THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	**Goldman, Professor Maurice David**
ACCESSION NO	2000.0039
CATEGORY	Other, individuals
ACTIVITY	Academic, Semitic Studies
DATE RANGE	1937-1956
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1 box
HISTORICAL NOTE	Maurice Goldman was born in 1898 in Kolo, Poland where he was Raised and educated in Poland, he transferred in 1920 to the University of Berlin, where he graduated in 1925 in Islamic culture and oriental languages. He subsequently lectured in Semitic languages at several universities in Germany until 1938 when he left Germany, narrowly eluding the Gestapo. He arrived in Australia in January, 1939. Throughout WW2 Goldman served as an interpreter and consultant to the Department of the Army in Melbourne. Initially a guest lecturer at the University his erudition resulted in a personal chair, the foundation chair, in Semitic Studies being created for him in 1945. A remarkable linguist, he had a working knowledge of forty languages. Active in Jewish affairs and the intellectual life of the University, he published many articles and chapters in Australian Jewish News and Australian Biblical review, which he had helped found. Maurice Goldman died on 14 September, 1957 in Melbourne. Reference: http://adbonline.anu.edu.au/biogs/A140324b.htm
DATE OF TRANSFER	23 June 2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	
DESCRIPTION	Box containing folders: l. Correspondence file; 2. Miscellaneous papers file; 3. File of miscellaneous financial records; 4. Newspaper cuttings file 5. File containing miscellaneous papers and published material such as brochures, travel maps, photographs and postcards.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	

NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	Kim Burrell
DATE	15 February 2011

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Series 1			
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
1		Folder of correspondence includes letters from Finchley Synagogue, Temple Beth Israel St Kilda, and State Zionist Council of Victoria. Correspondence is in English, German, Hebrew	1947 - 1956
1		File of miscellaneous papers, including circulars, invitations, newsletters, etc to do with Jewish affairs and activities at the University of Melbourne	1937-1946
1		File of miscellaneous invoices and receipts relating to household, travel and academic expenses, such as booksellers, Raffles Hotel, Singapore, and Parkville Motors, etc.	1952-1956
1		File contains cuttings from English and Hebrew newspapers concerning the Middle East and Jewish life; A copy of 'The Australian Jewish News' 26 November 1954.	c. 1951-1954
1		File containing miscellaneous papers and printed material. Includes blank postcards, photographs, tourist maps of Melbourne, Israel and Sweden. Publications include program for 1939 SRC revue 'Getting the Bird' and for the Tin Alley Players' production of Sartre's 'The Flies' (Les Mouches) [no year given], Order of Service for the funeral of Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, travel brochures, brochures about the World Union OSE, Jewish observances, the Falasha, and small booklet of bilingual crosswords. Miscellaneous papers include a corrected Hebrew lesson; annotated copy of roneoed diet prescribed for 'Prof. Goldman' dated 1950, sketches.	c. 1939-c. 1950s

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