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Inventory of the Bloom Family Papers, 1905-2010

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Bloom family papers
Date(s)	1905-2010
Date(s)	(bulk 1943-1980)
Creator:	Bloom family
Abstract:	Photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence, clippings, school records, and other materials relating to the Bloom family of Greenville, South Carolina. The majority of records document the education, military service, and community involvement of Jack Bloom, with a smaller quantity of materials pertaining to his parents, Julius and Jennie Shatenstein Bloom, and his wife, Lillian Chernoff Bloom, as well as items relating to the Chernoff, Cohen, and Shatenstein families.
Extent:	4.5 linear feet (5 document boxes, 1 slim document box, 2 flat boxes, 2 oversize folders, 5 compact discs)
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Language of Material:	Materials in English and Yiddish

Biographical Note

Julius Harry Bloom (1894-1973) was born in Poland to Amelia and Harris Bloom. The family immigrated to the United States in 1905, and in 1910 settled in Greenville, South Carolina, where Harris opened Bloom's Department Store. In 1917 Julius left to fight in World War I, serving in France with the 118th infantry. He was severely injured and recovered in multiple hospitals in France and Britain before returning home in 1919. Once home, Julius took over Bloom's Department Store and married Jennie Shatenstein. The couple had their first child, Jack, in 1920, followed by a second son, Melvin, and a daughter, Shirley. Julius ran Bloom's Department Store until his retirement in 1966, when he closed the store.

Jack Bloom attended Furman University, and in 1941 began studying law at Duke University. He interrupted his studies to serve in the army during World War II. From 1943 to 1945, he was stationed at Camp Shanks in New York. After the war, Jack completed his law degree at Duke, graduating and passing the bar in 1947. His younger brother, Melvin, received a Ph.D. in chemistry, and his sister, Shirley, married Jack Cohen in 1952 and had two children, Mark and Stacy.

Jack married his wife Lillian Chernoff in 1956, and settled in Greenville, where Jack worked as an attorney. Apart from his career as a lawyer, he dedicated himself to research and writing, and, in 2005, published "A History of the Jewish Community of Greenville, South Carolina" in The Proceedings and Papers of the Greenville County Historical Society. Both Jack and his father were active members of the local Jewish community. Julius served as president of Congregation Beth Israel in Greenville for 21 years and Jack was involved with the South Carolina Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges. Lillian Bloom was an active member of numerous civic associations and organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Mental Health Association of Greenville County. Jack and Lillian Bloom died in 2010.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of photographs, correspondence, school records, certificates, and clippings that document the Bloom family of Greenville, South Carolina, as well as a small number of materials relating to the Chernoff, Cohen, and Shatenstein families. Materials focus mainly on Julius and Jennie Bloom and their son, Jack. The largest portion of the collection consists of photographs, featuring mainly Jennie and Julius Bloom, their son Jack, and daughter, Shirley. Several photograph albums contain images of later generations of the Chernoff family. Paper documents pertain primarily to Jack Bloom's correspondence, education, military career, and involvement in the Jewish community, with a smaller number of items documenting the education and career of his wife, Lillian Chernoff Bloom. The collection also contains research files, drafts, and the final manuscript for *A History of the Jewish Community of Greenville, South Carolina* by Jack Bloom.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Julius H. Bloom papers (Mss 1034-012), an oral history interview with Jack L. Bloom (Mss 1035-126), and the South Carolina Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges records (Mss 1037).

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

Bloom, Jack L., 1920-2010
Bloom, Jennie Chernoff
Bloom, Julius H., 1893-1973
Bloom, Lillian, 1921-2010
Bloom family
Chernoff family
Shatenstein family

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918--Veterans.
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans.
Jewish businesspeople
Jews--Social life and customs
Jews--Intellectual life

Places

Greenville (S.C.)

Types of Material

Black-and-white photographs
Color photographs
Photograph albums
Correspondence
Certificates
Manuscripts for publication
Notebooks
Diplomas
Membership cards
Color patches (military patches)
Clippings (information artifacts)
Digital images

Administrative Information

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Inventory

Correspondence, 1920-2006, undated

The majority of correspondence is from Jennie and Julius Bloom to their son Jack, written while he was finishing his law degree at Duke University. It also includes a smaller number of letters from Jack while stationed at Camp Shanks in New York during World War II.

