Henry Israel. Papers, 1899-1958. Item List
Israel, Henry, b. 1877. Papers, 1897-1958. .7 cubic ft.

Executive secretary of the Young Men’s Christian Association.

Summary: Correspondence with civic leaders of Hastings and Westchester County concerning recreational and educational programs and the country life movement; a scrapbook of Y.M.C.A. material, 1899-1903; notes and rough drafts of speeches, minutes, pamphlets, clippings, and other printed materials of the Community Service Council of Hastings, especially relating to educational problems and child welfare, taxation, and the administrative organization of Westchester County and the problems associated with it.

Finding aids: Item list.


Cite as: Henry Israel. Papers, #2159. Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University Libraries.
A. Correspondence: February 7, 1933; July 24, 1935 to April 27, 1938; October 2, 1949 to March 14, 1958.

1. To Arthur Bruckner (connected with Hastings' School Board) from Israel re maintenance of local schools. 2/7/33 (copy)
2. To Rowland C. Sheldon (Big Brother and Big Sister Federation, Inc.) from Israel re pamphlet on problem children in Hastings. 7/24/35 (copy)
3. To Israel from Sheldon re "overageness" in school children. 7/26/35
4. To Wm. R. Shirley (Pres. of Hastings Board of Ed.) from Israel re using school facilities for recreation program of Community Service Council. 8/31/35 (copy)
5. To Israel from W.C. Sutherland (Local Employment Service of the National Recreation Association) re suggesting names of person for recreation director in Hastings. 9/10/35.
6. To Dr. Edmund de S. Brunner of Teachers College, Columbia University from Israel re request for advisor on adult education program for Hastings Community Council. 9/16/35 (copy)
7. Letters to Robert Crawford from Israel and Mr. Steinschneider, Mayor of Hastings, asking him to accept position as recreational director of Hastings. 9/18/35
8. To Israel from Shirley in answer to no. 4. 9/21/35
9. To Robert W. Crawford from Israel re Crawford's accepting an invitation to come to Hastings. 9/26/35 (copy)
10. To Dr. Edmund de S. Brunner of Teachers College, Columbia University, from Israel re paying an advisor for setting up an adult education program in Hastings. 9/26/35 (copy)
11. To W.C. Sutherland (National Recreation Association) from Israel re Robert W. Crawford accepting the position of recreation director of Hastings. 10/1/35 (copy)
12. To Edmund de S. Brunner from Israel re inviting Brunner to the opening of the adult education program at Hastings High School. 1/3/36 (copy)
13. To Israel from Edmund de S. Brunner explains why he can't accept the invitation to the opening of the adult education program. 1/4/36
14. To Israel from John L. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools in Hastings re talk Israel gave to high school students on social work. 1/10/36
15. Memorandum to Community Service Council from John L. Hopkins (Hastings School Superintendent) re attendance at the School budget hearing. 2/19/36 (copy)
16. To Israel from Leonard W. Mayo, Assistant Executive Director of the Welfare Council of New York City re acknowledgement of articles on activities of Hastings Council. 3/24/36
17. Memorandum to Israel (among other) from John L. Hopkins re survey on scarlet fever in Hastings. 3/25/36
18. Letter with notes to Israel from Norman G. Swift, Principal, Hastings Center for Adult Education re adult education survey. 3/26/36
19. Memorandum to Israel from Hopkins re scarlet fever survey. 4/2/36
20. To Frank Doerfler from Melvin H. Kempton, Director of Adult Education (copy sent to Israel with explanatory letter) re policy meeting on Adult Education Program in Hastings. 4/10/36
21. To Kenneth S. Beam (National Probation Association) from Israel re questionnaire on Hastings Community Service Council. 4/23/36
22. To Israel from Norman G. Swift (Principal, Hastings Center for Adult Education) re enclosing a copy of the Machine Shop teacher's report. 5/12/36
23. To William L. Austin, Director of the Census from Israel re calculation of future population of Hastings. (3 copies) 5/14/36
24. To Israel from James E. Lathrop, Asst Sec. of (N.Y.) Y.W.C.A. re application procedures for employment in New York City banks. 5/15/36
25. To Norman Swift from Israel re acknowledging educational report Swift had sent him. (copy) 5/20/36
26. To Israel from Willard C. Smith, Acting Chief Statistician for Population re population statistics. 5/21/36
