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Raisin Papers, circa 1700, 1889-2009**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Rabbi Jacob S. Raisin papers
Date(s)	circa 1700,
Date(s)	1889-2009
Creator:	Raisin, Jacob S. (Jacob Salmon), 1878-1946
Abstract:	Clippings, correspondence, sermons, programs, certificates, diplomas, diaries, photographs, objects, and other papers of Jacob S. Raisin, Reform rabbi, author, and scholar. Raisin's writings focused on ethical behavior, intellectual history, religious observance and tradition. Materials also relate to Raisin's wife, Jane Lazarus Raisin, their children, Mordenai Lazarus Raisin Hirsch, Rachel Marla Raisin, and Aaron S. Raisin, and other family members, Raisin's record of professional activities and public service, particularly his involvement with Charleston's Jewish community, and the religious life of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim congregation.
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Biographical Note

Jacob Salmon Raisin (1878-1946) served as rabbi of Charleston's Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (KKBE) from 1915 to 1944, and as rabbi emeritus from 1944 to 1946. A noted Hebraist and scholar, he was the author of several books and many published articles and essays.

Jacob Raisin came to America in approximately 1892 from Nieswicz, Russia (now Nyasvich, Belarus). Educated in the public schools of New York and later at City College, he began his rabbinic career in 1900 after graduating from both Hebrew Union College and the University of Cincinnati. His brother Max was also ordained by Hebrew Union College, graduating in 1903. Jacob went on to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Denver in 1911, a D.D. from Hebrew Union College in 1913, and an LL.B. from Albany Law School in 1915. Before coming to Charleston, South Carolina, in 1915, he served in synagogues in Port Gibson, Mississippi; Butte, Montana; East Las Vegas, New Mexico; and Troy, New York. While in Charleston he also led services in small communities in Dillon, Florence, Darlington, Georgetown, and Beaufort, South Carolina, and Parris Island Marine Base.

Raisin was a prolific author whose works include *Georg Elyot: Katavaha Ve-Helekh Ruhah Hayeha* (Hebrew), 1899; *A Glimpse into Jewish Science*, 1900; *Sect, Creed and Custom in Judaism: A Study in Jewish Nomology*, 1907; *Reform Judaism Prior to Abraham Geiger*, 1910; *The Haskalah Movement in Russia*, 1913; *Jewish Contributions to the Progress of Russia*, 1919; *Twice Told Talmud Tales*, 1929; and *Gentile Reactions to Jewish Ideals with Special Reference to Proselytes*, 1953 (published posthumously). He contributed articles to numerous English and Hebrew magazines and journals, including *H.U.C. Journal*, *The New Era*, *The Masonic Observer*, *The Jewish Tribune*, *The Ark*, *The Jewish Forum*, *The American Hebrew*, and *The American Israelite*.

Rabbi Raisin was active in educational and civic organizations both within and outside the Jewish community. He was a member of Charleston's local Zionist group B'nei Zion (Sons of Zion) and the Zionist Organization of America. He served as a member of the County Board of School Commissioners (Charleston), the Salvation Army, the Chamber of Commerce, the Charleston Community Chest, the Jewish Welfare Board, and many other organizations. In 1917 Jacob Raisin married Jane Lazarus and the couple had three children: Mordenai, Rachel, and Aaron.

Collection Overview

The collection contains Jacob Raisin's papers, letters, manuscripts and typescripts for his books, diaries, and one copy of a published monograph. Also included are newspaper clippings and articles by and about Rabbi Raisin, as well as diplomas, certificates, photographs, and ephemera. Collection includes selections of Raisin's correspondence, personal writings, and professional writings, many of which were published in Jewish newspapers and periodicals.

Collection Arrangement

1. Biographical and family, 1892-2009
2. Rabbinic work, 1900-2003
3. Correspondence, circa 1890-1936
4. Writing, 1889-2007
5. Miscellaneous, circa 1700, 1908-1919

Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include the Lazarus and Hirsch families papers (Mss 1018), Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim congregation records, 1798-2002 (Mss 1047), the Willard N. Hirsch papers (Mss 1074), and an oral history interview with Mordenai Raisin Hirsch and Rachel Marla Raisin (Mss 1035-083).

Separated Material

Published items removed and cataloged separately.

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

- Raisin, Jacob S. (Jacob Salmon), 1878-1946
- Raisin, Jane Lazarus, 1887-1965
- Hirsch, Mordenai Raisin
- Raisin, Rachel M.
- Raisin, Aaron S., 1922-1989
- Raisin family
- Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.)

Subjects

- Jewish authors
- Jewish sermons
- Jewish families
- Jews--South Carolina--Charleston
- Jews in public life
- Rabbis
- Reform Judaism

Places

- Charleston (S.C.)

