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Louis Rosenblum (b. 1923) is a retired scientist who directed the Solar and Electrochemistry Division at the Glenn (formerly Lewis) Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Cleveland, Ohio. Rosenblum was born in Brooklyn, New York, began his higher education at Brooklyn College in 1941, and enlisted and served in the U. S. Army Infantry from 1943 to 1946. Rosenblum served in the Pacific Theater, fought in the battle for Okinawa, was awarded the bronze star, and at the conclusion of hostilities served in the army of occupation in Japan. In 1948, he graduated from Brooklyn College with a B. S. in Chemistry and continued on to Ohio State University where, in 1952, he was awarded a Ph. D. in Organic Chemistry. Subsequently, he began employment at NASA. In 1963, Rosenblum and fellow members of Beth Israel-The West Temple, a Cleveland synagogue, founded the Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism. Rosenblum served as the CCSA's chairman. In 1970, the CCSA joined with five other grass-root councils to create the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry (UCSJ), which became the largest independent Soviet Jewry organization in the world. Rosenblum served as the first chairman of the UCSJ. For a history and scope of activities of the CCSA and UCSJ the researcher should consult the register to MS. 4011 Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism Records.

The Louis Rosenblum Papers, 1964-2004, consist of correspondence, reports, transcripts, financial records, and publications. The collection is arranged in four series. Series I: Correspondence and Subject Files is arranged alphabetically by document type, then alphabetically by subject, and then chronologically. Series II: Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism Records is arranged alphabetically by subject, and then chronologically. Series III: Documents Relating to *Lishkat Hakesher* is arranged alphabetically by document type and then chronologically. Series IV: Publications is arranged alphabetically by title and then chronologically.

This collection is of value to researchers investigating the Soviet Jewry movement in general, and Cleveland, Ohio, area participants, in particular. Of interest is Rosenblum's correspondence with noted individuals such as William Orbach, Ya'acov Ro'I, Martin Gilbert, Michael Sherbourne, and Hillel Levine. Also of value are reports, correspondence, and memoranda of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. Rosenblum's particular role in the movement is documented with articles and interviews. The papers also illuminate the role of the Israeli government in the Soviet Jewry movement, particularly in the legal records, newspaper articles, reports, and transcripts relating to *Lishkat HaKeshet*. *Lishkat HaKeshet* (also known as *Nativ* and Office Without a Name) was established in 1952 to conduct covert operations to encourage *aliyah* [immigration to Israel] of Jews from the Communist countries of Eastern Europe. Finally, the researcher will find the collection of publications, including *Graffiti for Intellectuals* and *Jewish Samizdat* of interest.

The researcher should also consult MS. 4011 Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism Records and PG. 287 Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism Photographs.

All audiovisual material has been removed to the audiovisual collection.

Provenance: Louis Rosenblum, 2004

Number of Containers: 4    Oversize Folders:        Oversize Volumes:

Size: 2.6 linear feet / 0.8 linear meters

Restrictions: None.

**Series I: Correspondence and Subject Files**

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| 1 | <u>Folder</u> | 1: Correspondence, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, correspondence and internal memoranda on Soviet Jewry, 1966-1973.  |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 2: _____, Rosenblum, Louis, general, 1976, 1978, 1982-1984, 1986-1992, 1993, 1995 and 1999.   |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 3: _____, Rosenblum, Louis, with Michael Sherbourne, 1972 and 1974-1978.  |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 4: _____, Rosenblum, Louis, with Michael Sherbourne, 1987-1993 and 1999-2000.   |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 5: Lists, Soviet Jews, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers, August 1970-1972 (see also MS. 4011, Container 20, Folder 60).  |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 6: Newspaper articles, "Free emigration from the USSR was prepared in Cleveland," by Boris and Esther Kolker, <i>Prospect</i> [Russian language weekly from New York], November 25, 2003 and February 2004. |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 7: _____, "He Was First," <i>Panorama</i> [Russian language weekly from Los Angeles], May 1988, with translation by Si Frumkin, May 1993.   |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 8: Petitions, Soviet Jews, 1970-1971 and undated. (See also MS. 4011, Container 2, Folders 56-59.   |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 9: Programs, "Thank You" events in Cleveland organized by Jews from the former Soviet Union, 1999-2001.   |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 10: _____, twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Jackson-Vanik amendment, including personal recollections by Louis Rosenblum, 2002.  |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 11: Reports, American Jewish Congress, reports  |

relating to the Jackson-Vanik legislation, 1975 and 1978-1979.

Folder 12: Transcript, Rosenblum Oral History Project: Involvement in the Soviet Jewry Movement, interviews with Louis Rosenblum, 1996-1999.

### **Series II: Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism Records**

Folder 13: Accounts, 1964-1971.

Folder 14: Correspondence, 1977-1979.

Folder 15: Grant expenditures of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, 1966-1968.

Folder 16: Receipts, 1966-1972.

### **Series III: Documents Related to *Lishkat HaKeshet***

Folder 17: Correspondence, minutes, newspaper articles, and reports, 1965-1973, 1975, 1977-1980, 1987, 1999 and 2001.

Folder 18: Legal documents, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Action No. 3271-67, deposition of Saul Joftes, 1968.

