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Title JOINT BOYCOTT COUNCIL. RECORDS

Approximate inclusive dates 1933-1959

Date of receipt 1941 and 1962

Received from Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum and his
Estate

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 19 RC, 2 AB, and 2 3X5 card files

Condition Many copies of letters and news clippings are deteriorating

Restrictions None

Description The Joint Boycott Council (JBC) was formed in 1936 in order to consolidate the efforts of the American Jewish Congress (AJC) and the Jewish Labor Committee to promote a boycott against German merchandise and services after the Nazis rise to power in Germany. Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum (1887-1961), who had been active in the AJC Boycott Committee since its inception in 1933, was named chairman of the JBC. The JBC continued its boycott until the entry of the United States in World War II. The Council researched imports of German goods, demanded that companies end such purchases, published a list of boycotted firms, and picketed those not abiding by the boycott.

The records of the JBC cover the entire period of boycott activity, 1933-1941, and there are copies of Tenenbaum's writings for later years. There is considerable overlap among the records, but the principle divisions are Miscellaneous Files, General Correspondence, Case Files, Women's Division, and JBC Branches. The Miscellaneous Files is a subject file with headings for internal committees and functions, JBC activities, businesses, and industries that were investigated. It contains correspondence, minutes, memos, reports, leaflets, speeches, and clippings. The General Correspondence, arranged alphabetically by name of the correspondent, covers all areas of the JBC's work. The Case Files consist of two parts, individual companies and industries. Both have letters, memos, and reports on firms suspected of doing business with Germany. The Women's Division files document their activities in support of the boycott. The JBC Branches file has contacts between the New York headquarters and local affiliates. Other major categories are the AJC Boycott Committee (1933-1935), JBC literature, and financial records. There are two 3X5 card files. The larger one (9 drawers) has information on German goods and ships arriving in American ports. The smaller one (1 drawer) records the status of companies vis-a-vis the boycott.

Special Formats ☐ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☐ Graphics
☐ Artifacts ☐ Machine-readable records
☐ Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries American Jewish Congress; Boycott; Business; Germany;
Jewish Labor Committee; Joseph L. Tenenbaum

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Miscellaneous Files, A-I
2	" " J-Q
3	" " R-Z General Correspondence, A-G
4	" " H-R
5	" " S-Z AJC Boycott Committee
6	" " "
7	Correspondence, 1940-1942 Unsorted
8	Joseph Tennenbaum publications Unsorted
9	Finances
10	"
11	Case Files, A-Se
12	" " Sh-Z " " Industries Unsorted
13	Unsorted
14	Unsorted
15	Literature
16	" Women's Division
17	" " Correspondence, 1934-1935 Radio Broadcasts Unsorted
18	Unsorted JBC Branches
19	" "
20	Mimeographed Materials
21	" "
22	Large 3X5 Card File re: German goods and ships
23	Small 3X5 Card File re: company's investigated