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## Joseph Brodsky collection of letters manuscripts and notes from his library 13074127

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Brodsky, Joseph, 1940-1996
<b>Title:</b>	Joseph Brodsky collection of letters, manuscripts, notes and books from his library
<b>ID:</b>	13074127
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1921
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1972-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 linear feet 1 manuscript box (processed); one section of books (unprocessed)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English , Russian .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Joseph Brodsky collection; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Joseph Brodsky, original Russian name Iosip Aleksandrovich Brodsky (born in Leningrad, Russia, U.S.S.R. on May 24, 1940 and died in Brooklyn, New York on January 28, 1996). Celebrated Russian-born American poet who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1987 for his lyric and elegiac poems.

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## Summary

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This is a collection of letters, manuscripts, notes, cards, etc. removed from books in Josph Brodsky's working library. There are no letters by Brodsky. The books have been cataloged.

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## Summary

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The Joseph Brodsky Book Collection contains approximately 1,350 volumes of the working library of Brodsky.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged by folder title.

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### Publication Statement

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

20017.2018.M088: Source of acquisition--[source of acquisition]. Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--2017.

### **Processing Information**

Papers processed, ptl 02/14/2018.

### **Accruals**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- American poetry -- 20th century
- Russian poetry -- 20th century
- Poets, Russian
- Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
- Brodsky, Joseph, 1940-1996

- Conquest, Robert
- Batovrin, Sergeĭ, 1957-
- Joseph Brodsky Collection (Columbia University)

## Collection Inventory

Items from the Joseph Brodsky Book Collection		
Title/Description	Instances	
Steven G. Kellman to Joseph Brodsky, 26 October 1995	box 1	folder 1
Letter from David Cronin to Joseph Brodsky and program for a memorial service for Lola Szladits, 17 April 1990. Removed from: <i>Love and death</i> by Lola L. Szladits	box 1	folder 2
Letter from Stanley Holwitz, The University of California Press, to Joseph Brodsky, 19 June 1995. Removed from: <i>Letters from prison and other essays</i> by Adam Michnik	box 1	folder 3
Postcard from Michael Marchto Joseph Brodsky, undated Removed from: <i>Child of Europe : a new anthology of East European poetry</i> Edited by Michael March., undated	box 1	folder 4
Letter from Rosamond Richardson to Joseph Brodsky, 11 November n.y. Removed from: <i>The long shadow: inside Stalin's family</i> by Rosamond Richardson	box 1	folder 5
Invoice from Odyssey Book Shop, 24 February 1992. Removed from: <i>Conjunctions and disjunctions</i> by Octavio Paz	box 1	folder 6
Page from the New Yorker magazine, 15 April 1985 with cartoon. Removed from: <i>The unquiet grave : a word cycle</i> by Palinurus (Cyril Connolly)., April 1985	box 1	folder 7
Letter to Joseph Brodsky on <i>The New Republic</i> letterhead, dated 6 December, and a notice from Farrar, Straus, Giroux. Removed from: <i>The Akhmatova journals</i> by Lydia Chukovskaya	box 1	folder 8
Note to Joseph Brodsky from Jonathan, 24 August 1990. Removed from: <i>Selected poems</i> by Zbigniew Herbert	box 1	folder 9
Photograph of Susan Sontag and a clipping. Removed from: <i>The benefactor, a novel</i> .by Sontag	box 1	folder 10
Joanna, 22 May 1991 (postcard with photocopy of poem and birthday invitation to Alexandra Pringle's 40th Birthday Party). Removed from: <i>Postwar Polish poetry : an anthology selected and edited by Czesław Miłosz.</i> , May 1991	box 1	folder 11
Letter from Jane Howle, Baskerville Publishing, to Joseph Brodsky, 2 November 1993. Removed from: <i>The seventh wife : a novel</i> by Andrei Moscovit	box 1	folder 12

