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## ARCHIVES

Joseph Goldberg  
Collection  
1990.54

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### Collection Information

Abstract : The Joseph Goldberg Collection highlights Worcester area Zionist activities during the 1930s to the 1950s, with broadsides and fliers of programs and meetings of the Worcester Zionist District, and photographs and clippings of special events.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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Provenance : Donated by Mrs. Joseph Goldberg, Shrewsbury, Mass., in 1990.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Goldberg, Joseph  
Zionist Organization of America. Worcester Zionist District.

Zionism – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Zionists – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Lawyers, Jewish – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Jewish judges – Massachusetts – Worcester.

(gmgpc)  
Broadsides  
Fliers (Printed matter)

(local 690)  
Jewish Community in Worcester

### Historical/Biographical Notes

The Zionist organization in Worcester was started by Reverend Hillel Frelander, a Jewish immigrant from Eastern Europe trained as a Cantor, in the early 1920s. In the early 1930s Worcester Zionism was within the framework of the Zionist Organization of America as the Worcester Zionist District of the New England Zionist Region. Joseph Goldberg, a young Worcester attorney became head of the local district in the 1930s and remained so for the next twenty years. He was active in local Jewish affairs and became well-known in the Zionist movement in the United States, traveling extensively throughout the country to address Zionist groups outside his home district, as well as lecture on Zionism at other public affairs.

The Worcester Zionist District held regular meetings with a variety of well-know Zionist speakers, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The organization, in addition to supporting the cause of Zionism, provided social and educational activities for the general public. Meetings were held in the Bancroft Hotel, with occasional other locations such as the Little Theatre being used when larger crowds were anticipated or especially well-known speakers were scheduled. Generally meetings attracted a capacity audience. Speakers were nationally or internationally known proponents of Zionism, and included such notables as Sholem Asch, Rep.. Emanuel Celler of New York, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, and other lecturers, authors, and political figures of national stature. Other Zionist organizations are mentioned in the collection in relation to Goldberg's lectures and Zionist presentations.

### Scope and Content

The collection consists of some 30 broadsides and fliers advertising Zionist meetings, lectures, and other events from the early 1930s to the early 1950s. The collection also includes clippings from local newspapers reporting on Zionist events and emphasizing Joseph Goldberg's activities on behalf of Zionism from the 1930s to the 1960s, and about 10 photographs of various functions, groups, and individuals. The collection provides insight into Zionist activities in the Worcester area during the period 1930s through 1950s, the importance of Joseph Goldberg to the Zionist movement locally and regionally, and the level of public support that the Zionist movement received locally.

Two broadsides are printed only in Yiddish, a third broadside is printed in both Yiddish and English.

### Series Description

The collection is arranged by format into four series:

Series 1: Broadsides. Advertisements of coming programs, most by the Worcester Zionist District, most 9 x 12 in. or 8 ½ x 11 in., printed on one side. Some in Yiddish.

Series 2: Fliers: Advertisements of coming programs, most sponsored by Worcester Zionist District, single fold, printed on both sides, various sizes.

Series 3: Clippings: Local newspaper coverage of events of Worcester Zionist District and activities of Joseph Goldberg.

Series 4: Photographs: Prints, most 8 ½ x 11 in. of individuals or groups active in local Zionist affairs.

