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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of David L. Weltman, 1995.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Esther Ziskind Weltman was born in Lowell, Massachusetts. She graduated from Smith College in 1922 and received a master's degree in education from Harvard in 1924. In 1950, upon the death of her brother, Jacob, she became trustee of the Jacob Ziskind Trust for Charitable Purposes. Abraham Berkowitz served as co-trustee. The Trust has provided funds for buildings and programs at many institutions of higher learning and research, including Smith College, Brandeis University, Hebrew Union College, the Hebrew University, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, the University of the Negev, and the Weizmann Institute of Science. The Trust has also supported the Judaica Studies Program at Yale and established the Ziskind Collection of Greek Manuscripts in the Yale University Library. Esther Weltman served as a trustee of the National Council of Jewish Women's Scholarship Clearinghouse, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, the New York Medical Center, Hebrew College, and the American International College. She died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 30, 1994.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Obituary of Jacob Ziskind	1950
b. 1, f. 2	Administration of the Jacob Ziskind Trust for Charitable Purposes [re: issues following the death of co-trustee Abraham Berkowitz]	1971
b. 1, f. 3	B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation [re: gift for the construction of the B'nai B'rith Hillel building at Boston University]	1954
b. 1, f. 4 - 8	Brandeis University [re: the Jacob Ziskind Visiting Professorships and the Jacob Ziskind Institute in Continuing Education in Jewish Studies]  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1952-1969, 1975, 1983, 1986-1987
b. 1, f. 9	Hadassah [re: gifts for construction and medical equipment]	1956, 1959
b. 1, f. 10	Hebrew Union College [re: the Jacob Ziskind Memorial Fellowship for graduate study]	1954-1966, 1971
b. 1, f. 11	Hebrew University [re: the Jacob Ziskind Visiting Scholars Program and the Jacob Ziskind Professorship of Biochemistry]	1959-1963, 1966-1977, 1985
b. 1, f. 12	Henrietta Szold Institute for Child and Youth Welfare [re: educational programs for gifted Oriental youth in Israel]	1960
b. 1, f. 13 - 15	Jewish Theological Seminary of America [re: the Jacob Ziskind Memorial Fund for research fellowships and publications]	1952-1962, 1966
b. 2, f. 16 - 18	Smith College [re: gifts for spectroscopic laboratories, Ziskind House (dormitory), the Jacob Ziskind Lectures on the History of American Civilization, and contributions to the alumni fund, research grants, tutorial program, and other Smith College programs]	1950-1978
b. 2, f. 19	Technion - Israel Institute of Technology [re: gift for Jacob Ziskind Student Hostel (dormitory) and other building projects]	1958-1964
b. 2, f. 20	University of the Negev [re: the Jacob Ziskind Visiting Professors Fund]	1971-1973, 1978
b. 2, f. 21	Weizmann Institute of Science [re: gifts for building projects, endowment, and scholarships]	1952-1978
b. 2, f. 22 - 23	Yale University [re: gifts for scholarships, the purchase of Greek manuscripts, support of the Yale Judaica Series, and the Ziskind Fund]	1956-1964, 1967, 1969, 1973

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Jews -- United States -- Charities  
Universities and colleges -- United States --  
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### **Names**

Berkowitz, Abraham  
Weltman, Esther Ziskind  
Ziskind, Jacob, -1950

### **Corporate Bodies**

Brandeis University  
Hebrew Union College  
Jacob Ziskind Trust for Charitable Purposes  
Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
Mekhon Yaitsman le-mada'  
Smith College  
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