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Folder 20: \_\_\_\_\_, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Action No. 3271-67, deposition of Rabbi Jay Kaufman, 1968.

Folder 21: \_\_\_\_\_, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Action No. 3271-67, deposition of Dr. William Korey, 1968.

Folder 22: Report, "Israeli Diplomatic and Consular Posts

Occupied by Representatives of *Lishkat HaKeshet*,  
1953-1973,” by Louis Rosenblum, 2004.

- Folder 23: Transcript, “Aspects of the Soviet Jewry  
Movement,” interview with Michael Sherbourne  
by Louis Rosenblum, 1987.
- Folder 24: \_\_\_\_\_, “Control of Soviet Jewry Issues by  
the Israeli Government,” discussion between Hillel  
Levine and Louis Rosenblum, 1987.

### Series III: Publications

- Folder 25: *Alert*, Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, 1978.
- Folder 26: \_\_\_\_\_, Union of Councils for Soviet Jews,  
January 1979-September 1979.
- Folder 27: \_\_\_\_\_, Union of Councils for Soviet Jews,  
October 1979-August 1980.
- Folder 28: *Compendium on Soviet Dissent, Part One: Soviet  
Jewish Studies*, 1979, by Sheldon Benjamin.
- Folder 29: *Documents of the Union of Councils for Soviet  
Jews*, 1970-1974.
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- 2 Folder 30: \_\_\_\_\_, 1975-1979.
- Folder 31: *Graffiti for Intellectuals*, Si Frumkin, personal  
recollections of the Holocaust and involvement in  
the Soviet Jewry movement, 1993, 1994, and  
1999.
- Folder 32: *History of the Jewish People*, v. 1-4, published in  
Israel in Russian for secret distribution in the  
Soviet Union, 1967.
- Folder 33: *Jews and the Jewish People: Petitions Letters, and  
Appeals from Soviet Jews*, vol. VIII, Jerusalem,  
1979. Contains documents from 1973 and 1974

(see also MS. 4011, Container 14, Folders 362-365 for earlier issues).

- Folder 34: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat* (vol. XI), Jerusalem, 1976, contains material from *Jews in the USSR*, vol. IX, October 1974-March 1975, Moscow. (See also MS. 4011, Container 14, Folders 366-372 for earlier issues.)
- Folder 35: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XII), Jerusalem, 1977, contains materials from *Jews in the USSR*, vol. X, 1975, Moscow.
- Folder 36: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XIII), Jerusalem, 1978, contains materials from *Jews in the USSR*, vols. XII, 1976, Moscow.
- Folder 37: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XIV), Jerusalem, 1978, contains materials from *Jewish Heroes of the Soviet Union, part 2*, by Gershon Shapiro, 1971-1973, Odessa.
- Folder 38: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XV), Jerusalem, 1978, contains documents and papers for the symposium *Jewish Culture in the USSR*, planned to take place in Moscow, December 21-23, 1976, but disallowed by Soviet authorities.
- Folder 39: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XVI), Jerusalem, 1978, contains material from *Jews in the USSR*, vols. XIV and XV, and articles from *The Jewish Theme in Contemporary Soviet Literature*, 1977, Moscow.
- Folder 40: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XVII), Jerusalem, 1979, contains material for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the revival of Hebrew as a spoken language, 1978, Moscow.
- Folder 41: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XVIII), Jerusalem, 1979, contains material from the magazine *Tarbut [Culture]*, nos. 1-8, 1975-1977, Moscow.
- Folder 42: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XIX),

Jerusalem, 1979, contains material from *Tarbut*, nos. 9-12, 1977, Moscow.

Folder 43: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XX), Jerusalem, 1979, contains material from *Emigration to Israel—Law and Practice*, no. 1, February 1979 and no. 2, March 1979, Moscow.

Folder 44: \_\_\_\_\_, *Jewish Samizdat*, (vol. XIV), Jerusalem, 1980, contains material from *Jews in the USSR*, vols. XVI-XIX, 1978-1979, Moscow.

Folder 45: *Jews in the USSR*, January-December 1977, London. (See also MS. 4011, Container 15, Folders 379-385.)

Folder 46: \_\_\_\_\_, January-December 1978, London.

Folder 47: \_\_\_\_\_, January-December 1979, London.

Folder 48: \_\_\_\_\_, January-December 1980, London.

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Folder 50: \_\_\_\_\_, January-December 1982, London.

Folder 51: *Les Juifs en Union Sovietique*, nos. 1-10, July 1968-December 1970, Paris.

Folder 52: \_\_\_\_\_, nos. 11-18, March 1971-May 1973, Paris.

Folder 53: \_\_\_\_\_, nos. 19-25, December 1973-June 1977, Paris.

Folder 54: *Soviet Analyst*, January-December 1979, London.

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- 4      Folder      55: Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry Newsletter, March 10, 1987-May 19, 1987, London. (See also MS. 4011, Container 4, Folder 132.)
- Folder      56: \_\_\_\_\_, November 1989-December 1990, London.
- Folder      57: \_\_\_\_\_, January 1991-December 1991, London.
- Folder      58: \_\_\_\_\_, January 1992-November 1992, London.
- Folder      59: \_\_\_\_\_, May 1994-February 1995, London.