Joseph Goldberg Collection  
1990.54  
Series 1, Broadsides

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|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.1        | Worcester Zionist District meeting notice, October 5, 1936, at Bancroft Hotel; Joseph Goldberg, speaker. English and Yiddish. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.2        | Worcester Zionist District meeting notice, December 22, 1937, at Hotel Bancroft; Hon. Elihu Stone, speaker. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.3        | Notice of dinner and reception for Sholem Asch and Charles Edward Russell, May 9, 1937, at Hotel Bancroft, Worcester. English and Yiddish. 8 ½ x 11 in.                                     |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.4        | Notice of reception and lecture given under the auspices of United Jewish Appeal; speakers, Maurice Samuels and Gedaliah Bublick, April 25, 1938 at Regent Theatre, Worcester. 8 ½ x 11 in. |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.5        | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, November 29, 1938, at Washburn Hall, Worcester; speaker, Pierre Van Paassen. 8 ½ x 11 in.   |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.6        | Notice printed in Yiddish, 1938. 8 ½ x 11 in.   |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.7        | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, March 21, 1938, at Bancroft Hotel; speaker, Prof. Gerhard Gershon Scholem. 8 ½ x 11 in.   |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.8        | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, April 21, 1940, at Temple Emanuel, Worcester; speaker, Louis Lipsky. 8 ½ x 11 in.   |
| 1            | 1               | 1990.54.1.9        | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, January 22, 1939, at Bancroft Hotel, Worcester; speaker, Ludwig Lewisohn. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |

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| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.10 | New England Zionist Region 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Convention, Bradford Hotel, Boston, Mass., July 12 - 13, 1941; Dr. Chaim Weizmann, guest of honor. 8 ½ x 15 in.  |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.11 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, January 13, 1941, at Worcester Girls' Trade School auditorium, in recognition of Barnett Wolkowich, guest speaker Ittamar Ben Avi, with a technicolor motion picture of Palestine. 8 ½ x 11 in. |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.12 | Notice printed in Yiddish, 1942. 8 ½ x 11 in.   |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.13 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, May 27, 1943 at Bancroft Hotel, Worcester; speaker Rev. Richard E. Evans. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.14 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, February 17, 1943, at Bancroft Hotel, Worcester; speaker, Rabbi Levi A. Olan. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.15 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, January 14, 1945, at Sheraton Hotel, Worcester; speaker, Mrs. Irma L. Lindheim. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.16 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, February 15, 1945, at Little Theatre, Worcester; speaker, Maurice Samuel. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.17 | Notice of Alexandria, Louisiana District, Zionist Organization of America, meeting, November 15, 1946; speaker, Joseph Goldberg, Worcester, Mass. attorney. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.18 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, March 17, 1947, at Beth Israel Synagogue; speaker, Dr. James G. Heller. 8 ½ x 11 in.  |

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| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.19 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, November 30, 1947, at Temple Emanuel, |
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Worcester; speaker, Baron Hans De Meiss-Teuffen.  
8 ½ x 11 in.

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| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.20 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, May 18, 1952, at Little Theatre, Worcester; speaker, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. 8 ½ x 11 in.                                      |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.21 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, February 18, 1953, at Sheraton Hotel, Worcester; speaker, Prof. S. Ralph Harlow. 8 ½ x 11 in.                                      |
| 1 | 1 | 1990.54.1.22 | Notice of Worcester Zionist District meeting, January 17, [no year], at Sheraton Hotel, Worcester; speakers, Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York, and Rabbi Joseph Klein. 8 ½ x 11 in. |

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1990.54  
Series 2, Fliers

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|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1            | 2               | 1990.54.2.1        | Notice of dinner and reception to honor Sholem Asch and Charles Edward Russell at Hotel Bancroft, May 9, 1937, [sponsored by] Worcester and Worcester County United Jewish Appeal.  |
| 1            | 2               | 1990.54.2.2        | Notice of dinner and reception for Dr. Stephen S. Wise and I. Edwin Goldwasser at Hotel Bancroft, May 22, 1938, [sponsored by] Worcester and Worcester County United Jewish Appeal. |
| 1            | 2               | 1990.54.2.3        | Notice of lecture and reception for Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman at Bancroft Hotel, March 9, 1941, organized by Worcester Zionist District.  |
| 1            | 2               | 1990.54.2.4        | Invitation to reception for Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados, U.S. Ambassador from Guatemala, at Sheraton Hotel, Worcester, February 17, 1948, organized by Worcester Zionist District.    |
| 1            | 2               | 1990.54.2.5        | Notice of "Zionist Town Meeting", April 1, 1953, at Beth Israel Synagogue; discussion led by Dr. Carl Herman Voss and Harry Torczyner.  |
| 1            | 2               | 1990.54.2.6        | Invitation to a dinner in honor of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, December 8, 1953, at Sheraton Hotel, Worcester; organized by Worcester Committee for the State of Israel Bonds.          |

