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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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Abstract:	This collection documents the life of Paul Baerwald, a banker and philanthropist who served as chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee from 1932-1961. It also includes materials by and about Baerwald's father, Hermann Baerwald, a German educator and historian.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical sketch

Paul Baerwald was born in 1871 in Frankfurt, Germany. His father, Hermann Baerwald, was Director of the Philanthropin, a Jewish high school in Frankfurt, for 31 years. Baerwald left Germany at nineteen to join the investment firm Speyer & Brothers in London, and in 1895 he was sent to work in New York City. Baerwald became a partner at Lazard Freres in 1907. He met Edith Jacobi in New York, and they were married in 1909. The couple would have four children, Pauline, Jane, Florence, and Herman.

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Biographical sketch

In 1914, Paul Baerwald helped found the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), an international relief organization that provides help to Jews suffering as a result of poverty, persecution, natural disaster, or war. He retired from Lazard Freres in 1930 to devote his full attention to philanthropic work, and would serve with the JDC for 45 years, first as treasurer, and then as chairman in 1932 and honorary chairman from 1945 until his death. In 1949, JDC opened a school in Versailles, France, to train social workers. The school was transferred to Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1958 and was named the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work in his honor.

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Biographical sketch

In addition to his extensive work with JDC, Baerwald served on President Franklin Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees during World War II. He was a close friend of New York governor and senator Herbert H. Lehman, and they collaborated on JDC projects as well as other public and philanthropic works. Baerwald was also a trustee and founder of the New York Foundation; trustee of the Palestine Economic Corporation; treasurer of the Wollman Foundation; and trustee and treasurer of the Soloman and Better Loeb Convalescent Home.

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Biographical sketch

Paul Baerwald died in New York on July 2, 1961.

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Scope and Content

This collection documents the work of Paul Baerwald, particularly in his capacity as chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee from 1932 to 1961. Materials include correspondence, photographs, speeches, reports, and clippings.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into two series.

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Gift of Mrs. Myron S. Faulk, Jr., daughter of Paul Baerwald, in 1968.

Processing Information

Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, speeches, reports, clippings, printed material Surveyed Julie Miller 05/--/87.

Processing Information

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Educators -- Germany
- Historians -- Germany
- Jews -- Charities

- International relief
- Refugees
- Social service
- Photographs
- Baerwald, Hermann, 1828-1907
- Baerwald, Paul, 1871-1961
- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
- Herbert H. Lehman Collections (Columbia University)
- Philanthropin (Frankfurt am Main, Germany)
- Bet ha-sefer la-'avodah sotsyalit 'a. sh. Pa'ul Beryald

Collection Inventory

Series I: General, 1916-1961

Scope and Contents

This series contains a variety of materials, including biographical information, letters from Baerwald to his children and extended family, business papers, and drafts of speeches given at conferences and meetings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Autobiographical and Biographical Papers, 1952-1954 (contains photographs), 1952-1954	box 1	folder 1
Business/Career--Memoirs and Papers, 1916-1954	box 1	folder 2
Letters to His Children, 1941-1951	box 1	folder 3
Memoranda, Articles, and Correspondence, 1920-1961 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 1	folder 4 to 5
Speeches, 1932-1959 <u>Physical Description:</u> (5 folders)	box 1	folder 6 to 10

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Series II: Correspondence, 1924-1961

Scope and Contents

This series holds a small amount of personal and business correspondence, as well as associated reports, articles, and pamphlets. Some files contain letters from prominent individuals such as Albert Einstein, Herbert Lehman, and John D. Rockefeller, while others concern organizations and committees Baerwald worked closely with. Many of the conversations relate to the JDC. There are also several files on the Baerwald School of Social Work, which include photographs taken at the school's original building in France and biographies of some of the first students. The series is arranged alphabetically.

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Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1940-1945	box 2	folder 2
Coolidge, Calvin, 1927-1931	box 2	folder 3
Einstein, Albert, 1933-1950	box 2	folder 4
Forrestal, James, 1944-1948	box 2	folder 5
Hebrew Union College, 1941-1948	box 2	folder 6
Hoover, Herbert, 1940	box 2	folder 7
Jewish Theological Seminary, 1942-1951	box 2	folder 8
Johns Hopkins University, 1932	box 2	folder 9
Joint Distribution Committee, 1927-1961	box 2	folder 10-13
Lazard Freres, 1927-1949	box 2	folder 14
Lehman, Herbert H., 1933-1946	box 2	folder 15
Lehman, Herbert H., 1933	box 2	folder 16
Lincoln School--Teachers College, at Columbia University, 1924-1929	box 2	folder 17
London, Fritz, 1946-1954	box 2	folder 18
New York Foundation, 1961	box 2	folder 19
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General, 1950-1951 April	box 1	folder 20
General, 1950 February-1951 March	box 2	folder 21
General, 1948 October-1949 December	box 2	folder 22
Photographs, undated	box 3	folder 1
ROBO, 1949-1950	box 3	folder 2
Klein, Philip, 1950	box 3	folder 3
Israel, 1950-1961	box 3	folder 4
President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, 1936-1959	box 3	folder 5
Rockefeller, Dr. John. D, 1926-1937	box 3	folder 6
Roosevelt, Franklin D., 1938-1945	box 3	folder 7
Roosevelt Committee to Check the Reorganization of the Bank of the United States,, 1931-1932	box 3	folder 8
Selective Service Committee, New York City, 1940-1941	box 3	folder 9
Shotwell, James T., 1927	box 3	folder 10
Taylor, Myron C., 1938-1953		

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Watson, Thomas J., 1938	box 3	folder 14
Weizmann, Chaim, 1947-1948	box 3	folder 15
Welles, Sumner, 1939-1943	box 3	folder 16
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