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# Guide to the Leo Strauss Papers circa 1930-1997



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.STRAUSSLEO
<b>Title</b>	Strauss, Leo. Papers
<b>Date</b>	circa 1930-1997
<b>Size</b>	105 boxes (99.5 linear feet)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
<b>Abstract</b>	Leo Strauss (1899-1973), scholar of political philosophy. The Papers include correspondence, manuscripts, research notes, notebooks, publications and audio recordings. The papers document Strauss' career as a writer and professor of political philosophy at the Academy of Jewish Research, Berlin (1925-1932), the New School for Social Research (1941-1948), the University of Chicago (1949-1968) and other institutions in the United States and Europe.

## Information on Use

### Access

Series VII, Audio Recordings, does not include access copies for all material. Researchers will need to consult with staff before requesting material from this series. Series VIII, Subseries 1 contains student evaluative material which is restricted for 80 years from the date of creation. Series VIII, Subseries 2 includes specific reproduction and citation requirements. The remainder of the collection is open for research.

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Leo Strauss. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### Biographical Note

Leo Strauss was born on September 20, 1899, in Kirchhain, Hesse, Germany, to Hugo Strauss and Jennie David, owners of a small agricultural business. He graduated from the Gymnasium Philippinum in 1917, then served in the German army through the end of World War I.

Following the war, Strauss studied philosophy in Marburg, Frankfurt, Berlin and Hamburg, receiving a PhD in 1921 from Hamburg University for his dissertation "Das Erkenntnisproblem in der philosophischen Lehre Jacobis." He continued his studies, with a focus on history, in

Freiburg, Giessen and Marburg. Publication of the essay "Cohens Analyse der Bibelwissenschaft Spinozas" in 1924 led to his 1925 appointment to Berlin's Academy of Jewish Research, where his research on Jewish philosophy formed the basis of his first major work, *Die Religionskritik Spinozas als Grundlage seiner Bibelwissenschaft* (1930). Strauss also translated Moses Mendelssohn's work from the Hebrew for the Academy's Mendelssohn Edition. In Berlin, Strauss met several scholars with whom he began long and substantive correspondence. Among them were Alexandre Kojève, Karl Löwith, Hans-Georg Gadamer, Jacob Klein and Gershom Scholem.

In 1932, Strauss was awarded a Rockefeller Fellowship in the social sciences, with the aid of which he studied medieval Jewish and Islamic philosophy in Paris and Thomas Hobbes in England. Unable to return to pre-war Germany, he continued his work on Hobbes at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, publishing *The Political Philosophy of Hobbes: Its Genesis* in 1936. In 1937, he emigrated to the United States, first taking an appointment as Research Fellow in the Department of History at Columbia University, then a professorship at the New School for Social Research, where he remained until 1948. Strauss served as associate editor of *Social Research* from 1941 to 1948.

Strauss became Professor of political philosophy at the University of Chicago in 1949. He remained at Chicago until 1968, and was named Robert Maynard Hutchins Distinguished Service Professor in 1960. *Natural Rights and History* (1953) was based on lectures delivered at the University in 1949. An effort by Strauss and other faculty to establish a chair in Jewish Studies was unsuccessful.

Strauss served as visiting professor at the University of California at Berkeley in 1953. In the early 1950s, he corresponded with Martin Buber about a chair in sociology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He taught in Jerusalem as a visiting professor in 1954 and 1955, but chose to remain at the University of Chicago. Lectures delivered in Jerusalem were the basis for the title essay of Strauss' *What is Political Philosophy?* (1959).

In 1965, following the translation of many of his works into German, Strauss was awarded an honorary doctorate in Economy and Social Science by the University of Hamburg. From 1965 until his death, he was the Scott Buchanan Distinguished Scholar in residence at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. During his later years, he worked mainly on interpretation of ancient Greek philosophers. His last major work, *The Argument and Action of Plato's "Laws"* was published posthumously in 1975.

Strauss married Marie (Mirjam) Bernson on June 20, 1933. The couple raised two children, Thomas (Petri), Bernson's son from her first marriage, and Jenny Ann Kraus, the orphaned daughter of Strauss' sister, adopted by the Strauss' in 1946. Other members of Strauss'

immediate family died in a German concentration camp in 1942. Strauss became an American citizen in 1938. He died in Annapolis, Maryland on October 18, 1973.

Leo Strauss is known mainly for five books, each of which has been widely translated and regularly reprinted: *Die Religionskritik Spinozas* (1930), *The Political Philosophy of Hobbes* (1936), *On Tyranny* (1948), *Natural Right and History* (1953) and *Thoughts on Machiavelli* (1958). While much of Strauss' writing is known mainly to scholars, *On Tyranny* and *Natural Right and History* deal with more general issues of political philosophy in a public context. *On Tyranny* wrestles with the ethical problems of dictatorship, as reflected in Xenophon's *Hiero*. *Natural Right and History*, closely related to Strauss' study of Hobbes in the 1930s, deals broadly with the philosophical and historical problems of the liberal state, brought to the forefront of Western consciousness by political events of the 1930s and World War II.