Types of Material

- Bas reliefs (sculpture)
- Black-and-white photographs
- Casts (sculpture)
- Certificates
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Commercial correspondence
- Copper engraving (printing process)
- Diaries
- Diplomas
- Galley proofs
- Genealogical tables
- Ketubahs
- Manuscripts for publication
- Passports
- Personal correspondence
- Picture postcards
- Programs (documents)
- Scrapbooks
- Scrolls (information artifact)
- Theses
- Typescripts

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Biographical and family, 1892-2009

Contains biographical information and materials about members of the Raisin family, including Jacob Raisin, Jane Lazarus Raisin, Max Raisin, Rachel Marla Raisin, Mordenai Lazarus Raisin Hirsch, Aaron Raisin, Salomon Raisin, and others. Documents include educational certificates and diplomas, personal correspondence, black and white family photographs, programs, clippings, and a plaster cast and bronze bas relief of Jacob Raisin.

Jacob Salmon Raisin materials, 1895-2008

This series consists of biographical materials pertaining to Jacob Salmon Raisin. These include diplomas and other documents related to his education at the University of Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College, University of Denver, City College of New York, and Albany Law School. The series also contains black and white photographs of Raisin as a young man, photographs of his parents, his wife, and his children, two scrapbooks he compiled, certificates documenting his involvement with the Freemasons, his death notice, a eulogy by David Lefkowitz, remarks by Rabbi William A. Rosenthal, and items relating to Raisin's personal library. Also included are scholarly articles about Raisin, and both a plaster cast and bronze bas relief of Raisin created posthumously by his son-in-law, noted South Carolina sculptor, Willard N. Hirsch.

Box 1 Folder 1

Educational documents, 1897-1935, undated

Includes graduation certificates, diplomas, announcements, and tuition receipts for City College of New York, University of Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College, University of Denver, Albany Law School, and the Rabbinical College Lishkat Harabonim.

Box 1 Folder 2

Educational certificates, 1900, 1918

(Flat storage Case F Drawer 1 | Oversize folder)

Diploma from the University of Cincinnati and certificate of admission to the South Carolina bar.

Box 1 Folder 3

Hebrew Union College, 1900

(Flat storage Case F Drawer 1 | Oversize folder)

Mounted photograph of Jacob Raisin with his graduating class.

Box 1 Folder 4

Graduation certificate, 1900

(Flat storage Case F Drawer 1 | Oversize folder)

Jacob Raisin's diploma from Hebrew Union College.

Box 1 Folder 5

Genealogical materials, 1923

Letter written by Raisin to his infant son, Aaron, regarding family history.

Box 1 Folder 6

General materials, circa 1940-2008, undated

		Includes death notice, eulogy by David Lefkowitz [H.U.C. classmate of Raisin's?], Sabbath remarks on Raisin by KKBE Rabbi William Rosenthal, other remarks by Maier Triest, Aaron Raisin, Mordenai Hirsch, Rita and Leon Banov, Sol Breibart, tributes from KKBE and B'nai Brith, a memorial service program, and information and articles about Raisin published in the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina's newsletter (2005 and 2008).
Box 1 Folder 7	Library materials, 1946-1996, undated	
		Includes letters written to Raisin's wife and daughter Rachel regarding his personal library and donation or purchase of his books. Also includes a typed inventory of Jacob Raisin's books presented to the Hebrew Union College library.
Box 1 Folder 8	Photographs, circa 1900-1927, undated	
		Photographs of Jacob Raisin and family members, including Raisin's parents, Aaron Raisin and Taube Slutzky; his children, Mordenai, Rachel, and Aaron; his wife, Jane Lazarus Raisin; and an unidentified man in uniform.
Box 1 Folder 9	Scrapbook, 1895-1934	
		Newspaper clippings by and about Jacob Raisin, in a bound volume. In English, Hebrew, and Yiddish.
Box 2 Folder 1	Scrapbook, 1905-1915	
		Bound volume of newspaper clippings by and about Jacob Raisin. In English and Hebrew.
Box 2 Folder 2	Freemason certificates, 1910, 1933	
		(Flat storage Case F Drawer 1 Oversize folder) Jacob Raisin's Latin certificates from the Freemasons in New Mexico and South Carolina.
Box 2 Folder 3	Charleston Freemasons' decree, 1933	
		(Flat storage Case F Drawer 1 Oversize folder) Recognizing Raisin as Knight Commander of the Court of Honour of the 32nd Degree.
Box 2 Folder 4	Friendship Lodge No. 9, 1929-1937	
		Banquet programs and menus for annual events.
Box 2 Folder 5	Passport, 1931	
		Raisin's passport, issued in 1931.
Box 2 Folder 6	Obituaries, 1946, 1974	
		Includes programs honoring Raisin's memory. Also includes a letter from Raisin's nephew Daniel Shimshoni to Mordenai Raisin, in which he translates a <i>HaDoar</i> article written after Raisin's death.