27. To Israel from Abel J. Gregg (for the Recreation Division of the Westchester County Council of Social Agencies) re to a study they are making and need information on the adult education program in Hastings. 6/5/36
28. To Israel from C.R. Porter (State Education Department) re a meeting of the Westchester County Adult Education Council. 6/8/36
29. To Miss Mildred Davy from the Mayor re her employment as Ass't. Recreational Director to the Hastings Recreation Commission. (copy) 6/11/36
30. To Mrs. Otis Peabody Swift (member of the Hastings Community Service Council) from Israel re appreciation to Mrs. Swift for serving on the Council and because she has been called out of town for a protected period of time, they will miss her on the Council until she returns. (copy) 6/29/36
31. To Melvin H. Kempton from Israel re adult education project. (3 copies) 7/16/36
32. To Israel from Frances V. Maher (Village of Hastings Secretary) re notice of meeting of meeting of the Recreation Division of the Community Service Council. (copy) 10/26/36
33. To Frank Blonski from Israel re invitation to him to come to Hastings to speak on Polish culture. (2 copies) 10/30/36
34. To H.L. Herrick, L.W. Mayo, H.C. Zulof (?) from Israel re The Community Service Council and St. Matthew's Lyceum (copy) 11/13/36
35. --Attached letter: To Israel from C.A. Andres re St. Matthew's Lyceum. (copy) 10/29/36.
36. --Attached letter: To Charles A. Andres from Israel re St. Matthew's Lyceum. (copy) 11/2/36
37. To Israel from John W. Herring re meeting. 2/8/37
38. To Israel from Clifford W. Ergood, Executive Sec. of Somerset County Christian Associations re report on community project in Hastings. 9/3/37
39. --Israel's reply containing a description of the activities of the Community Service Council. (3 copies) 9/7/37
40. To Theodore R. Myers, (Principal of Hastings High School) from Israel re information on adult education program at Hastings. (copy) 11/22/37
41. To Israel from Theodore R. Myers, Principal of Hastings High School re information on adult education program at Hastings. (original and 3 copies) 11/23/37
42. To Watson Dickerman (American Association for Adult Education) from Israel re enclosing a statement on the development of adult education projects of Hastings. (copy) 12/6/37
43. To Theodore R. Myers (Principal of Hastings High School) from Israel re enclosing a copy of the statement sent to Watson Dickerman. (copy) 12/6/37
44. To Frank A. Doerfler (Director of Hastings Adult Education Program) from Israel re enclosing a copy of the statement sent to Watson Dickerman. (copy) 12/8/37
45. To Israel from Eggood re description in no. 37 12/21/37
46. To Israel from W.C. Sutherland re personnel record of Robert Crawford, 12/21/37
47. -- Israel's reply (2 copies) 12/23/37
49. To Israel from C.A. Harrell, City Manager of Schenectady, N.Y., re capabilities of Robert Crawford. 4/25/38
50. -- copy of Israel's reply. 4/27/38
51. To Israel from Ralph re personal note, 10/2/49
52. To Israel from Ed. McIntyre re personal note. 10/20/49
53. To Milo K. Swanton from Carl C. Taylor, Head of Division of Farm Population and Rural Life; copy to Israel re American Country Life Association. 2/25/51
54. To Israel from Mark Rich, Professor of Rural Church re acknowledgement of receipt of Rural Manhood. 2/25/55
55. To Israel from Mark Rich re asks to keep Rural Manhood a little longer. 7/22/55
56. To Israel from Richard P. Saunders, President of Save the Children Federation re Israel's resignation from post of secretary; attached is notes of Board Meeting. 12/13/55
57. To Israel from Rich re Rich's book, Rural Church Movement 11/12/56
58. To Israel from C. C. Taylor re Israel's activities 11/14/57
59. Draft of Israel's reply to no. 57 re his papers pertaining to American Country Life Association. 12/10/57
60. To Israel from Carl C. Taylor re enclosed letter he sent to the Wisconsin Historical Association. Copy of letter to Dan Porter (W.H.A.) from Taylor re American Country Life Association papers 1/2/58
61. To Israel from Dan Porter, Ass't. to Director of Wisconsin State Historical Society re American Country Life papers 1/2/58
62. Rough draft to Rich from Israel re Rich's book, Rural Church Movement 1/21/58
63. To Israel from Rich re Rich's book Rural Church Movement. 2/8/58
64. Rough draft to Rich from Israel re Rural Church Movement 3/5/58
65. To Israel from Rich re Rural Church Movement 3/14/58