Strauss' five major works demonstrate the intertwining themes on which Strauss focused throughout his career. In a letter to Dr. Cyrus Adler (November 30, 1933) he described the genesis of his related interests:

My studies of Spinoza's Theological and Political Treatise have shown me a connection between the theological and political problem. These studies have led me to Spinoza's Jewish medieval predecessors, especially Maimonides, on the one hand, and Hobbes' political science on the other hand. During the pursuit of these sources, I formed the plan to make 1. the political science of Hobbes and 2. the theory of prophecy in Jewish and Islamic philosophy of the Middle Ages the subject of my future studies.... After finishing my book on Spinoza, I was charged by the Akademie to analyze Gersonides' *Milchamot Hashem*. I started with an analysis of Gersonides' Teaching on Prophecy. The research on his sources led me from Maimonides to Islamic philosophers, of whom I studied several in Arabic manuscripts – and made me realize that the connection between medieval Jewish and Islamic teaching on prophecy and Plato's *Statesman* and *Laws* had not yet been thoroughly evaluated.

Though Strauss maintained a deep interest in Jewish religious thought and philosophy, his study of Jewish thinkers culminates with his writings on Spinoza in the 1930s. He was particularly sensitive to the legacy of medieval Jewish thought, which he saw as essential to understanding developments in later European thought. He concerned himself also with contemporary perceptions of Spinoza and with the image of the Jew in German literature of the Enlightenment.

Strauss believed that the roots of Western Civilization could be found in Jewish and Greek philosophy. His early classical humanistic education included extensive study of Latin and ancient Greek, and his later studies of philosophy broadened his knowledge of classical languages and deepened his appreciation of the humanistic method of tracing concepts and beliefs to their

roots in primary material. After 1960, Strauss turned increasingly toward the study of Greek philosophy.

## **Scope Note**

The Leo Strauss Papers have been divided into eight series: Series I, Correspondence; Series II, Teaching; Series III, Manuscripts; Series IV, Publications and Reviews; Series V, Personal Files ; Series VI, Oversize; Series VII, Audio Recordings and Series VIII, Restricted Files. The collection spans the years 1930 to 1997, with the bulk dating from the 1930s through the 1960s. Photocopies of some of Strauss' writings from the 1920s are also included.

Series I contains approximately 1000 letters. Strauss' correspondents include friends, students, publishers, academic officials and colleagues. Letters are written German, English and French.

Correspondence from Strauss' colleagues generally concerns ongoing scholarship. Letters often focus on particular themes or problems, as in Erich Voegelin's discussion of "das Verhältnis von Wissenschaft und Offerbarung." (April 22, 1951) Other colleagues give detailed analyses of Strauss' writings. See, for example, letters from Hans-Georg Gadamer.

Strauss formed many long-lasting intellectual and personal ties to fellow scholars. Many of these relationships are reflected in correspondences that span several decades and show the ups and downs of long friendships. The noted scholar and educator Jacob Klein, for example, analyzed Strauss' personality in a letter of December 1, 1932, while Strauss characterized Klein in his "Unspoken Prologue." A spirited and amusing friendship is reflected in letters from Peter von Blanckenhagen, which contain poems and scholarly humor. Another sort of relationship may be found in Strauss' correspondence with Julius Guttman, Strauss' superior at the Academy of Jewish Research in Berlin. Strauss held Guttman in high esteem, but his work failed to win Guttman's full approval.

Correspondence from the 1930s and 1940s contains surprisingly little comment regarding political affairs in Germany. An exception is Jacob Klein's lengthy description of the local situation in a letter from June 20, 1934. After the war, Strauss corresponded regularly with German academics and with German publishers interested in his writings. A letter from the philosopher Hans-Georg Gadamer (December 16, 1948) expresses grief and shame over the crimes of the Third Reich.

Series II, Teaching, includes manuscripts of Strauss' lectures and essays and numerous groups of reading notes on subjects on which he wrote and taught. Although many of Strauss' publications were based on his lectures, the collection does not seem to include texts directly related to his most well-known books and articles.

Strauss' notes are largely organized by subject. They have been organized into four groups, reflecting major themes in Strauss' thought and work. The first group comprises notes on Hobbes and Natural Right. Strauss did most of his research on Hobbes in England in the early 1930s. His work led to the publication of *The Political Philosophy of Hobbes: Its Basis and Genesis* (1936), the German manuscript of which is in Series IV. Notes found in Series II are likely to have been used for this book as well as for occasional lectures and articles. Also included are notes related to Strauss' interest in editing Hobbes' unpublished letters.

The second group of notes concerns Jewish thought. Among the major thinkers appearing in Strauss notes are:

Averroes (Ibn Rushd) (Roschd), 1126-1198, a Mohammedan of noble birth. His commentary on Aristotle was one of the most widely read texts of the Middle Ages. He is often known as "the Commentator."

Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides) (FMbM), 1134-1204, author of the *Mishneh Torah* (1180) and the *Guide of the Perplexed* (1190). His work profoundly influenced Thomas Aquinas and Albertus Magnus.

Rabbi Lewy ben Gerson (Gerschom) (Gersonides) (RLbG), 1288-1344, defended Averroes' Commentaries against later critics. His most important work is *Milchamot Hashem*, translated into German in the sixteenth century as *Die Kampfe Gottes*.

Hermann Cohen, 1842-1918, founded the Marburg school of Neo-Kantianism and taught at the Academy for Jewish Research.

A third group of notes comments extensively on books read by Strauss in the original Greek. Strauss was extremely well-versed in classical languages, and others often sought his advice on the subject. Many of the major research themes of the field are discussed in his correspondence, particularly with Karl Löwith, Jacob Klein, Joseph Cropsey and Seth Benardete, and reflected in his notes. A final group of notes covers a range of subjects outside the major categories discussed above.