Robert Conquest Forward to Vaksberg's book on Vyshinsky (T.ms.). Removed from: <i>The prosecutor : Andrei Vyshinsky and the Moscow show trials</i> by Arkady Vaksberg	box 1	folder 13
Review of "An Analysis of 'Markings' by Gustag Aulen". Removed from: <i>Markings</i> by Dag Hammarskjold	box 1	folder 14
Two poems by Jacob Miller. Removed from: <i>The Yorkville anthology of new writers : a collection of poetry &amp; prose</i> edited by Jacob Miller.	box 1	folder 15
Unsigned post-it note. Removed from: <i>The best American poetry, 1988</i> John Ashbery, editor	box 1	folder 16
Two 1972 receipts from the Pensione accademia "Villa Maravegie", Venice. Removed from: <i>The young British poets</i> edited by Jeremy Robson, 1972	box 1	folder 17
Note from Grace Gavalieri, undated. Removed from: <i>WPFW 89.3 FM poetry anthology</i> edited by Grace Cavalieri	box 1	folder 18
Letter to Joseph Brodsky from Poetry International Rotterdam, 11 June 1994. Removed from: <i>Poetry : a spoken anthology</i>	box 1	folder 19
Handwritten note to Joseph Brodsky. Removed from: <i>Carel Willink : tekeningen en aquarellen = drawings and watercolors</i> : Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, 19 September t/ m 1 November 1992.	box 1	folder 20
Anna Akhmatova: Two photocopies of English-language translations and two handwritten notes. Removed from: <i>Sochineniia</i> by Anna Akhmatova	box 1	folder 21
Letter from Sergeï Batovrin to Joseph Brodsky, 29 October 1993 New York City, and two photocopied pages relating to Ekologiia smysla: Ecology of meaning. Removed from: <i>Ekologiia smysla = Ecology of meaning</i> by Sergeï Batovrin, October 1993	box 1	folder 22
"Of 'Self' and Saintly Expanses" Clipping from the <i>Boston Phoenix</i> , 7 December 1976. Removed from: <i>Zoloto skifov</i> by A.M. Khazanov	box 1	folder 23
Three postcards and two photographs. Removed from: <i>Tekhnologiia chernogo rynka, ili, Krest'ianskoe isskustvo golodat'</i> by Lev Timofeev	box 1	folder 24
Carol Fergus letter, 2 September 1977. Removed from: <i>O dukhovnom v iskusstve</i> by Vasilii Kandinskii	box 1	folder 25
Article on Mikhail Baryshnikov from the <i>Daily Telegraph</i> , 24 August 2002. Removed from: <i>Baryshnikov in black and white</i> introduction by Joan Acocella	box 1	folder 26
Four pages from <i>New Yorker</i> magazine. Removed from: <i>Joseph Czapski, retrospective</i> : Musée Jenisch, Vevey, du 30 juin au 15 septembre, 1990	box 1	folder 27