Box 1 Folder 1	1920-1947
Box 1 Folder 2	1962-1978
Box 1 Folder 3	1985-2006
Box 1 Folder 4	Undated

Photographs, circa 1905-2010, undated

The majority of photographs document the daily life of multiple generations of the Bloom family, including images taken in their home and at casual events and functions. Of note are images of Julius Bloom in uniform during World War I, Jack Bloom stationed at Camp Shanks during World War II, and Julius and Jack Bloom attending Congregation Beth Israel events. A significant number of subjects are unidentified.

Box 1 Folder 5	Harris and Amelia Bloom, circa 1905-1910, 1937, undated
Box 1 Folder 6	Julius Bloom as a young man, circa 1917-1918, undated
Box 1 Folder 7	Jennie Shatenstein Bloom as a young woman, undated
Box 1 Folder 8	Bloom family group photographs, circa 1930-1971, undated
Box 1 Folder 9	Julius and Jennie Bloom, 1942-1965, undated
Box 2 Folder 1	Jack Bloom as a child, 1920-circa 1930, undated
Box 2 Folder 2	Jack Bloom as a young man, 1939-1947, undated
Box 2 Folder 3	Jack Bloom in the army, 1943-1945, 1957, undated
Box 2 Folder 4	Jack Bloom as an adult, 1955-1968, 1998-2003, undated
Oversize Paper Folder 1	Jack Bloom as an adult oversize photos, 1955
Box 2 Folder 5	Lillian Bloom, 1985, undated
Box 2 Folder 6	Shirley Bloom Cohen and family, 1958-1982, 1998, undated
Box 2 Folder 7	Family friends, 1942-1955, 1994, undated
Box 2 Folder 8	Unidentified, 1937-1963, 1995, undated
Box 2 Folder 9	Unidentified, undated
Box 3 Folder 1	Small photograph album, circa 1960, undated

- Box 3 Folder 2
Small photograph album, 1977, 2003, undated
Images of Shirley Cohen, her two children, and friends.
- Box 3 Folder 3
Small photograph album, 1994-2010, undated
Images of Jack and Lillian Bloom, the Chernoff family, Jack's high school reunion, and Jack and Shirley.
- Box 3 Folder 4
Small photograph album, 2001, undated
Images of Lillian and Jack Bloom.
- Box 3 Folder 5
Small photograph album, 2006-2007, undated
Images of Stacy Cohen's wedding, Jennie Bloom, and Jack and Shirley Bloom.
- Box 3 Folder 6
Small photograph album, 2008, undated
Images of Jack and Lillian Bloom, and unidentified family members.
- Box 3 Folder 7
Small photograph album, 2009, undated
Images of Jack and Lillian Bloom, and the Stewart family.
- Box 4
Scrapbook, circa 1915, 1935-1987, undated
Materials mostly document Lillian Bloom's youth and the Chernoff family, as well as a smaller number of items pertaining to Lillian and her husband, Jack Bloom. Includes photographs, marriage certificates, wedding invitations, clippings, letters, and anniversary cards.
- Box 4
Scrapbook, circa 1917, 1944-1979, undated
Materials document the Chernoff family-mainly Lillian Chernoff Bloom, and Jack and Lillian Bloom's courtship and marriage. Also includes a small number of items documenting Shirley Cohen and her son, Mark. Includes clippings, letters from Jack to Lillian, programs, photographs, business cards, and genealogical documents, such as a family tree.
- Box 4
Photograph album, circa 1940-1970
Images of Lillian Chernoff as a young woman, and with her husband, Jack Bloom, in the 1960s.
- Box 4
Photograph album, circa 1950s-1960s, 1990s, undated
Images consist of Lillian and Jack Bloom; also includes some older photos, one of Jennie Shatenstein, and a few of Lillian Bloom in the late 1950s and early 1960s.
- Box 3 Folder 8
Photo Viewfinder Keychains and buttons, 1923, circa 1975-1980, undated

Contains images of Lillian and Jack Bloom, as well as several members of Lillian's family including Herman Chernoff and Lillian's mother, Pauline Markowitz Chernoff.

School records, 1933-1947

Records pertaining to the education of Jack and Lillian Bloom, from high school through post-graduate degrees.