Series III, Manuscripts, and Series IV, Publications and Reviews include manuscript, typescript and published texts of many of Strauss' writings. A small amount of correspondence with colleagues and publishers is included with the texts. Series IV contains proof sheets for several of Strauss' books. Also included in Series IV are a small number of writings by other scholars, collected by Strauss, and also review articles and newspaper clippings concerning his work.

Series V, Personal, contains a small number of biographical documents and several honors and awards received by Strauss. It also includes a brief diary kept by Strauss in 1944.

Series VII, Audio-Visual, contains audio recordings of Strauss lectures, primarily from the 1960s. The recordings are arranged chronologically. Subseries 1 contains original and new master copies. These are not available for listening. Subseries 2 contains access copies of many of the recordings, on audio cassette. These are available for listening onsite. Items from Subseries 1, for which access copies are not available in Subseries 2, may be eligible for reproduction. Please see Special Collections Research Center staff for further information.

Series VIII, Restricted, contains letters of recommendation written by Strauss, and correspondence with Gershom Scholem, to which access is restricted.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

## **Subject Headings**

- Strauss, Leo
- Benardete, Seth
- Bloom, Allan David, 1930-1992
- Cropsey, Joseph
- Gadamer, Hans-Georg, 1900-2002
- Klein, Jacob, 1899-1978
- Kojeve, Alexandre, 1902-1968
- Kruger, Gerhard, 1902-1972
- Löwith, Karl
- Political science -- History
- Political science -- Philosophy

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Correspondence**

Series I contains approximately 1000 letters, organized into three alphabetical subseries. Letters are written in German, English and French.

Subseries 1, Correspondence to Leo Strauss, contains letters received by Strauss from the 1930s through the 1960s. It includes a file of correspondence related to the Rockefeller Foundation grants awarded to Strauss in the 1932 and 1934.



Subseries 2, Correspondence from Leo Strauss, contains carbon copies of Strauss' outgoing letters from the 1950s and 1960s. Also included are a few handwritten letters, some from earlier dates.

Subseries 3, General Correspondence, includes both incoming and outgoing correspondence between Strauss and friends, students, publishers and colleagues. The subseries also contains biographical information on Strauss and a small number of his colleagues. Also included are several letters between individuals other than Strauss, which were acquired by Strauss or other custodians of his papers.

### **Subseries 1: Correspondence to Leo Strauss**

**Box 1**

**Folder 1**

Illegible signatures

**Box 1**

**Folder 2**

A (Ab-As) including Asch

**Box 1**

**Folder 3**

B (Ba-Bu) including Bloom, Buber, Bultmann

**Box 1**

**Folder 4**

Barker, Ernest

**Box 1**

**Folder 5**

Benardete, Seth

**Box 1**

**Folder 6**

Berns, Walter

**Box 1**

**Folder 7**

Blankenhagen, Peter H. von

**Box 1**

**Folder 8**

C (Ca-Co) including Cassirer

**Box 1**

**Folder 9**

Cropsey

**Box 1**

**Folder 10**

D (Da-Di)

**Box 1**

**Folder 11**

E (Ea-En)

**Box 1**

**Folder 12**

Edelstein, Ludwig

**Box 1**

**Folder 13**

F (Fa-Fu)

**Box 1**

**Folder 14**

G (Ga-Gu) including Gadamer, Guttman

**Box 2**

**Folder 1**

H (Ha-He) including v. Hentig

**Box 2**

**Folder 2**

H (Ho-Hy)

**Box 2**

**Folder 3**

J (Ja-Jo) including Jaffa, Jonas

**Box 2**

**Folder 4**

K (Ka-Ku) including Kuhn

**Box 2**

**Folder 5**

Kendall, Willmore (includes mss. The Social Contract)

**Box 2**

**Folder 6**

Klein, Jacob (includes mss. "An Unspoken Prologue to Public Lecture at St. Johns," in tribute to Klein)

**Box 2**

**Folder 7**

Kojève, Alexandre

**Box 2**

**Folder 8**

Koyre, Alexandre

**Box 2**

**Folder 9**

Krueger, G.

**Box 2**

**Folder 10**

L (La-Lu)

**Box 2**

**Folder 11**

Loewith, Karl

**Box 3**

**Folder 1**

M (Mc-Mo) including Momigliano

**Box 3**

**Folder 2**

Mayer, Carl

**Box 3**

**Folder 3**

Mayer, Clara

**Box 3**

**Folder 4**

N (Na-Ny) including Nef)

**Box 3**

**Folder 5**

O (Od-Os)

**Box 3**

**Folder 6**

P (Pa-Pu)

**Box 3**

**Folder 7**

R (Ra-Ru)

**Box 3**

**Folder 8**

Rockefeller Grants, 1932-1934, containing biographical data

**Box 3**

**Folder 9**

S (Sa-Si) including See, Shils

**Box 3**

**Folder 10**

S (So-Su)

**Box 3**

**Folder 11**

Scholem, Gershom

**Box 3**

**Folder 12**

Speier, Hans

**Box 3**

**Folder 13**

T (Ta-Ty) including Toennis

**Box 3**

**Folder 14**

Tawney, R.H.

