

## **ISRAEL DORMAN PAPERS, 1918-1930s**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Israel Dorman was born in Russia on August 18, 1892 or 1893, to Benjamin and Goldie Buchrinsky Dorman, and was one of eight children. The family immigrated to America in 1906, arriving first in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and finally settling in Baltimore, Maryland.

After the family settled in Baltimore, Israel attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music to study the violin. He later taught at the Conservatory, where he met his future wife, Carrie Notes, of Washington, D.C., in 1915. She had come to the Conservatory to study the violin. They would later marry in 1934, and have one son, Benjamin Notes Dorman.

Israel served in the U.S. Army during World War I. He was inducted as a private with Company 4, Recruit Camp 4, serving at Camp Greene, in Charlotte, and was honorably discharged in January 1919.

Israel was a gifted violinist from an early age. In addition to teaching at the Peabody Conservatory, he also played with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra from 1916-1930. He was also a member of the Saturday Night Club, and a real estate executive.

Israel Dorman died on March 22, 1970, and was buried in the United Hebrew Cemetery in Baltimore.

This collection contains clippings, correspondence, financials, military records, postcards, photographs, and negatives.

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## ACQUISITION

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## HISTORICAL NOTE

Israel Dorman was born in Russia on August 18, 1892 or 1893, to Benjamin (1854-1919) and Goldie Buchrinsky Dorman (1855-1942). One of eight children, his siblings were Esther, Eva, Rose (born 1888), Sophia (born 1891), Morris, Martin, and Samuel (1895-1940). The Dorman family immigrated to America in 1906, arriving first in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and finally settling in Baltimore, Maryland.

After the family settled in Baltimore, Israel attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music to study the violin. He later taught at the Conservatory, where he met his future wife, Carrie Notes, of Washington, D.C., in 1915. She had come to the Conservatory to study the violin. They would later marry in 1934, and have one son, Benjamin Notes Dorman (1936-1997).

Israel served in the U.S. Army during World War I, registering in June 1917. He was inducted as a private with Company 4, Recruit Camp 4, and stationed at Camp Greene, in Charlotte. Israel was honorably discharged in January 1919.

Israel was a gifted violinist from an early age. He played with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra from 1916-1930, and taught at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. His brother, Samuel, played with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra as well, as a cellist. Israel was also a member of the Saturday Night Club, alongside H.L. Mencken, and a real estate executive.

Israel Dorman died on March 22, 1970, and was buried in the United Hebrew Cemetery in Baltimore.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Israel Dorman Papers, consist of clippings, correspondence, financials, military records, postcards, photographs, and negatives. The collection encompasses primarily the years 1918-1930s, but may have some information outside of these dates, as much is undated.

**Clippings, 1923 and undated**, encompasses three articles on the Bennett Place memorial, and two on Israel Dorman, which concern performances in which he was involved.

**Correspondence, 1919-1923**, includes correspondence to Benjamin Dorman, Israel's father, and correspondence to Israel, along with blank or empty envelopes.

**Family Notes, undated**, consists of a ½ page of genealogy for R.J. and Katherine S. Reynolds.

**Financial Records, 1923 and undated**, is comprised of a tally sheet of income for Israel Dorman, and a receipt also belonging to Dorman.

**Military Records, 1918-1919**, encompasses a list of National Geographic and Living Age magazines available to soldiers at the library, and furloughs and leave passes for Dorman from Camp Greene.

**Postcards, undated**, consists of blank postcards from attractions in North Carolina, and one from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**Photographs, c. 1920s-1930s**, includes photographs of Israel Dorman, his family members, and friends. Some photographs are identified, while others are not.

**Negatives, c. 1920s-1930s**, includes negatives of Israel Dorman, his family members, and friends. Some images are identified, while others are not.

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