   a) Sample letter and reservation form for dinner
   b) List of people attending dinner

C. Scrap Book of Y.M.C.A. material - 4/7/99 - 12/03
   1. Newspaper Clippings
   2. Applications
   3. Programs and Reminders of Meetings
   4. Pledge Forms
   5. Form Letters
Sample Tickets for Excursions
7. Posters
8. Pamphlets

Contains material on routine of meetings, Y.M.C.A. notes, descriptions of outings, athletic events, Memorial Day celebration, dinners, local plays and musicales, furor over a speaker (Bolton Hall) who spoke on the single tax theory in a Church meeting, open house, membership drive, fund drive, accounts of speakers.

At Ossining from 4/7/99 -- 9/1/03; at Concord, N.H., from 9/3/03 -- 12/03

D. Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes:
1. Outline of speech for 4/20/38 meeting
2. Outline of speech on Taxation
3. Notes on National Probation Association
4. Minutes -- organization and constitution of Council, discussion of recreational needs and what has been done on problem, hiring of a consultant, evolution of Council from a small, voluntary group to a more definitely organized group, adult education, needs of community.
5. Notes on speech on Education of Youth
6. List of Council Feature articles in Hastings News
7. Village Social Welfare Budget
8. Outline of speech for television: "Y.M.C.A. Town and Country Life"
9. Speech at Junior High School graduation - rough draft
10. Rough drafts of form letters to business men and clergy inviting them to a meeting of the Community Service Council to discuss recreation problem

E. Typed material concerning Hastings and the Community Service Council and miscellaneous material.
1. Schedules and information on recreation activities
2. Plan for selection of non-partisan officials for village. 11/20/35
3. Report of the Industrial Department, Adult Education Program, '36
5. The Community Service Council, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.
   Bibliography (Introductory)
6. Report on Hastings Public Schools, 1/29/36
7. Tables of statistics on schools in Westchester County
8. Agenda of meeting of the Comm. Service Council. 11/12/35
10. A Brief Sketch of the Adult Education at Hastings
11. What the Community Service Council is All About
12. Criteria for Good Committee Leadership
14. The American Council on Education
15. Klesoraph - personality analysis of Henry Israel. 12/15/21
16. Biographical sketch of David Hunter McAlpin by Henry Israel 1958 (2 copies) dupl. copy rec'd 9/5/63
17. Letter to Ethan ___? from Israel re Israel's Y.M.C.A. work rec'd. 9/5/63
18. Letter to Ethan ___? from Israel re Dr. McAlpin's work rec'd. 9/5/63
19. Genealogical Table of the Family Israel - Zweren, 4/13/21
20. Highlights of Two Years of Reconstruction Work in Germany, by
   Henry Israel, 3/15/43
21. A Suggested Outline for a Recreational Study of Hastings-on-Hudson
   (5 copies)
22. Report on Recreation Possibilities at Hastings, N.Y.

