita received a BA from Queens College and an MA in school psychology from City College of New York. They have three children, Avram Baruch Geffen (b. 1966), Elissa Kathryl Geffen (b. 1966), and Tuvia Jeremy Geffen (b. 1970). In 2006, David and Rita Geffen moved to Jerusalem, Israel to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Louis and Anna Geffen family papers consist of personal, professional, and religious material, including correspondence, writings, printed material by and about the Geffen family, photographs and photograph albums, subject files, audiovisual materials, and memorabilia relating mainly to Louis and Anna Geffen, and their son Rabbi David Geffen. The collection contains a small amount of material relating to Rabbi Tobias Geffen including biographical information, printed material, and photographs. Of particular interest is documentation relating to Rabbi Tobias Geffen's legal responsum which determined that Coca-Cola is kosher including multiple handwritten (in Hebrew) drafts and a galley proof of the same.

Materials relating to Louis and Anna Geffen include correspondence between family and friends; materials relating to the Emory University Class of 1923; his law school notebooks from Columbia University; photographs, correspondence from his military service with the 310th Military Government Group, 3rd Army, and as chief prosecutor at the first Yokohama war crimes trial (December 18-27, 1945); law files; and collected printed material.

Rabbi David Geffen's materials consist of correspondence, religious writings, school and college materials, and printed material. Also included are rabbinical materials from his service at Congregation Beth Shalom (Wilmington, Delaware) and Temple Israel (Scranton, Pennsylvania).

The papers of Abe (1897-1949) and Lottie (1900-1991) Simon of Spartanburg, South Carolina are mainly comprised of family correspondence, but also include some printed material, a
scrapbook, and certificates. Of particular interest in the photograph album are images of Abe Simon while he served in the Jewish Legion (circa 1917-1921).

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Series 1
Correspondence, 1918-2006
Boxes 1-26

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of the correspondence of the Geffen family from 1918-2006. The correspondence includes letters to and from Louis and Anna Geffen and David and Rita Geffen; as well as other family members. The early correspondence includes courtship letters between Louis and Anna Geffen (1934), letters Louis wrote while stationed at Fort McCain, Mississippi and later while serving as lead prosecutor during the Japanese War Crimes Trials in Tokyo, Japan. The correspondence is rich in documenting Jewish family life in Atlanta and Norfolk, Virginia, the experience of being an observant Jewish man in the United States military during and immediately after World War II, conditions on the World War II home front, social connections between Israel and the American Jewish community, and life in Israel for American Jews. Louis Geffen's letters from Japan offer observations about conditions and life of the United States military in post-war Japan. The correspondence demonstrates changing gender roles and shifting understandings of American Judaism.

Correspondence relating to Louis Geffen's involvement in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States may be found in the Series 2: Family papers.

Arrangement Note
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Family papers, 1898-2003  
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Scope and Content Note  
The series consists of family papers of the Geffen family from 1898-2003. The papers include legal documents such as marriage certificates, naturalization papers, and certificates of citizenship; biographical/genealogical records relating to the Birshtein, Geffen, and Levin-Rabinowitz families; materials relating to family celebrations such as Bar Mitzvahs, births, weddings, and anniversaries; certificates of membership and awards of recognition; and school papers.

The family papers also contain several diaries including Anna Geffen's diaries of trips to Israel in 1976 and 1983; David Geffen's 1953 Boy Scout Jamboree diary; and Louis Geffen's diaries documenting his World War II service including one he kept while traveling from Oakland, California to the Philippines (August 21-September 9, 1945) and another documenting his activities (October 15-November 9, 1945) in Manila up to the point that he left Manila to serve as chief prosecutor in the Yokohama war crimes trials.

The series also includes materials relating to Louis Geffen's military service (1933-1964) including official correspondence and printed material, records (1947-1958) of the Post 112 (Atlanta, Georgia) of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, and legal cases files (circa 1927-1940) from his Atlanta law firm.

Materials relating to Rabbi Tobias Geffen include a rare 1898 handwritten his Lithuanian pre-nuptial tanaaim for Tobias and Sara Hene Rabinowitz, memorials celebrating his life, and documents relating to his estate and property.

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Scope and Content Note  
The series consists of writings of the Geffen family from 1926-2005. The writings include  
manuscript and typescripts of works written by Anna Geffen, Louis Geffen, David Geffen, and  
Tobias Geffen; as well as other family members.  

Writings by Anna Geffen include play scripts that she wrote primarily for the Shearith Israel  
Sisterhood; personal poems that she wrote to Louis as well as to other family members, and  
speeches that she made. Writings by Louis Geffen include drafts of a biography of Tobias  
Geffen, speeches, and a radio address.  

Writings by David Geffen include drafts of numerous historic and religious article;, general  
sermons as well as special sermons for bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs, and other special occasions;  
book-length works; book reviews; lectures, press releases; and speeches.  

