

Henry Benezra papers, 1927-1982

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Benezra, Henry
Title	Henry Benezra papers
Dates	1927-1982 (inclusive) 1927 1982
Quantity	ca. .32 cubic ft
Collection Number	1685, 4608
Summary	Papers reflecting Henry Benezra's efforts as president and as leader of Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation to unite the various Sephardic congregations in Seattle from 1927 through the 1930's.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Open to all users.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

President, Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation, Seattle. 1899- . A member of the Rodosto Sephardim, Henry Benezra spent his early life in Istanbul and emigrated from there to New York in 1911. In 1918 he arrived in Seattle, where he was recruited for the Student Army Training Camp at the University of Washington. He studied electrical engineering at the University graduating in 1920. He worked for Western Electric from about 1922 to 1924, installing switching machinery for telephone exchanges in Seattle. During the main part of his career he worked for Puget Sound Power and Light. He worked for Seattle City light several years thereafter. Benezra affiliated with Sephardic Bikur Holim and served several scattered terms as president, beginning in the late 1920s. He introduced English into the congregation's services and business meetings. He was one of the major forces working for amalgamation of the three Sephardic synagogues in Seattle from the late 1920s into the 1950s.

Content Description

Consult the scope and content information for each of the accessions listed below.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 1685-001: Henry Benezra papers, 1934-1936

7 pages.

Scope and Content: Xerox copies of "La Vara" (Sephardic newspaper published in New York), 1934-1936.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Henry Benezra, 1971-08-17

Description

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Accession No. 1685-002: Henry Benezra papers, 1982

2.5" linear (5 sound cassettes, 60 min. ea.); transcript: 99 pages.

Scope and Content: Tape recorded interview by H. Droker on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 1982; and transcript.

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Acquisition Info: Henry Benezra, 1982-02-01

Description

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Accession No. 1685-003: Henry Benezra papers, 1928-1930

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Photocopied newspapers and clippings, 1925-1930s; photocopied pamphlet 1970.

"Jewish Transcript", 19 Oct. 1928, 13 Nov. 1925, 11 Dec. 1925; fragments from 28 Sept. 1928, 23 Nov. 1928, 7 Dec. 1928; undated clippings.

"La Vara", 1930s clippings, in Ladino and English. 1970 pamphlet explaining Sephardic Sabbath service.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Henry Benezra, 1982-03-01

Description

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Accession No. 4608-001: Henry Benezra papers, 1927-1940

1 microfilm reel positive; 1 microfilm reel negative.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, speeches, writings and notes, financial records, newsletter "Progress"; 1927-1940.

These papers reflect Benezra's efforts as president and as leader of Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation to unite the various Sephardic congregations in Seattle from 1927 through the 1930's. He wrote numerous articles promoting his ideas of greater unity.

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Acquisition Info: Loaned for filming by Henry Benezra, 1971-06-18

Description

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Names and Subjects

Corporate Names :

Young Hebrews Literary Club

Titles within the Collection :

La Vara

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Abrahams, Samuel

(creator)

Benezra, Henry

(creator)

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Benoliel, Stella
(creator)
Calderon, John
(creator)
Caston, John
(creator)
Cordova, Joseph
(creator)
Franco, Marco
(creator)
Levy, John Hezekiah
(creator)
Maslan, Benjamin A., 1901-
(creator)
Nessim, Simon S
(creator)
Corporate Names :
California Wine Association
(creator)
Congregation Ezra Bessaroth (Seattle, Wash.)
(creator)
Henry L. Yesler Estate, Inc
(creator)
Seattle Sephardic Community
(creator)
Seattle Talmud Torah Hebrew School
(creator)
Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation (Seattle, Wash.)
(creator)
Washington (State). Office of the Secretary of State
(creator)
Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

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