**Box 3**

**Folder 15**

Thompson, Francis

**Box 3**

**Folder 16**

U, V (Ul-Vo) including Voegelin

**Box 3**

**Folder 17**

W (Wa-We)

**Box 3**

**Folder 18**

W-Z (Wh-Zo)

**Box 3**

**Folder 19**

Weinstein, Leo

**Box 3**

**Folder 20**

White, Howard

## **Subseries 2: Correspondence from Leo Strauss**

**Box 4**

**Folder 1**

A including Asch

**Box 4**

**Folder 2**

B including Berns

**Box 4**

**Folder 3**

Benardete, Seth, See also Folders 18-25

**Box 4**

**Folder 4**

Bloom, Allan

**Box 4**

**Folder 5**

C including Cropsey

**Box 4**

**Folder 6**

D

**Box 4**

**Folder 7**

E-F including Edelstein

**Box 4**

**Folder 8**

G including Gadamer, Guttman

**Box 4**

**Folder 9**

H

**Box 4**

**Folder 10**

J including Jaffa, Jonas

**Box 4**

**Folder 11**

K including Kojeve, Kuhn (photocopies)

**Box 4**

**Folder 12**

L including Loewwith

**Box 4**

**Folder 13**

M-N including Momigliano

**Box 4**

**Folder 14**

O

**Box 4**

**Folder 15**

P

**Box 4**

**Folder 16**

R

**Box 4**

**Folder 17**

S-W including Scholem

**Box 4**

**Folder 18**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, 1952-1954

**Box 4**

**Folder 19**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, 1955-1957

**Box 4**

**Folder 20**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, 1958-1960

**Box 4**

**Folder 21**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, 1961-1963

**Box 4**

**Folder 22**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, 1964-1966

**Box 4**

**Folder 23**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, 1967-1969

**Box 4**

**Folder 24**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, 1970-1973

**Box 4**

**Folder 25**

Leo Strauss to Seth Benardete, n.d.; and unidentified letters

**Subseries 3: General Correspondence**

**Box 4**

**Folder 26**

Correspondence

- Joseph Cropsy to LS, June 14, 1972
- Gerhart Husserl to Klein, January 12, 1935
- Klein to Frau Dodo and Gerhart Husserl, December 30, 1934
- LS to Helmut Kuhn, n.d.
- Reizler (?) to LS, n.d.
- Philippe Rousseau to LS, September 12, 1972
- LS to Mrs. E. M. Sinclair, August 7, 1961
- Eric Voegelar (?) to LS, March 18, 1948
- Elliott Zuckerman to LS, May 4, 1973

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

Correspondence with Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft (Frau Brigitte Scheer und Josepha Munning), to Strauss

- 3 February 1969
- 27 September 1967
- 20 September 1967
- 3 February 1969
- 28 October 1968
- 26 June 1967
- 12 June 1967
- 17 May 1967

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

Correspondence with Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft (Frau Brigitte Scheer und Josepha Munning), from Strauss

- 29 November 1968
- 16 June 1967

**Box 5**

**Folder 2**

Correspondence Strauss to Gerhard Kruger

- 24 September 1928
- 28 November 1929
- 7 January (?) 1930
- 8 January (?) 1930
- 26 June 1930
- 27 February 1931
- 7 May 1931
- 23 May 1931
- 1 June 1931
- 28 June 1931
- 8 July 1931
- 25 July 1931
- 3 August 1931
- 15 October 1931
- 16 November 1931
- 12 December (?) 1931

- letter, n.d.
- 19 August 1932
- postcard, n.d.
- 8 October 1932
- 27 November 1932
- 29 November 1932
- 7 February (?) 1933
- 18 (?) 1933
- 17 July 1933
- 3 August (?) 1933
- 7 December 1933
- 29 December 1933
- 27 March 1933 (postcard)
- 12 May 1935
- 3 (?) 1936 (by hand)
- (?) July 1958
- 6 August 1962
- 12 September 1962
- 29 January 1962
- 12 September 1962 (by hand)
- 29 January 1962 (by hand)

**Box 5**

**Folder 3**

Correspondence, Leo Baeck Institute (Strauss to Salomon), 7 January 1945

**Box 5**

**Folder 4**

Loose notes from Strauss's copy of Vogelin's *New Science of Politics* 24 November 1947

**Box 5**

**Folder 5**

Correspondence, Strauss to Walter Belrns

- 30 December 1957
- 18 November 1959
- 4 February 1957
- undated note
- 26 April 1960
- 18 April 1960

**Box 5**

**Folder 6**

Gadamer on Strauss: An Interview

**Box 5**

**Folder 7**

Correspondence, Strauss, Wilmoore Kendall, 19 November 1956 (2 copies; 1 with list of receivers)

**Box 5**

**Folder 8**

Newspaper clippings, *The Cornell Daily Sun*

- Strauss Lecture, 30 April 1964
- Criticism by Krabtz, Weber, 30 April 1964
- Letters to the editor, Bolotin, Shulsky, Bruell, 12 May 1964
- Krabtz, Weber, 18 May 1964
- Bolotin, Shulsky, Bruell, 20 May 1964
- Greenberg, 21 May 1964
- D.L. Schaefer, undated

**Box 5**

**Folder 9**

Correspondence, H. Kuhn to W. Berns, 17 October 1961

**Box 5**

**Folder 10**

Correspondence, Robert Goldwin, to Strauss

- 8 December 1960
- 14 December 1960
- 17 December 1960
- 9 January 1961
- 7 February 1961
- 6 April 1961
- 21 June 1961
- 10 February 1961

**Box 5**

**Folder 10**

Correspondence, Robert Goldwin, from Strauss

- 12 December 1960
- 24 December 1960
- 13 February 1961
- 8 April 1961
- 8 May 1961
- 23 June 1961
- 16 July 1962 (dictated by Strauss)