F. Minutes of Family and Child Welfare Division of Community Service Council
   1. 5/13/36 -- observation of a public dance reported on to ascertain
      conduct of Hastings young people; discussion of problem of
      illiterate immigrant members of the town; report of rumored
      "white slavery" around Tarrytown; liaison between C.S.C. and recreation
      staff
   2. 10/9/36 -- meet with members of other social welfare groups: work
      of Mayor's Relief Committee, Committee diminishing need for outlets
      for desire to be of service - agencies mentioned which needed aid;
      school health program discussed; discussion of need to raise cul-
      tural level.

G. Printed Material
   1. Soft Cover Book:
      The Rebuilding of Europe: The Student Charter in Post-War Recon-
      struction, Ruth Rouse, 1925. In old style 4" box.
   2. Periodicals:
      "Community Organization in Hastings-on-Hudson," John L. Hopkins,
      The Journal of Educational Sociology, x (Dec. 1936). In old style
      4" box.
   3. Pamphlets, Bulletins and Brochures
      a) Community Councils in Action, Arthur Dunham, Community Organiza-
      b) A Way to Municipal Financial Stability, A Financial and Tax Pro-
         gram Recommended to the Governor and State Legislature by the
         Advisory Committee of the New York State Conference of Mayors and
         Other Municipal Officials, 1935.
      c) Probation, Parole and Crime Prevention, Program of the Thirtieth
         Annual Conference of the National Probation Association, Atlantic
         City, New Jersey, 1936.
      d) Schedule of Classes of the School for Adult Education, Yonkers,
         New York, 1935-1936
      f) Announcement of the Hastings Center for Adult Education Bulletin
         No. 1 of the Community Service Council, Nov. 12, 1935.
      g) Federation Bulletin No. 3, Of Interest to Taxpayers of Town of
         Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York, Federation of Green-
      h) Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930, Population Bulletin,
         Second Series, New York: Composition and Characteristics of the
      i) Brochure on Hastings Center for Adult Education, 1936, describing
         various courses offered.
      j) Learn All About Consumers' Cooperation: The Practical Evolutionary
         Brochure describing books, pamphlets, etc, on Cooperatives, No Date.
      k) Announcement of the Town and Country Department of the National
         Council of Y.M.C.A. on Israel's resumption as secretary, May, 1927.
4. Programs
a) Junior High School Commencement Exercises, Hastings-on-Hudson Public Schools, June 19, 1936.
b) Testimonial Dinner to Henry Israel, April 20, 1938 (2 copies)

5. Questionnaires and Forms
a) Youth Study - question guide for interviewers for youth study of employment problems.
b) Voucher form for school expenditures.
c) Voucher forms for Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (7 copies)

6. Newspaper Clippings
b) Article on Israel's testimonial dinner, Hastings News, April 29, 1938. (reprint)
d) Ad for termite service
e) Biographical sketch of Henry Israel
f) Israel's resignation from position as secretary of Concord's Y.M.C.A., Dec. 6, 1906.
g) Article on primary education by David Snedden

H. Minutes of the Westchester County Adult Education Council, Discussion of measures for promotion of adult education in Westchester, June 15, 1936.

I. Material on Hastings' budget for 1936
1. Letter from Tax Payers' Association asking for dues.
2. Postcard calling for meeting of tax payers to discuss new budget.
3. Detailed statistics on budget.

Also, 2 additional items, received 12/22/61 and ack. by JB:
Two pamphlets from a series entitled "For the Millions of Men Now Under Arms, Which contain letters and reports on Y.M.C.A. work during World War I among both Allied and Central Powers prisoners of war and other soldiers; #8 (July 31, 1916, 47 pp.) contains Henry Israel's report of a trip to a POW camp on the Isle of Jersey; #9 (Nov. 1, 1916, 47 pp.) contains a copy of a letter to Israel from a German POW. Privately printed [New York City?] Illustrations. In old style 4" box.

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