Postcard from Tom and Debbie, 1975. Removed from: <i>Tragedii</i> . by Per. s drevnegrech. I. Annenskogo. [Vstupit. stat'ia i komment. V. I Arkho. Ill.: V. Noskov].	box 1	folder 28
Letter to Brodsky from Igor' Efimov of Hermitage publishers, 15 February 1991. Removed from: <i>Posviashchaetsia Akhmatovoï : stikhi raznykh poetov, posviashchennye Akhmatovoï</i> sostavlenie P. Dèvidson i I. Tlasti ; vstupitel'naia stat'ia, podgotovka teksta i primechaniia P. Dèvidson ; predislovie E.B. Reina	box 1	folder 29
Letter from Terry Karten, Harper Collins to Joseph Brodsky, 13 May 1991. Removed from: <i>Dreyfus : a family affair, 1789-1945</i> by Michael Burns.	box 1	folder 30
Note, undated Removed from: Six American Poets: an anthology edited by Joel Conarroe, undated	box 1	folder 31
Clipping from the <i>Boston Globe</i> . Removed from: <i>Stikhotvoreniia; Poemy</i> by E.A. Baratynskii ; izdanie podgotovil L.G. Frizman	box 1	folder 32
Letter from Cynthia LeClaire to Joseph Brodsky, 30 January 1992. Removed from: <i>Homage to the Light</i> by Cynthia LeClaire	box 1	folder 33
Letter from Inna Rostovseva to Joseph Brodsky, 1992. Removed from: <i>Luchshie stikhi goda</i> by po mneniiu literaturnykh kritikov Larisy Baranovoi	box 1	folder 34
Distinguished Alumnae Awards 1986. Removed from: <i>When in the rain a snow : poems</i> by Joan Vayo	box 1	folder 35
Typed letter from Svetlana Perttu to Joseph Brodsky, 26 June 1993. Removed from: <i>Dva okeana slez, ne prolitykh po mne--rasskazy</i> by Svetlana Perttu.	box 1	folder 36
Letter from the author to Joseph Brodsky and letter from Anto Sepp to Joseph Brodsky, 1 & 9 December 1991. Removed from: <i>Poetry in cadence : a sample</i> by Mac Ashworth, Jr.	box 1	folder 37
Postcard with portrait of Adam Mickiewicz. Removed from: <i>Stikhotvoreniia Poemy</i> by Adam Miśkevich	box 1	folder 38
Letter from Xenia Khlevnikov to Joseph Brodsky, 5 December 1976. Removed from: <i>To see a thing : rhythms, typographs, and prose poems</i> by Keith Gunderson	box 1	folder 39
Business card with inscription from Zeszyty literackie. Removed from: <i>Widokówka z tego świata : i inne rymy z lat 1986-1988</i> by Stanisław Barańczak	box 1	folder 40
Letter from Bojana Mojsov 30 November 1990 Removed from: <i>Oro oko grotla</i> by Zlata Kocić., November 1990	box 1	folder 41
Two-page typed poem to Joseph Brodsky by Valerii Rodev, 26 March 1990 Removed from: <i>Prokhodiā vdol' kanala : stikhi</i> by Vladimir Frenkel', March 1990	box 1	folder 42



Letter from Ruth Greenstein, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich to Joseph Brodsky, 13 January 1992 Removed from: First light : mother & son poems : a twentieth-century American selection edited by Jason Shinder., January 1992	box 1	folder 43
Letter from Michael Edwards to Joseph Brodsky, 21 May 1985 Removed from: The ballad of Mobb Conroy by Michael Edwards, May 1985	box 1	folder 44
W.H. Auden "The English Attitude" and "The Anti-Hero" Removed from: <i>The brothers Karamazov</i> translated from the Russian by Constance Garnett	box 1	folder 45
Letter from the author to Joseph Brodsky, 23 October, 1991 from Winston-Salem, NC Removed from: Poems of praise and protest : covering 60 years by Doris Sanford Arnold., October, 1991	box 1	folder 46
Photocopy of article entitled "Amerikanskaia poeziia nashikh dnei" by M.L. Rozental' Removed from: <i>Slezny bludnogo syna</i> by Ivan Gundulich	box 1	folder 47
Letter from Samuel Ramer to Joseph Brodsky, 21 May 1991 Removed from: Blockade diary by Elena Kochina ; translated & introduced by Samuel C. Ramer, May 1991	box 1	folder 48
Letter to Joseph Brodsky from David, 17 October 1976 and envelope to Joseph Brodsky from Mr. Vl. Maramzine in Paris Removed from: <i>Sobranie stikhov, 1913-1939</i> by Vladislav Khodasevich, October 1976	box 1	folder 49
Letter from Slobodan Milić to Joseph Brodsky and printed poem signed by Slobodan Milić Removed from: " <i>Miłość jest wszystkim, co istnieje</i> "	box 1	folder 50
Letter from Vadim Mesiafs to Joseph Brodsky, 5 June 1992 Removed from: <i>Kalendar' vspominal'shchika : stikhi</i> by Vadim Mesiafs, June 1992	box 1	folder 51
Letter from Farrar, Straus & Giroux to Joseph Brodsky, 10 July 1995 Removed from: Blockade diary by Lidiya Ginzburg, July 1995	box 1	folder 52
Letter from Myra Sklarew to Joseph Brodsky, undated Removed from: Like a field riddled by ants : fictions of Myra Sklarew, undated	box 1	folder 53
Letter from Vladimir Levinzon to Joseph Brodsky, 31 May 1991 Removed from: <i>Pri svete dniã : stikhi 1960-1990</i> by Vladimir Levinzon, May 1991	box 1	folder 54
Letter from the Tat'iana Shcherbina to Joseph Brodsky, letter from Nancy Condee and Vladimir Padukov, typed poem and author's business card, 1986 Removed from: <i>Natiïrmort s prevrashcheniïami</i> by Tat'iana Shcherbina, 1986	box 1	folder 55