**Box 5**

**Folder 11**

Correspondence, Strauss to Percy

- 13 February 1961
- 24 October 1961 (2 typed memos, 1 with handwritten notes)
- 12 February 1963

**Box 5**

**Folder 12**

Correspondence, Strauss to Schimdt

- 13 May 1932
- 4 September 1932
- 4 September 1932 (same letter as above entry)
- 10 July 1933

**Box 5**

**Folder 13**



Correspondence, Strauss to Morton Frisch

- 23 March 1961
- 17 June 1963

**Box 5**

**Folder 14**

Correspondence, Strauss to F. Tonnies

- 1 February (?) 1930
- 5 August 1933

**Box 5**

**Folder 15**

Correspondence, Strauss to W. Welliver

- 30 July 1956
- 5 August 1933

**Box 5**

**Folder 16**

Correspondence, Strauss to C. Bruell

- 18 February 1970
- 17 July 1973

**Box 5**

**Folder 17**

Translation of a Strauss letter to H. Kuhn

**Box 5**

**Folder 18**

Correspondence, Strauss to H. Magid

- 26 June 1939
- 22 July 1939
- "What is Political Philosophy?" (typescript and handwritten notes to a talk by Strauss at the Alumni Association, Graduate Faculty New School for Social Research), 30 January 1954
- Obituary, New York Times, 21 October 1973

**Box 5**

**Folder 19**

Correspondence, Strauss to Faulkner

- 6 September 1962
- 17 September 1962
- 29 November 1965
- 4 November 1966
- 13 August 1969
- 14 September 1969
- 11 October 1969
- 29 November 1969
- 21 December 1969
- 12 March 1970
- 8 April 1972
- 21 July 1973

**Box 5**

**Folder 20**

Correspondence, Strauss letter "To Whom It May Concern" regarding Rev. Duncan B. Forrester, 8 December 1969

**Box 5****Folder 21**

Correspondence

- Leo Strauss, ALS, April 29, 1971, 1 p. with envelope.
- Leo Strauss, ALS, June 2, 1971. 1 p.
- Leo Strauss, ALS, June 2, 1971, 1 p.: photocopy of above letter.
- Leo Strauss, TL, June 2, 1971, 1 p.: typed transcription of above letter.

**Box 5****Folder 22**

Correspondence, 1957-1997

**Box 5****Folder 23**

Correspondence, photocopies of letters between Strauss and Eric Vogelin

**Box 5****Folder 24**

Correspondence, Hoffmann, Verlag, Oehler, 1962-1965

**Box 5****Folder 25**

Correspondence and general transcription receipts, 1974-1976

**Series II: Teaching**

Series II contains material related to Strauss' teaching and research and is divided into three subseries: 1, Lectures; 2, Essays; 3, Notes.

Subseries 1 and 2 contain texts of many of Strauss' lectures and essays. Many of these are handwritten in bound notebooks and some are given only in brief outline. Because the texts are not always clearly dated or labeled, the distinction between lectures and essays is sometimes unclear.

Subseries 3 consists of research and writing notes. Strauss organized his research material by subject. Many are on small scraps of paper, and most are handwritten. They are organized into three Sub-subseries: 1, Hobbes, Natural Right; 2, Jewish Thought; 3, Greek Thought and 4, Miscellaneous.

**Subseries 1: Lectures****Box 6****Folder 1**

Die religiöse Gegenwart 1930

**Box 6****Folder 2**

Cohen und Maimuni 1931. Containing a translation from the Hebrew of Milchamot Hashem for Guttman

**Box 6**

**Folder 3**

Die geistige Lage der Gegenwart 1932

**Box 6**

**Folder 4**

Greek and Roman Political Thought I 1938

**Box 6**

**Folder 5**

Greek and Roman Political Thought II

**Box 6**

**Folder 6**

On the Study of Classical Political Philosophy 1938

**Box 6**

**Folder 7**

Hesiod and the Presocratics 1939?

**Box 6**

**Folder 8**

Political Philosophy in the Age of Reason 1941: Kant, Hume, Descartes, Hobbes

**Box 6**

**Folder 9**

Philosophy and Sociology of Knowledge 1941

**Box 6**

**Folder 10**

German Nihilism 1941

**Box 6**

**Folder 11**

The Origins of Economic Sciences: Xenophon's Oeconomicus 1941-1942

**Box 6**

**Folder 12**

What can we learn from Political Theory? 1942

**Box 6**

**Folder 13**

On Plato's "Laws" 1973?

**Box 6**

**Folder 14**

History of Ideas 1942 and History of Political Ideas 1949

**Box 6**

**Folder 15**

Natural Right, containing notes on Thomas Aquinas 1946

**Box 7**

**Folder 1**

Natural Right 1951 and 1954

**Box 7**

**Folder 2**

Progress or Return 1953

**Box 7**

**Folder 3**

Basic Problems of Political Philosophy 1953

**Box 7**

**Folder 4**

Basic Problems 1955 and Historicism 1955

**Box 7**

**Folder 5**

The Origins of Political Sciences and the Problem of Socrates 1958, first 10 pages missing

**Box 7**

**Folder 6**

Esistenzialism 1960?; Existenz 1960?

**Box 7**

**Folder 7**

On Higher Education in the Crisis of Our Time 1961

**Box 7**

**Folder 8**

Gorgias; Protagoras 1963; 1965

**Box 7**

**Folder 9**

Analecta Maimonidea: Treatise on the Art of Logic

**Box 8**

**Folder 1**

The Problem of Socrates n.d.