- Box 2 Folder 7 **Plaque of Jacob Raisin, 1949**
- Plaster cast and subsequent bronze bas relief created by Willard Hirsch, well-known Charleston sculptor and Jacob Raisin's son-in-law.
- Aaron Raisin materials, 1897-circa 1914
- This series contains items related to Jacob Raisin's father, Aaron.
- Box 2 Folder 8 **Biographical, 1897-circa 1914**
- Contains Raisin's naturalization papers from the U.S. Department of Labor, as well as a later copy.
- Jane Lazarus Raisin materials, 1894-1994
- This series consists of materials related to Jacob Raisin's wife, Jane Lazarus Raisin (1887-1965). Materials include her correspondence with her father, Marks Hubert Lazarus, her aunt Rachel Levy, and Jacob Raisin; a wedding invitation copper engraving plate announcing the marriage ceremony of Jane Lazarus to Jacob Raisin; certificates of recognition from the Jewish National Fund; congratulatory letters on the birth of Jane and Jacob Raisin's son, Aaron, and condolence notes on the death of Jacob Raisin, including letters from Stephen S. Wise and Abba Hillel Silver.
- Box 2 Folder 9 **Biographical, 1919-1994, undated**
- Includes clippings, certificates, and other materials related to Jane Lazarus Raisin, her involvement with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Hadassah, and other organizations. Also contains obituaries and a eulogy by Rabbi Burton Padoll(?).
- Box 2 Folder 10 **Correspondence, 1894-1897, undated**
- Personal correspondence sent from Jane Lazarus in New Jersey and Massachusetts to her father and her aunt (Rachel Levy?).
- Box 2 Folder 11 **Correspondence, 1902-1958, undated**
- Includes postcards to Jane Lazarus Raisin, her sister Mary Lazarus, and her aunt Rachel Levy.
- Box 2 Folder 12 **Marriage, 1917**
- A copper engraving plate and invitation announcing the upcoming marriage of Jane Lazarus and Jacob Raisin, sent by Jane's aunt Rachel Levy.
- Box 3 Folder 1 **General materials, 1917-1965 undated**
- Includes congratulations on the wedding of Jane Lazarus and Jacob Raisin and on Aaron Raisin's birth and bar mitzvah; clippings on honors received; certificates of recognition; and death notices.
- Box 3 Folder 2 **Condolence letters, 1946-1947**

Condolence letters to Jane Lazarus Raisin on the death of Jacob Raisin, including correspondence from Congressman L. Mendel Rivers, Abba Hillel Silver, Maurice Eisendrath, and Stephen S. Wise. Also includes a letter from the Charleston chapter of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, stating that the April 1947 class was named the Jacob S. Raisin class.

Box 3 Folder 3 **Speeches, 1940-1950**

Two speeches - one discussing Zionist institutions and democratic ideals in Israel, such as housing cooperatives (kibbutzim and moshavim), and the rescue of Jewish refugees from Germany (presented at a Hadassah conference), and the other in honor of Charleston's Jewish bicentennial.

Box 3 Folder 4 **Jewish National Fund certificate, 1958**

(Flat storage Case F Drawer 1 | Oversize folder)

Provisional certificate presented to Jane Lazarus Raisin from JNF through Hadassah.

Max Raisin materials, 1905-2009

This series consists of general materials on Jacob Raisin's brother, Max Raisin (1881-1957), including newspaper clippings about Max Raisin and his rabbinic work, some of his writings, his death notice, eulogies on the occasion of his death, and a bookplate from his library.

Box 3 Folder 5 **General, 1905-1957, undated**

Includes clippings about and writings by Rabbi Max Raisin, death notice, eulogies and remembrances, and a bookplate from his personal library.

Box 3 Folder 6 **Books, 1919, 1952**

Title pages of books by Max Raisin.

Box 3 Folder 7 **Genealogical, circa 2000-circa 2009**

Raisin family tree created by Joan Rosenthal, granddaughter of Max Raisin. Also includes a family tree by an unknown author.

Box 3 Folder 8 **Rabbinic thesis on Max Raisin, 1985**

"An American Rabbi: A Translation of Four Essays from Max Raisin's Dapim MiPinkaso shel Rabi," by Rachel Hertzman, towards requirements for rabbinic ordination at H.U.C. The thesis translates four of Max Raisin's autobiographical essays from Hebrew into English.

Rachel Marla Raisin materials, 1930-1984

This series consists of clippings relating to Rachel Marla Raisin (1919-), daughter of Jacob Raisin and Jane Lazarus Raisin.

Box 3 Folder 9 **General, 1930-1984, undated**

Includes information on a donation Rachel made to KKBE, and a donation made in memory of her parents to the Jewish Community Center.

