



Leo Talman Papers (K1047)

Collection Number: K1047

Collection Title: Leo Talman Papers

Dates: no date

Creator: Talman family

Abstract: The Leo Talman Papers consists of a single photograph. The photograph depicts a medallion inscribed with a Jewish prayer and a newspaper article providing the story behind the medallion, which was published in *The Kansas City Star*.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder, 1 photograph)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Leo Talman Papers* (K1047); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Ronald A. Katz on May 31, 2011 (Accession No. KA1921).

Notes: Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

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Historical Note:

Leo Talman was born March 15, 1887, in Russia. Talman immigrated to the United States in 1907, and settled in Kansas City, Missouri, where he began work as a barber at the Hotel Meuhlbach. Talman became a naturalized citizen in 1923, and continued to work as a barber. Talman died in 1964.

Arrangement:

Collection consists of a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of a single photograph. The photograph depicts a medallion inscribed with a Jewish prayer and a newspaper article providing the story behind the medallion, which was published in *The Kansas City Star*. Admiral David Beatty of the United Kingdom gave the medallion to Talman after the two met in 1921. While Talman was working as barber at the Hotel Meuhlbach, he provided services for the visiting World War I military personnel. This included General Alphonse Jacques de Dixmude of Belgium, General Armando Diaz of Italy, General Ferdinand Foch of France, General John J. Pershing of the United States, and Admiral David Beatty of the United Kingdom. All of the men were in Kansas City for the dedication of the Liberty Memorial, which would become the National WWI Museum. Admiral Beatty talked with Talman about being Jewish, and then asked Talman what his greatest wish was. Talman responded that he wanted Palestine returned to the Jewish people. Many months later, Beatty sent the medallion to Talman.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Photograph, no date

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Beatty, David Beatty, Earl, 1871-1936	1	
Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City	1	Yes
Judaism--Prayers and devotion	1	Yes
Kansas City star (Kansas City, Mo. : 1885)	1	Yes
Liberty Memorial (Kansas City, Mo.)	1	
Talman, Leo	1	Yes
World War, 1914-1918	1	
Zionism	1	Yes