**Box 8**

**Folder 2**

Introduction to Political Philosophy, lecture 11

**Box 8**

**Folder 3**

Introduction to Political Philosophy, lecture 12

**Box 8**

**Folder 4**

Introduction to Political Philosophy, lecture 13

**Box 8**

**Folder 5**

Introduction to Political Philosophy, lecture 14 and 15

**Box 8**

**Folder 6**

Introduction to Political Philosophy, lecture 16

**Box 8**

**Folder 7**

Thucydides' The Peloponnesian War, lectures 1 and 3

**Box 8**

**Folder 8**

Plato's Laws, lectures 23-26

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Aristotle's Politics, lectures 1-17, Spring 1960

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Sources on Socrates: Plato's Apology and Crito and Aristophanes' Clouds, Birds, and Wasps, Seminars 1-14, n.d. (2 copies)

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Sources on Socrates: Plato's Apology and Crito and Aristophanes' Clouds, Birds, and Wasps, Seminars 1-14, n.d. (2 copies)

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Sources on Socrates: Plato's Apology and Crito and Aristophanes' Clouds, Birds, and Wasps, Seminars 1-14, n.d. (2 copies)

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Xenophon's Memorabilia, 4.3-4.4.1-8 and 3.4.12-3.6

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Thucydides' Peloponnesian War, lectures 1-9, December 6, 1972-April 4, 1973

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Basic Principles of Classical Political Philosophy, Fall 1961

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Political Philosophy of John Locke, Winter 1958

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Einige Anmerkungen über die politische Wissenschaft des Hobbes 1932

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The Living Issues of German Post-War Philosophy 1941?

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Note on Kurt Riezler's "Some critical remarks on man's Science of Man" n.d.

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Augustine, Thomas, Calvin; Hobbes' Behemoth: edition Toennies; Drafts of letters to Kruger (Krieger?); Outline: Die politische Wissenschaft des Hobbes, eine Einführung in das Naturrecht 1931-1934

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Planned Book on Hobbes a) Notes on Hobbes' works 1931

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Planned Book on Hobbes b) Vorwort zu einem Buch über Hobbes; Notes on: Naturrecht 1931

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Planned Book on Hobbes c) Einleitung, Kapitel I and II 97 pages 1930-1931

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Hobbes; Arbeitsplan: Spinoza and Hobbes 1934

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Vorurteil und defensive Kritik; Descartes; Plan of the Molesworth Edition of Hobbes; Outline: Die Grundlage von Hobbes Metaphysik und seine Religionkritik 1934?

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Die Religionskritik des Hobbes, ein Beitrag zur Aufklärung n.d.

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Photocopies and photographs of Hobbes' Manuscripts in the British Museum and in Chatsworth

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"Essays" attributed to Hobbes, Manuscript copy by Leo Strauss

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Hobbes' "Essays" proposed edition. Carbon copies of letters concerning this plan

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Hobbes' vitae and correspondence; publication proposal 1934

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Cumberland, Hobbes 1951?; 1931?

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Naturrecht; outline for "Naturrecht" 1933

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Notes Jus et Lex 1943

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RMbM Die Philosophie des Gesetzes 1935-1936

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Lessings Nathan der Weise and the 18th century 1936

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RMbM; Outline for The Secret Teaching of the Guide of the Perplexed 1938 and Juda Halewi; The Philosopher in the Cuzari 1941

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Notebooks on Maimonides, 1954-1961; A-B

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Is divine law possible at all, n.d.

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Platos Lehre vom Gesetz 1935

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Plato "Republic" 38pp.; Exoteric Teaching, 8pp. 1935?

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Thucydides, paper on Thucydides by Christopher Bruel 1961-1972

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Basic Problems 1950 [cf. lecture]

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Machiavelli: Discorsi, Principe; Arte della Guerra 1954-1955

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Moral Philosophy: Kant, Scheler n.d.

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Miscellaneous notes

- Theology and Politics
- Zu Abravanel's Kritik des Konigtums
- Untitled, "I do not read the Laws..." [beginning of text]
- Der Ort der Vorsehungslehre nach der Ansicht Maimunis
- Untitled, "How to approach Islamic (political) philosophy..." [beginning of text]
- Arthur Liebert, Heist und Welt der Dialektik, 1928

**Box 19**

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Readings in Philosophy, Spring 1941

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Thoughts on Machiavelli, manuscript, pp. 57-113

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Thoughts on Machiaveli, manuscript, pp. 114-152, 1957; Review of Leyden's edition of Locke's On Natural Law, pp. 1-12, 1957-1958

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Socrates and Aristophanes, pp. 1-48, 1963-1964

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Miscellaneous notes

- Memorabilia, pp. 36-60, 1969
- Xenophon's Socrates, pp. 61-81, 1970
- Studies in Platonic political philosophy, pp. 82-93, 1970
- On the Crito, pp. 94-102, 1970
- The Argument and the Action of Plato's "Laws", pp. 103-110, 1970-1971
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Nietzsche, Winter 1967

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**Folder 10**

Pascal, n.d.; Philosophy and Revelation, New School of Social Research, New York, notes and required reading list, ca. 1947

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Rousseau, Emile, n.d.

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Vico, n.d.

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Strauss Lecture on Machiavelli delivered at St. John's College, 12 March 1971

**Series III: Manuscripts**

Series III, Manuscripts, includes manuscript and typescript texts of many of Strauss' writings. A small amount of correspondence with colleagues and publishers is included with the texts.