Mordenai Lazarus Raisin Hirsch materials, 1929-2005

This series consists of materials relating to Mordenai Lazarus Raisin Hirsch (1918-), daughter of Jacob Raisin and Jane Lazarus Raisin. Materials include documents on her tenure as a first-grade teacher at the Addlestone Hebrew Academy (called Charleston Hebrew Institute from 1956-1986), her participation in events and celebrations at KKBE, and her involvement in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Charleston Gas Light Company.

Box 3 Folder 10

Addlestone Hebrew Academy, 1988-1997, undated

Includes clippings, remarks, and recognitions for Mordenai's 39 years of service teaching.

Box 3 Folder 11

Charleston Gas Light Company, 1946

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the company, with descendants of company founders. Mordenai's ancestor Joshua Lazarus was the company's first president.

Box 3 Folder 12

General materials, 1929-2005, undated

Includes KKBE programs, clippings, certificates, professional and personal correspondence, and writings.

Box 12

Scrapbook, 1934-2005

Scrapbook containing clippings on various members of the Raisin and Hirsch families, including Rachel Raisin and Mordenai Raisin Hirsch, Willard Hirsch, and Jane Hirsch, compiled in part by Mordenai Raisin Hirsch.

Aaron S. Raisin (1922-1989) materials, 1932-1989

This series consists of general materials on Aaron Raisin (1922-1989), son of Jacob Raisin and Jane Lazarus Raisin.

Box 3 Folder 13

General, 1932-1988

Materials include newspaper clippings on Aaron Raisin's success as a physician, as well as educational certificates and programs from his youth in Charleston.

Box 3 Folder 14

Biographical, 1942-1989, undated

Includes photographs, clippings, and other documents related to Aaron Raisin, his medical education and career, his service at KKBE, and his death, including a eulogy by Rabbi William A. Rosenthal.

Box 3 Folder 15

Genealogical, undated

Family trees handwritten by Aaron Raisin.

Salomon Raisin materials, 1892

This series consists of two business receipts of Salomon Raisin, a presumed relation of Jacob Raisin's.

Box 3 Folder 16

Receipts, 1892, undated

Two receipts in Hebrew for goods purchased by Salomon Raisin from Louis Minsky, of New York.

2. Rabbinic work, 1900-2003

This series consists of materials related to Rabbi Jacob Raisin's congregational service before and during his tenure at KKBE, including newspaper clippings regarding his professional life and pulpits, programs from various synagogue, community, and rabbinic events, requests for books he authored, professional correspondence, personal correspondence between Jacob Raisin and Jane Lazarus Raisin, an invitation to an event in the Taft White House, and a signed letter to Jacob Raisin from President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Congregations served prior to KKBE, 1900-1915

This series consists of materials relating to the years Jacob Raisin served as a pulpit rabbi at congregations before KKBE in Charleston, including Gemiluth Chesed in Port Gibson, Mississippi (1900-1905); Temple B'nai Israel in Butte, Montana (1905-1907); Temple Montefiore in East Las Vegas, New Mexico (1907-1911); and Temple Berith Shalom in Troy, New York (1912-1915). Also includes occasional rabbinic work performed at Temple Emanu-El of Borough Park (1911-1914). Includes newspaper clippings, official programs, professional correspondence, and invitations, including one to the Taft White House.

Box 3 Folder 17

Mississippi, Montana, and New Mexico, 1900-1906, undated

Includes clippings and other materials from Raisin's pulpits at Congregation Gemiluth Chesed (Port Gibson), Temple B'nai Israel (Butte), Temple Montefiore (East Las Vegas).

Box 4 Folder 1

New Mexico, 1908-1910, undated

Includes clippings from Raisin's rabbinic service, primarily at Temple Montefiore (East Las Vegas). Also contains information from a Reform rabbinical conference in Charlevoix, Michigan. Includes an invitation sent to Raisin to attend an event at the Taft White House, as well as a letter signed by Taft's secretary, Charles Hilles, in response to correspondence from Raisin, and a request from the Drew Theological Seminary Library for a copy of *Sect, Creed and Custom in Judaism*.

Box 4 Folder 2

New York, 1911-1914, undated

Clippings, programs, invitations, and other materials from the time Raisin lived in New York, during which he maintained an affiliation with Temple Emanu-El of Borough Park.

Box 4 Folder 3

Troy, New York, 1912-1915, undated

Includes clippings, programs, correspondence, and other materials related to Raisin's service at Temple Berith Shalom in Troy (New York); a signed letter from New York Governor Martin Glynn to Raisin, authorizing him to attend a congress in Berlin protesting the violation of the Berlin Treaty of 1878; an invitation to meet legislators from Governor Sulzer; and an invitation to the 25th anniversary celebration of the Jewish Publication Society.

