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מבוא

אלכסנדר מרדכי דושקין נולד בסוולקי, פולין, בשנת 1890, והובא לארצות-הברית בשנת 1901. הוא למד ב-City College, ה-Jewish Theological Seminary ובאוניברסיטת קולומביה בניו-יורק, בה הוא כתב את התיזה הראשונה אודות נושא יהודי חינוכי (חינוך יהודי בניו יורק סיטי). דושקין התחתן עם יוליה אהרונוסון בירושלים בשנת 1921 ונולדו להם שתי בנות, כינרת גנסלר ואבימה לומבורד. הוא נפטר בירושלים בשנת 1976.

1910-1918: הוא עבד במחלקה לחינוך היהודי שבקהילת ניו יורק, תחת הדרכתו של ד"ר שמשון בנדרלי, ובשנת 1916 שהה באירופה כמזכיר ה-American Jewish Relief Committee.

1919-1921: היה מפקח על בתי הספר היהודים בפלשתינה ולימד במכללה למורים עבריים בירושלים.

1921-1922: שירת כמזכיר "קרן היסוד" בארצות הברית.

1923-1924: ניהל את המחלקה לחינוך יהודי בשיקגו, ארצות הברית, וייסד בעיר זו את המכללה ללימודים יהודיים.

1934-1939: הקים את מחלקת החינוך של האוניברסיטה העברית והיה מנהל בית הספר התיכון הניסויי שליד האוניברסיטה העברית.

1939-1949: שירת כמנהל הועד הפועל של ועדת החינוך היהודי בניו-יורק.

1949-1960: ייסד וניהל את בית הספר ללימודי תואר ראשון באוניברסיטה העברית, לימד חינוך וניהול חינוך באוניברסיטה ושימש כיועץ חינוכי לארגון הנשים הדסה בארץ.

החל משנת 1962 היה ראש המחלקה לחינוך יהודי בגולה במכון ליהדות זמננו באוניברסיטה העברית.

דושקין ערך מאמרים על חינוך בארצות הברית ובארץ וכתב מונוגרפים ומאמרים רבים אודות חינוך יהודי. בשנת 1968 הוענק לו פרס ישראל.

האוסף

בנוסף לפעולותיו המקצועיות, היה דושקין מעורב בהיבטים רבים אחרים של החיים היהודיים, כגון, התנועה הרקונסטרוקציוניסטית בארצות הברית, מכללת החינוך ע"ש דוד ילין בירושלים ו"נאות קדומים" – השמורה הלאומית של טבע הארץ במקורות ישראל. הייתה לו חברות עמוקה עם יהודים אמריקאיים רבים בעלי אמצעים, אשר תרמו לעתים קרובות למוסדות בהם היה מעורב. פעולות וחברויות אלה באות לידי ביטוי במסמכים.

המסמכים מאורגנים בסדר כרונולוגי רופף. רוב התיקים מכילים גם התכתבות אישית בנוסף למכתבים על נושאים שונים. מתוכם רק הנושאים העיקריים מוזכרים בתיאורי התיקים.

חומר נוסף על אודות דושקין בארכיון המרכזי לתולדות העם היהודי נמצא האוסף מגנס (P3).

Introduction

Alexander Mordechai Dushkin was born in Suwalki, Poland in 1890, and was taken to the United States in 1901. He studied at City College, the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York, where he wrote the first doctoral dissertation on a Jewish educational theme ("Jewish Education in New York City"). Dushkin married Julia Aronson in Jerusalem in 1921 and had two daughters, Kinnereth Genslar and Avima Lombard. He died in Jerusalem in 1976.

1910-1918 was associated with the Bureau of Jewish Education under Dr. Samson Benderly at the *Kehillah* in New York City, and in 1916 went to Europe as a secretary of the American Jewish Relief Committee.

1919-1921 served as inspector of Jewish schools in Palestine and taught at the Hebrew Teachers' College in Jerusalem.

1921-1922 was appointed secretary of *Keren Hayesod* in the USA.

1923-1934 directed Chicago's Board of Jewish Education and founded the city's College of Jewish Studies

1934-1939 organized the Hebrew University's department of education and was principal of the experimental Hebrew University Secondary School.

1939-1949 served as executive director of the Jewish Education Committee in New York.

1949-1960 established and directed the Hebrew University's School of Undergraduate Studies, taught education and education administration at the University and served as Education Consultant to Hadassah Women's Organization in Israel.

From 1962 he headed the Department of Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

Dushkin edited educational publications in the United States and Israel and wrote many monographs and articles on Jewish education. In 1968 he was awarded the Israel Prize.

The papers

In addition to his professional activities, Dushkin was involved in many other aspects of Jewish life, such as the Reconstructionist movement in the USA, the David Yellin Teachers' Seminary and the *Neot Kedumim* Biblical reserve in Israel. He maintained close friendships with many affluent American Jews, who often contributed funds to the various causes with which he was connected. The papers reflect these activities and friendships.

Dushkin's files are arranged in a loose chronological order. Most of the files contain private correspondence as well as letters on a variety of subjects, of which only the major ones have been mentioned in the file descriptions.