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A German translation of "How to Study Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise" (W.B., N. Altwicker, Darmstadt, 1971)

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A German translation of pp. 41-59, 66 of Natural Right and History (W.B., N. Altwicker et. E. Topitsch, Darmstadt, n.d.)

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**Folder 5-6**

Strauss, Leo, The Argument and the Action of Plato's Laws, manuscript, photocopy, ca. 1973

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"How Farabi Read Plato's Laws" (notebook); Final paragraph of "Restatement on Xenophon's Hiero," in On Tyranny, omitted from English version

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**Folder 2**

Thoughts on Machiavelli, 1956 (2 spiral bound notebooks)

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**Series IV: Publications and Reviews**

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Das Erkenntnisproblem der philosophischen Lehre Jacobis, See Box 15 Folder 1

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Auszug aus der Dissertation (Abstract); Leo Strauss' review of Ebbinghaus

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Hobbes politische Wissenschaft in ihrer Genesis (typescript)

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Xenophon: Anabasis (typescript and photocopy)

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Plato's Laws, Book 7-12 (typescript)

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#### **Folder 9**

Writings, 1934-1959

- "Maimunis Lehre von der Prophetie und ihre Quellen," *Le Monde Oriental* 28, 1934 Reprint
- Eine vermifk Schrift Farabis 1936 Reprint
- "How to Study Spinoza's Theologico-Political Treatise," *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research* 17, 1948 Reprint
- "Political Philosophy and History," *Journal of the History of Ideas* 10/1, 1949 Reprint
- "Machiavelli's Intention: The Prince," *American Political Science Review* 51/1, 1957 Reprint
- "What Is Liberal Education?" an address delivered at the tenth annual graduation exercises of the Basic Program of Liberal Education for Adults, University of Chicago, June 6, 1959

### **Box 25**

#### **Folder 1**

"Das Erkenntnisproblem in der philosophischen Lehre Fr. H. Jacobis," doctoral dissertation, University of Hamburg, 1921, typescript (2 copies)



**Box 25****Folder 2**

Writings, 1923

- "Antwort auf das 'Prinzipielle Wort' der Frankfurter," Juedische Rundschau (Berlin) 28 no. 9 (1923): 45-46
- "Anmerkung zur Diskussion über 'Zionismus und Antisemitismus,'" Juedische Rundschau (Berlin) 28 no. 83/84 (1923): 501-502
- "Das Heilige," Der Jude (Berlin) 7 (1923): 240-242
- "Der Zionismus bei Nordau," Der Jude (Berlin) 7 (1923): 657-660

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Writings, 1924

- "Paul de Lagarde," Der Jude (Berlin) 8 (1924): 8-15
- "Soziologische Geschichtschreibung?" Der Jude (Berlin) 8 (1924): 190-192
- "Cohens Analyse der Bibel-Wissenschaft Spinozas," Der Jude (Berlin) 8 (1924): 295-314
- "Bucherschau," Der Jude (Berlin) 8 (1924): 432
- "Zur Auseinandersetzung mit der europäischen Wissenschaft," Der Jude (Berlin) 8: 613-617

**Box 25****Folder 4**

Writings, 1925-1926

- "Biblische Geschichte und Wissenschaft," Juedische Rundschau (Berlin) 30 no. 88 (1925): 744-745
- "Zur Bibelwissenschaft Spinozas und seiner Vorlauffer," Korrespondenzblatt (des Vereins zur Grundung und Erhaltung einer Akademie fur die Wissenschat des Judentums) 7 (1926): 1-22

**Box 25****Folder 5**

Die Religionskritik Spinozas als Grundlage seiner Bibelwissenschaft: Untersuchungen zu Spinozas Theologisch-politischem Traktat, 1930, review by Gerhard Kruger, Deutsche Literaturzeitung 51 (1931): 2407-2412

**Box 25****Folder 6**

Writings, 1932-1933

- "Anmerkungen zu Carl Schmitt, Der Begriff des Politischen," Archiv fur Sozialwissenschaft und Soziapolitik 67 no. 6 (August-September 1932): 732-749
- "Das Testament Spinozas," Bayerische Israelitische Gemeindezeitung (Munich) 8 no. 21 (1932): 322-326
- "Quelques remarques sur la science politique de Hobbes," Recherches Philosophiques 2 (1933): 609-622

**Box 25****Folder 7**

Writings, 1936

- "Quelques remarques sur la science politique de Maimonide et de Farabi, Revue des Etudes Juives 100 (1936): 1-37

- "Eine vermisste Schrift Farabis," *Monatsschrift für Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums* 80 (1936): 96-106

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**Folder 8**

Writings, 1937

- "Der Ort der Vorsehungslehre nach der Ansicht Maimunis," *Monatsschrift für Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums* 81 (1937): 93-105
- "On Abravanel's Philosophical Tendency and Political Teaching," in Isaac Abravanel, ed. J.B. Trend and H. Loewe (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1937), pp. 93-129

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Writings, 1926-1959

- "Zur Bibel Wissenschaft Spinozas und seiner Vorläufer," *Korrespondenzblatt des Vereins zur Grundung und Erhaltung einer Akademie für die Wissenschaft des Judentums* 7, 1926
- "Quelques remarques sur la science politique de Maïmonide et de Farabi," *Revue des Etudes Juives* 199-200, 1936
- Review of Giles of Rome, *Errores Philosophorum*, translated by John O. Riedl, *Church History* 15/1, 1946
- "How to Study Spinoza's Theologico-Political Treatise," *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research* 17, 1948
- "The Liberalism of Classical Political Philosophy," *Review of Metaphysics* 12/3, 1959

**Box 26**

**Folder 2**

Writings, 1959-1973, n.d.