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, 1914-2003

This series consists of materials relating to Raisin's tenure as rabbi of Charleston's KKBE congregation (1915-1946), including correspondence between Raisin and search committee chairman Thomas Tobias concerning Rabbi Raisin's initial application for the position at KKBE; correspondence between Raisin and Jane Lazarus prior to their marriage; programs from official KKBE events; newspaper clippings relating to Rabbi Raisin's work at KKBE; invitations to Charleston community events; a signed letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a request from the Library of Congress for one of Raisin's books, and copies of card catalog records from the Hebrew Union College (H.U.C.) library for Raisin's published works.

- Box 4 Folder 4 **Building, 1914-2003**
- Materials on events related to KKBE property, including the dedication of the organ, the rededication of the Coming Street Cemetery, and the renovation of the temple building on Hasell Street.
- Box 4 Folder 5 **Correspondence, 1915-1917, undated**
- Correspondence, mostly relating to Raisin's application for the pulpit at KKBE, dated 1915, and his initial engagement to lead High Holiday services in a letter from Thomas Tobias. Also includes personal correspondence between Raisin and Jane Lazarus.
- Box 4 Folder 6 **Rabbinic work, 1915-1923**
- Clippings, programs, and announcements relating to Raisin's work at KKBE.
- Box 4 Folder 7 **Rabbinic work and Jewish military, 1916-1918, undated**
- Clippings, programs, and announcements about Jacob Raisin's work at KKBE, especially military-related items. Includes an invitation to Raisin's home for Jewish soldiers, sailors, and marines in and around Charleston, and Raisin's Armed Forces registration certificate and "souvenir of service."
- Box 4 Folder 8 **Rabbinic and community work, 1919, undated**
- Includes programs, clippings, and other materials related to Jacob Raisin's work at KKBE, especially concerning Jewish Welfare Board meetings in Charleston and Atlanta and the Salvation Army. Includes a liquor permit issued to Raisin, necessitated by South Carolina's Prohibition of 1916.
- Box 4 Folder 9 **General materials, 1920-1923**
- Clippings of articles by and about Rabbi Jacob Raisin, railway passes, brief from the October 1920 South Carolina Supreme Court term for the case *John R. Campbell v. The First National Bank of Charleston and Janie L. Raisin and Mary Lazarus* regarding resolution of funds lost to Campbell through a loan made to T. Moultrie Mordecai. Also includes letter written by Raisin and other members of the South Carolina American Jewish Relief Committee raising funds for Jewish victims of violence in Russia, Poland, and Hungary.
- Box 4 Folder 10 **KKBE and community work, 1924-1925**

		Clippings of articles by and about Rabbi Jacob Raisin and KKBE congregation, program from the Centennial Celebration of the Commencement of Reform Judaism, and a letter from United Jewish Campaign Chairman David Brown appointing Raisin to the campaign's National Committee.
Box 4 Folder 11	Rabbinic writings, 1926-1927, undated	
		Includes clippings by and about Rabbi Jacob Raisin and KKBE, articles on kindness to animals, social justice, and interfaith issues, and articles about Hadassah Quat, Raisin's niece.
Box 4 Folder 12	General materials, 1928-1929, undated	
		Includes personal and professional clippings relating to Rabbi Jacob Raisin, engagement notice of Doris Quat, Raisin's niece, and a deposit ticket issued by the Library of Congress for two copies of Raisin's <i>Twice Told Talmud Tales</i> .
Box 4 Folder 13	Rabbinic work, 1930-1935	
		Includes clippings about Raisin and KKBE, a signed letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt requesting Raisin's assessment of the Social Security and WPA programs in Charleston, with a draft of Raisin's response on the reverse.
Box 4 Folder 14	KKBE and community, 1936-1940	
		Includes clippings, programs, and miscellaneous materials about Rabbi Jacob Raisin, KKBE, and other Charleston institutions, such as Ashley Hall. Also includes a photograph of Raisin with General C. P. Summerall, President of the Citadel, at WTMA radio.
Box 4 Folder 15	Community work, 1938-1939, 1946	
		Includes clippings about Rabbi Jacob Raisin, as well as articles from the Hebrew weekly newspaper <i>HaDoar</i> .
Box 4 Folder 16	Rabbinic work, 1939-1946, undated	
		Contains professional clippings and correspondence of Rabbi Jacob Raisin, including a letter sent to Senator Carl Hatch endorsing the Equal Rights Amendment, a letter from The Citadel's General C. P. Summerall acknowledging Raisin's retirement, notice from H.U.C. of an exhibition of alumni publications, photocopies of H.U.C.'s card catalog records of all of Raisin's works, and a letter from Governor Olin Johnston on Raisin's election to Charleston County's Board of Trustees of School District #20.
Box 4 Folder 17	Tribute, 1944	
		(Flat storage Case F Drawer 1 Oversize folder) Tribute given to Rabbi Jacob Raisin from KKBE congregation for 29 years of service and resolution electing Raisin rabbi emeritus for life.
Box 4 Folder 18	KKBE sesquicentennial, 1974	
		Sesquicentennial booklet for KKBE congregation.

