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Inventory of the Harris Blumenfeld Papers, 1917-1964

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Harris Blumenfeld papers
Date(s)	1917-1964
Creator:	Blumenfeld, Harris, 1861-1953
Abstract:	Contains a wedding anniversary certificate, obituary, Baron Hirsch Congregation centennial booklet, and Hebrew typewriter belonging to the poet Harris Blumenfeld.
Extent:	1.25 linear feet (1 slim document box, 1 oversize box)
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Call Number:	Mss 1113
Language of Material:	Materials in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish

Biographical Note

Harris Blumenfeld (1861-1953) was born in Tuckum, Russia, and immigrated to the United States when he was 19 years old. He married his wife, Dora, in 1887 and moved to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1910. In Memphis, he joined the Baron Hirsh Congregation, eventually serving as an assistant to the rabbi. He established the Blumenfeld Ice & Coal Co. in 1919 where he served as president until his retirement in 1942. Throughout his life he wrote poetry, publishing a book of poetry titled *Garlands of Thought* in 1941.

Collection Overview

The collection contains materials relating to the life and work of the poet Harris Blumenfeld. Materials consist of a wedding anniversary certificate, an obituary, a centennial booklet from the Baron Hirsh Congregation, and a Hebrew typewriter.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Separated Material

Two copies of *Garlands of Thought* by Harris Blumenfeld have been removed from the collection and cataloged.

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

Blumenfeld, Harris, 1861-1953
Baron Hirsch Congregation (Memphis, Tenn.)

Subjects

Jewish businesspeople--Tennessee--Memphis
Poets, Yiddish
Jews--Tennessee--Memphis--History

Places

Memphis (Tenn.)

Types of Material

Typewriters
Certificates
Programs (documents)
Obituaries

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

Materials donated in 2005 by Sylvia Blumenfeld Friedman Cremer and Dr. Harry B. Blumenfeld.

Processing Information

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Inventory

Box 1 Corona Typewriter Company Hebrew typewriter, circa 1917

Box 2 Folder 1 Golden wedding anniversary booklet, 1937

Commemorates the 50th anniversary of Dora and Harris Blumenfeld, featuring a photograph of the couple, the poem "To My Golden Bride" in English and Yiddish, and a certificate signed by the Rabbi Morris N. Taxon.

Box 2 Folder 2 Obituary for Harris Blumenfeld, 1953 July 10

Box 2 Folder 3 Baron Hirsch Congregation centennial booklet, 1964

Includes highlighted references to Harris Blumenfeld in the "History of the Baron Hirsch Congregation" and list of former members of the Board of Trustees.