Of particular interest is documentation relating to Rabbi Tobias Geffen's responsum which  
determined that Coca-Cola is kosher including multiple handwritten (in Hebrew) drafts and a  
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Scope and Content Note
The series consists of photographs of the Geffen, Birshtein, and Feld families from circa 1912-2005. The photographs include images of Anna Geffen, Louis Geffen, David Geffen, and Tobias Geffen; as well as other family members. Photographs of David Geffen record involvement in the Boy Scouts, summer camps, the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at Emory University, and the United States Army. Images of particular interest relating to Louis Geffen document his military service and the Yokohama War Trials in Japan.

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Series 6
Subject files, 1927-1999
Boxes 68-72

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of subject files relating to the Geffen family from 1927-1999. These files document organizations and institutions in which members of the Geffen family were involved, including youth summer camps, educational institutions, professional and fraternal organizations, and religious organizations. These entities include various Atlanta Jewish organizations including the Aleph Zadik Aleph Chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Emory University’s Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, the Jewish Welfare Board, and the Atlanta District of the Zionist Organization of America. The series also documents the Geffen family’s long service to Congregation Shearith Israel and includes minutes and records of various groups and committees in which they were involved.

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Abe and Lottie Simon papers, 1915-1975
Boxes 73-75 and OP5

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of papers of Abe (1897-1949) and Lottie Geffen (1900-1991) Simon of Spartanburg, South Carolina. The series is mainly comprised of family correspondence, but also includes some printed material, a scrapbook, and certificates. Of particular interest in the photograph album are images of Abe Simon while he served in the Jewish Legion (circa 1917-1921).

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Scope and Content Note
The series consists mainly of materials that have been collected by David Geffen over the years. Of particular significance are a couple of travel diaries to the Middle East from the early 20th century.

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Audiovisual, 1948-2002

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of audiovisual material relating to the Geffen family from 1948-2002. The recordings include some items relating directly to the Geffen family including the testimonial dinner honoring Rabbi Tobias Geffen at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center in 1957 and the presentation of his papers to the American Jewish Historical Society in 1979; as well as several recordings which document the history of Jews in Delaware and Scranton, Pennsylvania. The series also includes several general recordings of Jewish rituals and music.

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Restrictions on Access
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AV1 - Geffen, Louis and Anna, interview by the National Council of Jewish Women, March 26, 1986 [original: audio cassette]
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AV1 - Geffen, Tobias (in Yiddish), calling for funds and assistance to rescue Polish Jews [original: audio cassette]
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AV1 - Geffen, Tobias (Rabbi), memorial service, February 25, 1974 [original: audio cassette]
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AV1 - Geffen, Tobias, memorial service, Wilmington, Delaware, March 28, 1974 [original: audio cassette]
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AV1 - Geffen, Tobias, memorial tablet dedication, Atlanta, Georgia, 1972 [original: audio cassette]
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AV1 - Lev Tuvia, readings and celebration upon the publishing of the book, Jerusalem, April 1988 [original: audio cassette]
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Video recordings

AV1 - "A Torah is Born at Temple Israel (Scranton, Pennsylvania), October 13, 2002 [original: VHS]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id ppbh5]

AV1 - "Beside the Golden Door, The Story of Delaware's Jewish Community," Full Circle Studios, 2001 [original: VHS]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id ppbwp]

AV1 - Burg, Tuvia Jeremy, Bar Mitzvah, Jerusalem, December 1983 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - "Delaware Jews in American Wars, Part I, Part II, Epilogue, Mollyes Album, 1940-1945," no date [original: VHS]
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AV1 - "Remembering the Scranton Years," no date [original: VHS]
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AV1 - "The Long Way Home," by Marc Harris, no date [original: VHS]
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Phonograph albums
AV2 - Bar-Mitzvah, recorded by Soloman J. Schwartz, no date [unknown rpm, Menorah Records, Inc.]

AV2 - Birshstein, Joe and Barbara Kathryl, "Red Feather Man," October 27, 1948, WBLK (Buffalo, New York) [33 1/3 rpm, United Sound Service, Clarksburg, West Virginia]

AV2 - Jeffers, January 27, 1956 [45 rpm, Wilcox-Gay Recordio Disc]

AV2 - Rosenblatt, Josef, *Cantor Josef Rosenblatt, Gems of the Synagogue*, "Kol Nidrei" and "Eili, Eili," no date [incomplete set] [33 1/3 rpm, RCA Victor]

AV2 - Rosenblatt, Josef, *Cantor Josef Rosenblatt, Masterpieces of the Synagogue*, Volume 2, 1959 [33 1/3 rpm, RCA Camden]

AV2 - Tucker, Richard, "Havdoloh" and "Kidush," [78 rpm, Columbia]

Born digital material
BD1 - "Rabbi Geffen (Powerbook) 12/93," 3.5" floppy disk

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Series 10
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Box 77-80, 91; OP3-4, 23; and XOP1

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of memorabilia relating to the Geffen family, as well as general Jewish ephemera. Memorabilia relating directly to the Geffen family include items relating to Louis Geffen's military service including his helmet, gun, uniform insignias and medals; some items relating to David Geffen's membership in the Boy Scout; and items relating to the Birshtein Furniture Studio (Norfolk, Virginia).

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