Box 4 Folder 19	General, undated	Includes assorted personal and private clippings.
Box 4 Folder 20	KKBE rabbis subsequent to Raisin, 1984-1992, undated	Includes materials by and about rabbis William Rosenthal, Anthony Holz, and Allan Tarshish.

3. Correspondence, circa 1890-1936

This series consists of correspondence, primarily personal, to and from Jacob Raisin, his colleagues, family members, including his wife, his children, and his brother, the local B'nai Brith lodge, and Henrietta Szold. Family correspondence sent to Jacob Raisin while he was traveling details day-to-day events. Also includes several letters to and from Barnett Elzas. Some of Raisin's letters are in Hebrew.

Box 5 Folder 1	circa 1890-1934	Correspondence from Barnett Elzas to Jacob Raisin, from Elzas to an unidentified woman, and from Charles Simonton to Elzas.
Box 5 Folder 2	1907-1936	Correspondence in Hebrew written by Jacob Raisin, and a postcard from Henrietta Szold.
Box 5 Folder 3	1918-1919	Personal correspondence from Jacob to Jane Raisin.
Box 5 Folder 4	1920	Personal correspondence between Jacob and Jane Raisin.
Box 5 Folder 5	1921-1922	Correspondence to Jane and Max Raisin; also a congratulatory note to Jacob Raisin from Dan Lodge (B'nai Brith) on the birth of his son.
Box 5 Folder 6	1923	Personal correspondence to Jane Raisin.
Box 5 Folder 7	1924	Personal correspondence to Jane Raisin.
Box 5 Folder 8	1928-1929	Personal correspondence among Jacob, Jane, Mordenai, Rachel, and Aaron Raisin.
Box 5 Folder 9	1931-1932	Personal correspondence from Jacob Raisin to his family.
Box 5 Folder 10	1933-1935	

Personal correspondence between Jacob Raisin and his family, and some letters from Raisin to colleagues and friends. Also includes a letter from KKBE making the Raisins honorary members of the congregation.

Box 5 Folder 11 Undated

Personal correspondence from Jane and Rachel Raisin to Jacob Raisin.

4. Writings, 1889-2007

Diaries, 1892-1910

This series consists of two diaries compiled by Jacob Raisin, relating general events and daily life, personal reflections, and musings or letters to his brother Max Raisin. Some of the diary entries are in Hebrew.

Box 5 Folder 12 1892-1905

"My Life's Tragi-Comedy, Volume 1." In a letter to his brother Max at the beginning of the volume, Raisin notes that the diary is modeled after Samuel Johnson's. The diary is a combination of personal reflection and daily record-keeping.

Box 5 Folder 13 1905-1910

"Light and Shadows." A bound volume, mostly of letters written to Max Raisin, primarily in English.

Manuscripts, 1893-1938

This series consists of Raisin's English and Hebrew writings. These materials are either notes Raisin made for publications, sermons, or other speeches and lectures, or they are bound volumes of Raisin's thoughts, teachings, and ecclesiastical research, arranged chronologically. There are also several versions of Raisin's translation into Hebrew of Oliver Goldsmith's poem "The Deserted Village." The materials include Raisin's writings on living an ethical life, short biographical essays, or sermons on figures including George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham Geiger, and Harry Houdini. Also included are writings on the Jews of Charleston, the Jews of Russia, Pirkei Avot (Sayings of the Fathers), a topical anthology of teachings on numerous issues, and discussion of Jews in English literature.

Box 5 Folder 14 Hebrew composition book, 1893-1895

A combination of journal entries and poems by Jacob Raisin, written in Hebrew.

Box 6 Folder 1 "The Renaissance or the Rise and Spread of Hascala among the Russian Jews, Volume 1," 1900

Corrected typescript.

Box 6 Folder 2 "Creed and Custom in Judaism," 1903

Bound handwritten manuscript and related review. Later published as a book (see box 9, folder 13).