Card from University of Cambridge, Department of Slavonic Studies with note to Joseph Brodsky Removed from: <i>Po zagładzie</i> by Wiktor Woroszyński.	box 1	folder 56
Letter from Jean Williams to Joseph Brodsky and two related clippings, 16 May 1992 Removed from: Homecoming : images of Vietnam collected by Jean R. Williams, May 1992	box 1	folder 57
Photocopy of poem entitled "Shadrach" Removed from: <i>Evidence</i> by Andrew Harvey	box 1	folder 58
Zbigniew Machej's business card Removed from: <i>Dwa zbiory wierszy</i> by Zbigniew Machej	box 1	folder 59
Letter to Joseph Brodsky from Gabriël' Valk, Effect Publishing, 7 June 1991 Removed from: Graver : stikhotvoreniã, June 1991	box 1	folder 60
Letter from Robert Siegel, 9 November 1973 and five pages of typed poems by Robert Siegel Removed from: The beasts & the elders, November 1973	box 1	folder 61
Postcard to Joseph Brodsky from Marie D., 7 September 1988 Removed from: Kholodnyĩ klüch : stikhi by Mikhail Sinel'nikov., September 1988	box 1	folder 62
Mailing label from M.L. Gasparov to Joseph Brodsky Removed from: <i>Russkĩ stikh : uchebnyĩ material po literaturovedeniũ</i> by sostavlenie i primechaniã M.L. Gasparova.	box 1	folder 63
Letter from Sergeĩ Alikhanov to Joseph Brodsky, 4 August 1988 Removed from: Vinogradnik : stikhi by Silovan Narimanidze., August 1988	box 1	folder 64
Letter to Joseph Brodsky in envelope from Savoy Hotel, London Removed from: <i>Edinstvo vremeni : stikhi</i> by Aleksandr Revich	box 1	folder 65
Card from Edward Mycue to Joseph Brodsky Removed from: <i>The Singing man my father gave me</i> by Edward Mycue	box 1	folder 66
Letter from Daniel Weissbort to Joseph Brodsky, December 1991 Removed from: Fathers by Daniel Weissbort, December 1991	box 1	folder 67
Letter from Lars Gustafsson to Joseph Brodsky, 15 May 1991 Removed from: Poems. Selections, May 1991	box 1	folder 68
Letter from Sharon Wevill to Joseph Brodsky, 11 August 1989 Removed from: <i>Spellbound</i> by Sharon Wevill	box 1	folder 69
Letter from Gerd Wasén to Joseph Brodsky, 11 December 1987 Removed from: Fyrtiotalistens revolutionära fickdikter by Gerd Wasén, December 1987	box 1	folder 70

Letter from Michael Blumenthal to Joseph Brodsky, 5  
November 1984 Removed from: Laps : a poem by Michael  
Blumenthal, November 1984

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