Additional material on Dushkin at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People is to be found in the Magnes collection (P3).

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Correspondence (main topics)

1	Education and the Scout movement in Palestine; <u>incl.</u> : A report by Dushkin on schools in the Galilee	1919-1921
2	Jewish education in New York and in Baltimore; Camp <i>Modin</i> in Maine; education in Palestine	1922
3	Camp <i>Modin</i>	Nov. 1922 - 1938, 1949, 1973
5	Jewish education in New York and Chicago <u>incl.</u> : a letter from J.L. Magnes on the <i>Reali</i> school in Haifa	1923
6	The <i>Reali</i> school in Haifa; the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem; Jewish education in the USA; Samuel Reshevsky, child chess prodigy; Camp <i>Modin</i>	1924
7	Jewish education in Chicago; Jewish social work in the USA; the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem	1925
8	Jewish education and social work in the USA; Samuel Reshevsky; Camp <i>Modin</i> ; the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem	1925
9	Camp <i>Modin</i> ; the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem; Jewish education in the USA; Samuel Reshevsky	1926
10	Jewish education and social work in the USA; education in Palestine; Samuel Reshevsky	March 1926 - Dec. 1927
11	Education in Palestine; " <i>Bezalel</i> ", Jerusalem; the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem; the Talmudic Library (USA); the Society for the Advancement of Judaism; Samuel Reshevsky	1928
12	Education in Palestine; the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem; Samuel Reshevsky; YIVO; Jewish education in Chicago	1929
13	Education in Palestine; the Hebrew University; " <i>Bezalel</i> "; Samuel Reshevsky; Jewish education in the USA; Jewish social work in Chicago	1930
14	Education in Palestine; Samuel Reshevsky; the Jewish Agency in Palestine; Jewish education in the USA	1931
15	Education in Palestine; a conference of the Council for the Reconstruction of Jewish life (USA); Chicago Board of Jewish Education	Sept. 1931 - 1933

16	A building for the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem; a conference of the Council for the Reconstruction of Judaism (USA); Jewish social work and education in the USA	1932
17	Jewish education in Chicago; education in Palestine; establishing a department of education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem together with an experimental high school	1933
18	Establishing a department of education at the Hebrew University together with an experimental high school under Dushkin's direction	1933 - 1934
19	Establishing a department of education at the Hebrew University together with an experimental high school under Dushkin's direction	1933 - 1934
20	Chicago Board of Jewish Education; Dushkin's preparation for <i>aliya</i>	1934
21	Establishing a department of education at the Hebrew University together with an experimental high school under Dushkin's direction	1934
22	Establishing a department of education at the Hebrew University together with an experimental high school under Dushkin's direction <u>incl.</u> : Letters of support from the Zionist Youth Federation of Basavilbaso, Entre Rios, Argentina	1934
23	Dushkin's appointment to the Hebrew University department of education and private matters with Isaac Berkson	1934
24	Dushkin's appointment to the Hebrew University department of education <u>incl.</u> : a letter from Albert Einstein, Nov. 27	1934
25	Dushkin's position at the Hebrew University and establishment of an experimental secondary school	1935
26	Hebrew University departments of psychology and education; the Hebrew secondary school; Jewish education in Chicago	1936
27	Correspondence minutes, memoranda of the Hebrew secondary school	1936 - 1960
28	Hebrew University department of education; Hebrew secondary school; Mordechai Kaplan's potential appointment to the Hebrew University	1937
29	The education department of the <i>Vaad Leumi</i> ; Hebrew University pedagogy department; Hebrew secondary school; formation of a Jewish Education Committee (JEC) in New York	1938

30	The Hebrew secondary school; Dushkin's appointment to the JEC in New York; replacements for Dushkin and Mordechai Kaplan at the Hebrew University	1939
31	The JEC; Hebrew University; Hadassah Women's Organization	1940
32	The JEC (mainly with Justice Samuel Rosenman); the Hebrew University; Hadassah Women's Organization; David Dushkin. <u>incl.</u> : an address by Mordechai Kaplan on "Jewish Education and the Ethic of Democracy"	1940 - 1942
33	The JEC; the Hebrew University; American Friends of the Palestine Conservatory of Music. <u>incl.</u> : Memorandum of J.L. Magnes on compulsory military service of Hebrew University students	1941
34	J.L. Magnes' views on Jewish nationalism and anti-Zionist activities	Dec. 1942 - 1943
35	The JEC; the Hebrew University; the Hebrew secondary school. <u>incl.</u> : a memorial booklet in Hebrew on Dr. Moshe Brill, 1944	1943 - 1944
36	Secondary schooling in Palestine; the Hebrew University; Jewish education in the USA	1948
37	Jewish education; the <i>IHUD</i> association; <i>Brit Ivrit Olamit</i> ; Dushkin's proposed guest lectureship at the Hebrew University	1946
38	The Joint Distribution Committee (JDC); Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; Jewish education in the world; Dushkin's service at the Hebrew University	1947
39	Jewish education in the USA; Hadassah Women's Organization; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the Hebrew University; the JDC, <i>Histadrut Hamorim</i> ; the Hebrew Teacher's College in Jerusalem; a Magnes memorial	Feb. 1947 - Dec. 1949
40	The National Council of Jewish Women; the JDC; Dushkin's appointment to the Hebrew University	Feb. - Dec. 1948
41	Dushkin's appointment as Dean of Undergraduate Studies and professor of education at the Hebrew University	Jan. 1948 - July 1949
42	Dushkin's appointment to the Hebrew University and as educational consultant for Hadassah Women's Organization on Youth <i>Aliyah</i> <u>incl.</u> : Address at a JEC (NY) board meeting, April 5, 1949	1948 - 1949
43	The Hebrew University; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the JEC and other public activities in Israel and the USA	June - Dec. 1949