Box 6 Folder 3 Ethical writings, 1905

		Collection of handwritten essays by Jacob Raisin in Hebrew (pp. 28-71) on ethical topics with section headings like simple ways; living with the community and living simply; the study of simple living.
Box 6 Folder 4	"Treatise on the Simple Life," 1905	Handwritten pages in Hebrew by Jacob Raisin.
Box 6 Folder 5	Ethical journal, 1906	"Anthology." Bound volume by Jacob Raisin, includes writings and clippings on individual topics such as age, children, flattery, hope, magnanimity, etc., organized in alphabetical order.
Box 7 Folder 1	"Minhagim of Nomology (Customs of Law-Making)," 1906	Unbound, handwritten manuscript.
Box 7 Folder 2	"Lincoln, the First American," 1906	
Box 7 Folder 3	"Haskalah or, the Russo-Jewish Renaissance," 1907-1913	Bound corrected typescript. Includes receipt inside book for binding costs from A. Rafalovsky, New York.
Box 7 Folder 4	"The Conflict between Rationalism and Traditionalism or, Reform Judaism Prior to Abraham Geiger," undated	Handwritten manuscript written while in East Las Vegas.
Box 7 Folder 5	"Suffragism - Defeated or Delayed: A Rabbi's Plea for Equality," 1915	Includes the typed version of this essay and also correspondence between Raisin and Mrs. M. E. Halsey regarding the suffragist movement.
Box 7 Folder 6	"The Jews of Charleston," 1920	A history of Jews in South Carolina and Charleston, including a list of KKBE's past rabbis and presidents.
Box 7 Folder 7	"Deserted Village," 1920-1931	Handwritten Hebrew translations of Oliver Goldsmith's poem by Jacob Raisin from 1920, 1928, and 1931.
Box 7 Folder 8	"Kindness to Animals," 1925	
Box 7 Folder 9	"Harry Houdini," 1926	
Box 7 Folder 10	"Father Abraham" (Lincoln), 1927	
Box 7 Folder 11	"We Jews," 1929	
Box 7 Folder 12	"Twice Told Talmud Tales," 1929	
Box 7 Folder 13	Address delivered at the 7th Annual Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1930	

Box 7 Folder 14 "Jewish Affirmations: A Manual for Confirmands, and Those Interested to Know the Doctrines and Ideals of Judaism, 1931"

Box 7 Folder 15 "Washington the Mason," 1932

Article on George Washington.

Box 7 Folder 16 "The Sayings of Our Fathers," 1932

Written at the request of Harry Comins, Youth Activities Director for the Commission on Jewish Education, as a discussion guide for teenagers.

Box 8 Folder 1 "Judaism and Proselytism," 1938

Unbound corrected typescript.

Box 8 Folder 2 "Judaism and Proselytism," 1938

Unbound typescript.

Box 9 Folder 1 Hebrew writings, undated

Box 9 Folder 2 Hebrew writings, undated

Box 9 Folder 3 "Blocks or Stepping Stones," undated

Box 9 Folder 4 "Jackie Cohen and Jackie Coogan," undated

Article about persons and groups claiming to be descended from Abraham and related to the Children of Israel.

Box 9 Folder 5 "Why Go to Church or Synagogue?" undated

Box 9 Folder 6 "Jewish Types in English Literature," undated

Printed essay by Raisin in Hebrew.

Box 9 Folder 7 "Reform Judaism Prior to Abraham Geiger," circa 1910

Bound corrected typescript.

Published works, 1889-2007

This series consists of Raisin's published works in English, which appeared primarily in Jewish newspapers and journals, as well as *Twice Told Talmud Tales*. Also includes numerous published articles on Jewish history, social issues, Reform Judaism, and children's stories.

Box 9 Folder 8 "The Beginnings of the Renaissance among the Russian Jews," *H.U.C. Journal*, 1899

Essay on Jewish scholars, their intellectual contributions to Russian Jewish life, the Russian government's attitude towards Jews, Russian massacres of Jews, and related topics. Article spans 16th to 18th centuries.

Box 9 Folder 9 "A Glimpse into Jewish Science as Developed among Russian Jews," *Reform Advocate*, 1900

Box 9 Folder 10 "Moses and Washington," *Temple Sinai Pulpit*, 1903

- Box 9 Folder 11 "The First of the Maskilim," *The New Era*, March/April 1905
 Article on Isaac Baer Levinsohn, Russian-Jewish scholar and leader of the Enlightenment movement.
- Box 9 Folder 12 "Prince of Commentators," *American Israelite*, 1905
 Article on Rashi, 11th century French rabbi, who authored numerous commentaries on the Old Testament and other Jewish texts.
- Box 9 Folder 13 Clippings, announcements, and reviews of *Sect, Creed and Custom in Judaism*, 1907
- Box 9 Folder 14 "Judaism, the Scriptures and Masonry," *The Masonic Observer*, 1910
- Box 9 Folder 15 "The Conflict between Rationalism and Traditionalism, or Reform Judaism Prior to Abraham Geiger," 1910
 Program and printed booklet of talk given by Raisin at the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Charlevoix, Michigan. Geiger was a German-Jewish scholar and founder of Reform Judaism.
- Box 9 Folder 16 "Disillusionments," *The Jewish Tribune*, 1910
 Article about parenting.
- Box 9 Folder 17 "Tales from the Talmud," *The Ark*, 1903, 1914
- Box 9 Folder 18 "Twice Told Talmud Tales," issues 7-20, *The Ark*, 1915-1917
- Box 9 Folder 19 "On the Eve of Election," *The Jewish Monitor*, 1916
 Pamphlet discussing the decline of ethics amongst politicians, and the general state of conflict between political parties.
- Box 9 Folder 20 "The Jewish Contribution to the Progress of Russia," *The Jewish Forum*, 1919
- Box 9 Folder 21 "A Daughter of Israel," *The Jewish Forum*, 1921
 Article on the life and contributions of Grace Aguilar, British-Jewish writer on Jewish history and religion.
- Box 9 Folder 22 "The Literature of the Haskalah," *The Jewish Forum*, 1921
- Box 9 Folder 23 "Professor Gotthard Deutsch," *The Jewish Forum*, 1922
 Speech on Deutsch, an Austrian-Jewish scholar who later immigrated to America and taught at H.U.C.
- Box 9 Folder 24 "Hebrew Journalism and Belles-Lettres," *The Jewish Forum*, 1922-1923
- Box 9 Folder 25 "Creatures, Mute but Eloquent," *The Talmud Magazine*, 1923
- Box 9 Folder 26 "America and the Polish Jews," *The Jewish Tribune and Hebrew Standard*, 1923
- Box 9 Folder 27 "The Literature of the Haskalah (Enlightenment)," *The Jewish Forum*, 1924