Box 3 Folder 9

Programs, letters, and report cards, 1934-1947

Graduation ceremony programs, letters of achievement, such as honor roll and scholarship awards, and report cards.

Box 3 Folder 10

Yearbooks, 1939, 1941

Jack Bloom's high school year book and photocopied pages from Lillian Bloom's college year book.

Box 3 Folder 11

Jack Bloom law school notebooks, 1947, undated

Notes on wills and estates.

Box 5 Folder 1

Jack Bloom law school notebooks, 1947, undated

Notes on wills and estates.

Box 5 Folder 2

Exams and papers, 1947, undated

Final exam on wills and estates, and a paper titled "A Short Study of Three Approaches of Modern Philosophy: Idealism, Realism, and Pragmatism" by Jack L. Bloom.

Box 5 Folder 3

Diplomas, 1933-1947

Jack Bloom's high school, undergraduate, and law school diplomas and Lillian Chernoff Bloom's undergraduate diploma.

Genealogical research files, 1998-2010

Box 5 Folder 4

Chernoff family files, 1998-1999, 2010, undated

Box 5 Folder 5

Shatenstein family reunion correspondence, 2006

Audiovisual, 2006, 2008

(Jewish heritage Collection CDs Box 1 | 5 CDs)

CD 1118-CD01

"Shatenstein-Satenstein photos disc-1," 2006

Family photographs compiled and scanned at the Shatenstein family reunion in 2006.

CD 1118-CD02

"Shatenstein-Satenstein photos disc-2," 2006

CD 1118-CD03

"Shatenstein-Satenstein photos, index, trees disc 3," 2006

- Also includes family trees and name indexes.
- CD 1118-CD04 Jack and Lillian Bloom audio interview, disc 1, 2008
- Informal interview with Jack and Lillian Bloom conducted by Miriam Chernoff.
- CD 1118-CD05 Jack and Lillian Bloom audio interview, disc 2, 2008
- Box 5 Folder 6-7 Congregation Beth Israel, 1949-2010, undated
- Service and events programs, copies of the Beth Israel Bulletin, yearly sheets noting leadership and special events, and correspondence regarding redecoration fundraising efforts.
- Box 5 Folder 8 Invitations and announcements, 1920- 1963, undated
- Birth announcements, bar mitzvah invitations, wedding invitations, funeral memorial book for Harris Bloom, and a certificate honoring the wedding anniversary of Jack and Lillian Bloom.
- Jack Bloom military service, 1943-2006, undated
- Box 5 Folder 9 Military documents, 1943-1946, 2006
- Box 6 Flag flown for retired Colonel Jack Bloom with certificate, 1985
- Box 7 Folder 1 Patches, pins, and uniform belt, undated
- A History of the Jewish Community of Greenville, South Carolina*, 1981-2006, undated
- Box 7 Folder 2 Research clippings, 1981, 1986
- Box 7 Folder 3 Research notes, undated
- Box 7 Folder 4 Correspondence 1997-2006, undated
- Box 7 Folder 5 Drafts, 1998-2005
- Box 8 Folder 1 Professional certificates, 1949-1993, undated
- Oversize Paper Folder 2 Oversize professional certificates, 1956-1972
- From the United States Court of Appeals, the Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay, the Judge Advocate General's School, and the United States Court of Military Appeals.
- Box 8 Folder 2 South Carolina Association of B'nai Brith Lodges, 1954-1959
- Box 8 Folder 3 Membership cards, 1946, 1952-1953, undated
- From the American Bar Association, Zionist Organization of America, Order of DeMolay, and Greenville County of Economic Opportunity Commission.
- Box 8 Folder 4 Lillian Chernoff Bloom certificates, 1954-1955, 1988-2004, undated

Includes certificates of appreciation from the American Red Cross and a plaque recognizing her contributions to the Mental Health Association of Greenville County.

Box 8 Folder 5-6

Clippings, 1941-1973, undated

News clippings describing Jack Bloom's community involvement, Julius H. Bloom, Bloom's Department Store, Congregation Beth Israel, and Shirley Bloom's marriage announcement. Also includes obituaries for several Bloom family members.

Box 8 Folder 7

Miscellaneous, 1969, undated