

# WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Worcester, Massachusetts

## ARCHIVES

Jewish Invitations  
Collection

1987.34A

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## Collection Information

Abstract : The collection of Jewish invitations highlights the religious, cultural, and social aspects of the Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe to Worcester around 1900.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : The invitations were accessioned as part of a large mixed materials collection donated by Eva Blumenthal of Worcester, June 9, 1987. The collection was separated in 1987 with many elements stored by format.

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

Judaism -- Customs and practices..  
Jews -- Massachusetts -- Worcester.  
Jewish way of life.  
Circumcision -- Religious aspects -- Judaism.  
Confirmation (Jewish rite)  
Marriage (Jewish law)  
Invitation cards.

(local 690)  
Jewish Community in Worcester.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The years around 1900 were noteworthy because of the extensive immigration of Jews from Eastern Europe into Worcester. The earliest immigrants settled in the densely populated part of eastern Worcester around Green and Water Streets. The immigrants brought their religion, traditions, and cultural heritage with them into their new home. The invitation cards in the collection were sold in a local Jewish-owned store on Water Street, Apelbaum's, and represent some of the major life cycle events of Jewish religious tradition.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of three invitation cards printed ca. 1930 to Jewish life cycle events – circumcision, confirmation, and marriage. The cards formed part of a large mixed material collection which was taken apart and filed by format in 1987.

### **Series Description**

The cards are arranged into a single series: Invitation Cards.

Jewish Invitations Collection  
1987.34A  
Series 1, Invitation Cards

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1987.34A.1.1	Invitation card to Circumcision Ceremony, ca. 1930. 3 ½ x 4 ½ in. (Accessioned as 1987.34.7)
1		1987.34A.1.2	Invitation card to Confirmation, ca. 1930. 3 ½ x 4 ½ in. (Accessioned as 1987.34.8)
1		1987.34A.1.3	Invitation card to Marriage Ceremony, printed as a postcard, ca. 1930. (Accessioned as 1987.34.11)