Hyman Levy Collection

Hyman Levy had a distinguished career in Great Britain in mathematics, aerodynamics and physics. This collection provides evidence of those professional activities. However, he was also engaged in left-wing activities and Zionist interests from the 1920s to the 1940s. Pamphlets, articles, and some correspondence reflect those concerns as well.

Personal correspondence in the collection consists of approximately 650 letters to Levy from contacts in Europe, Australia and the United States between 1935 and 1968. Included are letters from H.G. Wells, Aldous Huxley, Sidney and Beatrice Webb, Max Born and others. The manuscript card catalog contains individual entries for all correspondence in the collection.

There are over five thousand pages of notes regarding articles, lectures on mathematics, science, philosophy, religion and politics, including Jewish issues. Levy's literary papers consist of an unfinished novel, nine short stories, a play, a television script, poems, and notes for various articles, and perhaps an autobiography.

Books from Professor Levy's personal collection include many copies personally inscribed to him by the author. Included are books on mathematics, science, religion, philosophy, politics, Judaism, and miscellaneous topics. Authors include H.G. Wells, Sidney and Beatrice Webb, James Stephens, Ronald Fraser, Bertrand Russell, and Frederick Engels.

The Hyman Levy Collection was acquired from B. Weinreb, a London bookseller, in 1970.