- "Liberal Education and Mass Democracy," combined lecture, 1959-1960
- "How to Begin to Study The Guide of the Perplexed," reprint of "Introductory Essay" from *The Guide of the Perplexed*, University of Chicago Press, 1963
- "Note on the Plan of Nietzsche's Beyond Good and Evil," *Interpretation* 2/2-3, 1973
- "Der Ort der Vorsehungslehre nach der Ansicht Maimunis," *Monatsschrift für Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums*, n.d.
- Review of *The Nature of Jewish History--Its Universal Significance*, by J. L. Talmon, *Journal of Modern History*, n.d.

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**Folder 3**

"The Literary Character of the Guide for the Perplexed," reprinted from chapter three of *Essays on Maimonides*, Columbia University Press, n.d., heavily annotated by Strauss with inserted notes and correspondence

**Subseries 2: Writings by Others**

**Box 26**

**Folder 4**

Reviews and articles, 1972, n.d.

- Helmut Kuhn, "Philosophie - Ideologie - Politik," *Zeitschrift für Politik*, n.d.

- John D. Moore, review of Plato's Symposium by Stanley Rosen, American Journal of Philosophy, n.d.
- Julius Guttman, "Philosophie der Religion oder Philosophie des Gesetzes?" n.d.
- Jenny Clay, review of Erl"uterungen zum N der Ilias by Michel Christoph, Classical World, 1972

### **Subseries 3: Reviews of Strauss' work**

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Liberalism: Ancient and Modern, 1968

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History of Political Philosophy; Socrates and Aristophanes, 1963

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What is Political Philosophy? And other studies, 1959

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Philosophie und Gesetz, 1935

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Spinoza's Critique of Religion, 1931 and, 1962

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##### **Folder 5**

The Political Philosophy of Hobbes, 1936; 1952; 1962; and 1966

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##### **Folder 6**

Articles on Strauss' work in general

- Ermeneutica e pensiero classico in Leo Strauss; by Arnaldo Momigliano, 1967

- Tiranni e filosofi tiranni by Enrico Paresce, c.1970

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**Folder 7**

Reviews, 1931-1973

- Gerhard Kruger, review of Die Religionskritik Spinozas als Grundlage seiner Bibelwissenschaft, Deutsche Literaturzeitung 51, 1931
- Willmoore Kendall, review of Thoughts on Machiavelli, Triumph 8/7, 1973
- Gehart Niemeyer, "Humanism, Positivism, Immorality," review of Thoughts on Machiavelli, Political Science Reviewer 1, 1971 (2 copies)
- Review of What is Political Philosophy? Revista de Estudios Sociales 2, n.d. (Spanish)
- Robert G. Hoerber, review of Xenophon's Socratic Discourse, Classical Outlook, 49/8, 1972
- A. E. Raubitschek, review of Xenophon's Socratic Discourse, American Classical Review, 1971
- J. A. Schwandt, review of Xenophon's Socratic Discourse, Thought, 1971
- Review of Xenophon's Socratic Discourse, American Classical Review 1/4, n.d.
- Carroll Moulton, review of Xenophon's Socrates, Yale Review, 1972
- Stanley Rosen, review of Xenophon's Socrates, Classical World, 1973 (2 copies)
- Review of Xenophon's Socrates, Bibliography of Philosophy, 1973
- Review of Xenophon's Socrates, Choice, 1973
- Review of Xenophon's Socrates, Classical Bulletin, 1972
- Review of Xenophon's Socrates, Greece and Rome, 1973
- Review of Xenophon's Socrates, Social Science Quarterly, 1973

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**Folder 8**

Memorials and biographical articles, 1972-1974, n.d.

- Robert L. Bartley, "Irving Kristol and Friends," Wall Street Journal, May 3, 1972
- Hiram Caton, Der hermeneutische Weg Leo Strauss', n.d.
- Milton Himmelfarb, "On Leo Strauss," Commentary, 1974
- Marie-Merlin Veronica Price, "Tracking Mr. Strauss," Wall Street Journal, letter to the editor, n.d.
- George K. Romoser, "Leo Strauss," obituary, n.d. (German)
- Eulogy by unidentified student

**Series V: Personal Files**

Series V contains a small number of documents related to Strauss' biography and personal life. In addition to biographical items and identification documents, the Personal files include a brief diary kept by Strauss in 1944 and several of the many awards he received in the later years of his career.

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Passports, certificate of literacy, voter identification cards, Naturalization Papers

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note about Professor David Spitz; Leo Strauss' vita 1938

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Dinner speech at the New School 1941; letters and program regarding the Annual meeting of the Conference on Jewish Relations 1943

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Diary, presented by J. Guttmann, with a few entries 1944

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Honors, 1964-1966

- Certificate in appreciation from the University of California 1964
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- Honorary Doctorate from the Hebrew Union College 1966
- Certificate from Gynasium Philippinum, Marburg, n.d.

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Citation for Doctor of Laws, St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, 1969

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Diploma, honorary Doctor of Laws, St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, 1969

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Citation for Doctor of Laws, Dropsie College, 1963

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Articles about Strauss 1967-1968

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Letter from Laurence Berns to Joseph Cropsey concerning the disposition of the Leo Strauss papers 1976

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