- Box 10 Folder 1 "Lafayette and the Jews: His Gift to Dr. de Leon in 1824 Now First Told," *The American Hebrew*, 1924
- Box 10 Folder 2 "A Hundred Years of Reform Judaism," *The American Hebrew*, 1924
- Box 10 Folder 3 "The Cradle of Reform Judaism," *The Jewish Tribune*, 1925
- Box 10 Folder 4 "It Is No Vain Thing for You," *The Jewish Tribune*, 1925
- Weekly sermon on Chapter 32 of the book of Deuteronomy.
- Box 10 Folder 5 "The Cradle of American Judaism," *The American Israelite*, 1925
- Box 10 Folder 6 "Dayton versus Jabneh: How Judaism Would Regard the Teaching of Theories Not in Accord with the Literal Interpretation of the Bible," *The Jewish Tribune*, 1925
- A Jewish opinion on the Scopes trial.
- Box 10 Folder 7 "L'shanah Tovah (Happy New Year)!," *The Community Reflector*, [1927]
- Box 10 Folder 8 "Confessions of a Reform Rabbi," *The Reflex*, 1928
- Box 10 Folder 9 *Twice Told Talmud Tales*, 1929
- A note reading "1st copy?" appears on the title page, apparently in Raisin's hand. Printed by Behrmans' Jewish Book Shop in New York.
- Box 10 Folder 10 "How to Number Our Days and Years," *The Southern Israelite*, 1929
- Box 10 Folder 11 "Tolstoy: From a Jewish Viewpoint," *B'nai Brith Magazine*, circa 1930
- Box 10 Folder 12 "For Junior Readers: Stories from Twice Told Talmud Tales," *Young Israel*, 1931
- Box 10 Folder 13 "Washington, the Mason!," *The New Age*, 1932
- Box 10 Folder 14 "Jews, George Washington and Religious Liberty," *The Jewish Forum*, 1932
- Box 10 Folder 15 "Our Fountain of Youth," *The American Jewish Times*, 1936
- Discussion of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) as Jewish fountain of youth or opportunity for renewal.
- Box 10 Folder 16 *Gentile Reactions to Jewish Ideals*, 1953-1954, undated
- Clippings and publications related to Raisin's posthumously published book.
- Box 10 Folder 17 "Humanitarianism of the Laws of Israel: Kindness to Animals," *Jewish Tracts No. 6*, undated
- Box 10 Folder 18 "The Treatment of Animals among the Jews," *The H.U.C. Journal*, undated
- Box 10 Folder 19 Books removed from the Raisin collection and cataloged separately, 1889-2007
- Includes photocopies of cover pages of books removed for cataloging. Also includes items that were laid inside books. Several volumes were inscribed to Jane and Jacob Raisin by the authors. Authors include Max Raisin and Daniel Shimshoni, Jacob Raisin's nephew.

5. Miscellaneous, circa 1700, 1908-1919

This series consists of materials of unknown origin or uncertain relation to Jacob Raisin or his family.

Box 11 Megillat Esther, circa 1700?

Deerskin(?) scroll with Megillat Esther (book of Esther read at Purim). Possibly made in North Africa (Morocco), written with a reed.

Box 10 Folder 20 Ketubah (marriage contract), 1908

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Original marriage contract in Hebrew from September 1908 (18 Elul 5668) between Esther Devorah daughter of Rabbi Abraham and Rabbi Yitzchak.

Box 10 Folder 21 Various clippings, undated

Contains clippings of an index of general Jewish texts and reference works, photocopy of the above-mentioned ketubah from 1908. Also includes a slip from the Ladies' Free Loan Association in New York, Treasurer, A. Reisen.

Box 10 Folder 22 Black leather case, undated

Box 10 Folder 23 Pin and snuff box, circa 1917-1919, undated

Pin from the Jewish Welfare Board.