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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Mayer I. Gruber papers
Date(s)	1810,
Date(s)	1954-2011
Creator:	Gruber, Mayer I., 1944-
Abstract:	Professional correspondence, autograph collection, certificates, and other papers of Mayer I. Gruber, rabbi and scholar. Materials pertain to Gruber's academic positions, speaking engagements, and publications on biblical lexicography, the Book of Job, women in the biblical world, and medieval Jewish biblical commentaries.
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Language of Material:	Materials in English, Hebrew, Spanish, French, German, and Dutch

Biographical Note

Mayer Irwin Gruber was born in 1944 to Rabbi David Samuel Gruber and Mathilde Nover Gruber of Schenectady, New York. In 1950, Gruber moved with his parents and brother Louis Nover Gruber to Columbia, South Carolina, where his father was rabbi of the Tree of Life Congregation, while his mother worked as a vocational rehabilitation instructor. After graduating from high school in 1961, Mayer attended Duke University where, four years later, he received his A.B. in history. He obtained his rabbinic ordination in 1970 from the Jewish Theological Seminary and in 1977 earned a Ph.D. in ancient Semitic languages and cultures from Columbia University. Gruber's scholarly research and publications deal primarily with biblical lexicography, the Book of Job, women in the biblical world, and medieval Jewish biblical commentaries.

Mayer Gruber served as assistant rabbi of Congregation Oheb Shalom in South Orange, New Jersey, from 1970 to 1972; and rabbi of Mikdosh El Hagro Hebrew Centre in Evanston, Illinois, from 1976 to 1980. During this ten-year span, he was also a faculty member at Spertus College of Judaica in Chicago. In 1980, Gruber joined the faculty at Ben-Gurion University of Negev in Beersheva, Israel. Since then he has held visiting scholar positions at the University of Chicago; Victoria University (Wellington, New Zealand); the University of Melbourne; Brite Divinity School (Fort Worth, Texas); University of Manchester (UK); Lady Doak College (Madurai, India); and St. Kizito's Seminary (Dedza, Malawi).

In 2010, a *Festschrift* was published in Gruber's honor- *Or LeMayer*, edited by Shamir Yona.

Collection Overview

Professional correspondence, certificates, and other papers of Mayer I. Gruber, rabbi and scholar. Materials pertain to Gruber's academic positions, speaking engagements, and publications on biblical lexicography, the Book of Job, women in the biblical world, and medieval Jewish biblical commentaries. Also included is Gruber's autograph collection, which consists mostly of Jewish musicians' signatures.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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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

Gruber, Mayer I., 1944-

Subjects

Jewish scholars--Correspondence
Autographs

Types of Material

Certificates
Correspondence
Signatures (names)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2007 and 2011 by Mayer I. Gruber.

Processing Information

Processed by Sarah Dorpinghaus, September 2011.

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Inventory

Folder 1	General, 1954-2011, undated Includes certificates, a curriculum vitae, and a program from a childhood musical performance.
Folder 2	Autograph collection, 1810, 1952-1985, undated Includes signatures of Jewish musicians and other notable figures, such as David Rubinoff, Arthur Rubinstein, Robert Mendelsohn, and Isaac Stern.
Folder 3	Speaking engagements and publications, 1976-2010
Folder 4-7	Correspondence, 1961-2010, undated Mostly regarding professional activities, such as speaking engagements, research, and publications.