Joseph Goldberg Collection  
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Series 3, Clippings

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|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.1        | “Back from visit city man tells of wonders of new Israel”, re Joseph Goldberg’s 1951 visit to Israel: Worcester Sunday Telegram, January 27, 1952. 3 p. Aqp                                  |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.2        | “The promised land becomes a promise”, re Joseph Goldberg’s 1936 trip to Palestine : Worcester Sunday Telegram, October 4, 1936. 3 p. Aqp  |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.3        | “Civic Rally attracts 50,000 to Green Hill”, Joseph Goldberg, Chairman of the program : Worcester Sunday Telegram, August 1, 1948. Aqp   |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.4        | “Israel Bond Number 1 redeemed”, re Israel Savings Bond; Judge Joseph Goldberg, head of Worcester area bond redemption : Worcester Telegram, May 13, 1963. Aqp                               |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.5        | “2 cited for aid to retarded”, Judge Joseph Goldberg, Toastmaster : Worcester Telegram, June 6, 1966. Aqp  |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.6        | “Four honored at Testimonial”, 18 <sup>th</sup> Yeshiva Testimonial Dinner, specific mention of Judge Joseph Goldberg honored as “Yeshiva man of the year” : [S.l., s.n.], May 14, 1961. Aqp |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.7        | “Zionists celebrate two birthdays”, anniversary of founding of Israel, and birthday of Judge Joseph Goldberg : [S.l., s.n., n.d.] Aqp  |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.8        | “Ex-Councilor Katz honored”, Judge Joseph Goldberg, Toastmaster : Worcester Telegram, February 10, 1964. Aqp   |
| 1            | 3               | 1990.54.3.9        | “TV press interviewer offers some opinions”, Judge Joseph Goldberg, Moderator : [S.l., s.n., n.d.] Aqp   |

Series 3, continued

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| 1 | 3 | 1990.54.3.10 | “Victory dinner closes Jewish campaign May 3”,<br>[S.l., s.n.], 1936. Aqp   |
| 1 | 3 | 1990.54.3.11 | “Glimpses: Attorney Joseph Goldberg traveled<br>100,000 miles by plane in year in interest of<br>Zionism” : Worcester Sunday Telegram, April 16,<br>1950. Aqp |

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 Series 4, Photographs

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| 1            | 4               | 1990.54.4.1        | Joseph Goldberg and other speakers, unidentified.<br>6 ½ x 8 ½ in.  |
| 1            | 4               | 1990.54.4.2        | Rabbi Joshua Liebman, "Peace of mind", Temple<br>Israel, n.d. : 8 x 10 in. / Egan Photo Service,<br>Boston, Mass.   |
| 1            | 4               | 1990.54.4.3        | Dinner speaker, unidentified. 8 x 10 in.  |
| 1            | 4               | 1990.54.4.4        | Testimonial dinner for Joseph Goldberg, November<br>6, 1949, at Sheraton Hotel; Nel Goldberg, Dr.<br>Abram L. Sachar, Joseph Goldberg, Gov. Paul A.<br>Dever, Gov. of Massachusetts, speaker : 8 x 10 in. /<br>photo by Sid Plotkin, Worcester, Mass. |
| 1            | 4               | 1990.54.4.5        | Dr. Ralph A. Bunche dinner, September 31, 1956,<br>floral presentation to Mrs. Ralph A. Bunche : 8 x 10<br>in. / photo by Sid Plotkin, Worcester, Mass.   |
| 1            | 4               | 1990.54.4.6-.7     | Warehouse interior, unidentified and undated : 8 x 10 in. /<br>Alexander Archer, New York. 2 items  |