44	The National Council of Jewish Women, USA; fundraising for the Hebrew University; the University department of education; the Hebrew Secondary School	1948 - 1973
45	Youth <i>Aliyah</i> and vocational education (esp. <i>Kfar Hanoar Ben Shemen</i>) and participation in the 5 th UNESCO Conference in Florence, Italy	1950
46	The Hebrew University (including fundraising), the JEC; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the music conservatory in Jerusalem	1950
47	Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; Hadassah Youth Services; the Hebrew University; Jewish education in the Diaspora; UNESCO	1950
48	The Hebrew University; Hadassah Youth Services; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; Israeli Boy Scouts <u>incl.</u> : minutes of meetings	1950
49	Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; vocational education; the Hebrew University department of education; Israeli Boy Scouts	1950
50	Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; Hadassah Youth Services; vocational education; Israeli students in the USA	1951
51	The Hebrew University department of education; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; Hadassah Youth Services; secondary schools and vocational education. <u>incl.</u> : minutes of meetings	1951
52	Scholarships and donations to the Hebrew University; the JEC; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the music conservatory in Jerusalem	1951
53	Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the Hebrew University; Hadassah Women's Organization; education in Israel	1952
55	Dushkin's service as consultant to Hadassah Women's Organization in Israel; the Hebrew University	1952 - 1967
56	The Hebrew University; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> . <u>incl.</u> : minutes of various bodies	1953
57	The Hebrew University; vocational schools	1953
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60	Rural vocational training for Youth <i>Aliyah</i> on behalf of the Hadassah Women's Organization; the Israeli commission for UNESCO	1954 - 1955
61	The Hebrew University department of education; sabbatical in the USA; J.L. Magnes biography	1955

62	The Hebrew University department of education; the Ministry of Education committees on secondary schools and scouts; rural vocational training; <i>Neurim</i> school; “Children to Palestine” organization on behalf of Arab schoolchildren	Jan. 1955 - Feb. 1956
63	Hebrew University department of education; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the <i>Neurim</i> school	March - Dec. 1956
64	The Hadassah Hospital Shikun Advisory Committee; the Hebrew University department of education; the <i>Neurim</i> school	1957
65	The Hebrew University department of education; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the <i>Neurim</i> school	1958
66	The Hebrew University department of education; the Hadassah Council in Israel; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; vocational education; the Hebrew University Secondary School; study of Jewish education in the USA	1959
67	The Hebrew University; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the Israel Composer’s Fund (Recha Freier); Jewish education in the Diaspora; Dushkin’s 70 th birthday; the Educational Encyclopedia	1960
68	The Hebrew University; Hadassah Women’s Organization; Youth <i>Aliyah</i> ; the Hebrew University Secondary School. <u>incl.</u> : an article on Henrietta Szold	1961
69	Jewish education in the Diaspora; Dushkin’s trip to South Africa and South America	Dec. 1961 - 1962
70	The National Council of Jewish Women, about the Hebrew University Secondary School	1962 - 1974
71	Jewish education in the Diaspora	1962
72	A world study of Jewish education in the Diaspora; the Institute for Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University	1963
73	Hadassah vocational education; <i>Yad Vashem</i> ; the Hebrew University	1963
74	The foundation of the International Cultural Center for Youth in Israel (the ICCY), including by-laws and minutes	1963 - 1972
75	The Hebrew University; Jewish education in the Diaspora	1964
76	The Hebrew University Secondary School and the National Council of Jewish Women; the Seligsberg school; vocational education	1964
77	The Hebrew University Secondary School; Hadassah vocational education; a trip to the USA on behalf of the Hebrew University; Jewish education in the USA	1964

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86	Hadassah Women's Organization; the Hebrew University; the ICCY	1966
87	Jewish education and teacher's training in the Diaspora; teaching at the Hebrew University; vocational education	Jan. - May 1967
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89	Hadassah Women's Organization; vocational education; the ICCY; the World Council on Jewish Education; the Hebrew University	1967
90	The Hebrew University and Jewish education in the Diaspora.	Aug. - Dec. 1967
91	The Hebrew University and Jewish education in the Diaspora	1967 - 1968
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94	The Hebrew University; Jewish education in the Diaspora; Dushkin's receipt of the Israel Prize	Feb. - Sept. 1968
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