**Collection Extent:** 4.5 linear feet (4 records cartons, 1 photograph box, 9 oversized plans)

**Collection Dates:** mid 1800’s – 2010 (Almost all items from the 19th century are photocopies of documents deposited elsewhere.)

**Access:** The collection is open for research use. Two folders are restricted at the request of the donor and are not available to researchers for, respectively, 20 and 50 years from the date of donation.

Processing and finding aid completed by Aimee Dus and Kate Gyllensvard in May 2011.

**Biographical Note**
Arnold Samuel Schutzberg was born in Cambridge on 30 July 1927, the child of Russian immigrants Blanche Sternberg and Harry Schutzberg. Schutzberg attended the Wellington School and the Longfellow School before graduating from Cambridge High and Latin in 1945. Shortly after graduation, Schutzberg was drafted and served in the U.S. Army Air Force until the end of World War II. Since his teens Schutzberg had been involved in the Zionist cause as a member of the youth group Habonim. After World War II he became more actively involved by serving in the military forces fighting for the establishment of the independent state of Israel and in 1948 by helping found the Kibbutz Gesher Haziv.

Upon returning to the United States Schutzberg studied engineering and began a career as an aerospace engineer. Schutzberg married Frances Poger Leve in June 1957. The couple had two children, Adena and Daniel. The couple lived in Pennsylvania and then Winchester, MA before moving back to Schutzberg’s childhood home at 54 Fayette St., Cambridge after his retirement. Arnold Schutzberg died on March 25, 2010 at age 82.

**Description**
Schutzberg was always actively involved in the Jewish community. During his retirement years he became dedicated to pursuing research and writing on the history of the Jewish immigrant community in Cambridge. Along with his wife, Schutzberg visited nearby archives including the American Jewish Historical Society and the Cambridge Historical Commission and collected stories and oral histories from fellow members of the Cambridge Jewish community. He compiled this information on a website, “Jewish Cambridge,” which he intended to use to “interactively research, recover, enhance, conserve, and maintain the history of the Jewish community of Cambridge, past and present.” Topics on the website included immigration, family histories, and the establishment of synagogues. This website is no longer available online. (In addition to the drafts and printouts contained in Series II, copies of some of the website content can be found in the CHC file on Jewish Cambridge.) Schutzberg also wrote a chapter, “Immigrant Jewish Cambridge,” for a Cambridge Historical Society book, *A City’s Life and Times: Cambridge in the Twentieth Century*. His authorship of newspaper op-ed pieces on Jewish history and his petition for historic landmark status for an early synagogue building are further examples of his work to achieve recognition for the Jewish community’s contributions to Cambridge life.
Significant topics included in Schutzberg’s research include Jewish businesses, organizations, and notable people. Another major focus of the research papers is the history of Cambridge synagogues. Synagogue building history, including architectural plans, is represented here. Schutzberg’s research also traced the history of some of the Jewish families who were early immigrants to Cambridge, including, among others, the Andelman and Busnach families.

As a former resident of Israel and early supporter of Israeli statehood, Schutzberg was also interested in collecting information on Zionism and Israel’s struggle for independence. Besides saving general information on Israel’s history, Schutzberg traced the community of people who, like him, had been involved in the military and in agricultural collectives in Israel. While some of these people may have been from Cambridge or the Boston area, it is not always possible to determine what, if any, connection these materials have to Cambridge history.

This collection predominantly consists of the background research Schutzberg compiled to support these projects. The research in this collection includes Schutzberg’s collections of photocopied documents, internet printouts, and correspondence. Schutzberg appears to have been gathering any information he could find on Jewish Cambridge and the product of his efforts is collected here.

While Schutzberg made notes on some of the photocopies, the majority are not annotated. The research papers also include sheets of notes and spreadsheets of data compiled by Schutzberg, but these comprise only a small percentage of the collection. He consulted City of Cambridge directories and United States Census records from the late 19th and early 20th centuries and his notes and spreadsheets often reference these records. It is not always clear where the copies of the documents were obtained, but Schutzberg appears to have done a significant amount of research at the American Jewish Historical Society.

The collection also included 18 books on Cambridge and Boston area history and urban planning. These books are listed in the bibliography below.

**Related Resources**
See also Cambridge Historical Commission file on Jewish Cambridge.

**Series I: Research**
This series consists primarily of photocopies of documents relating to the history of Jewish Cambridge. The copies were made in the late 1990’s through about 2010, and the bulk of the source material dates mainly from the mid 19th century to the mid 20th century. The documents include photocopies of articles from the Jewish Advocate and the Cambridge Chronicle, as well as photocopies of the meeting minutes of organizations including the Cambridge Hebrew Ladies Charitable Society, Cambridge Hebrew Women’s Aid Society, and Congregation Beth Israel.

Research in this series also includes newspaper articles, synagogue newsletters, and other miscellaneous items that relate to the contemporary Jewish community in Cambridge.
Series II: Drafts and Writing

A major objective of Schutzberg’s research appears to have been the preparation of a website on Jewish Cambridge. This series contains drafts and printouts of his website content, as well as copies of editorials and other articles written by Schutzberg. A copy of Schutzberg’s account of his life, related in an oral history interview, is also included here. These items date from the late 1990’s until about 2010.

Series III: Non-Cambridge Materials

This series includes research photocopies, articles, brochures, and correspondence on a variety of topics. Most relate to Judaism and the history of the state of Israel. Like most of the material in this collection, these items primarily date from the late 1990’s until about 2010. The source material for most of the photocopies in this series dates from the mid to late 20th century.

Series IV: Images

This series contains photographs and photocopied images. Some depict Cambridge people and locations, but the subjects of these images are not always labeled or identified.

Series V: Plans and Elevations

This series includes oversized copies of plans and elevations of Congregation Yavna and Congregation Beth Israel.

Series I-IV are located offsite

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Since most items are photocopies, dates listed refer to the date of the source material.

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86. Cambridge Hebrew Women's Aid Society – Minutes 1949-1969
87. Congregation Beth Israel of Cambridge – General Ledgers 1929-1936

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### Series V: Plans and Elevations

**Flat file, Mid-Cambridge drawer (temporary storage)**

- Proposed Synagogue for Congregation Yavna, 10-12 Howard St., Cambridge, S.S. Eisenberg, Architect
  - 4 plans and elevations (undated)

- Congregation Beth Israel, 238 Columbia St.
  - 4 hand drawn plans, (undated)

- Plan of Building Lots in Cambridge and Somerville
  - Belonging to Amory Houghton in April, 1859
  - Copy made May 19, 1943 by Massachusetts Registry of Deeds
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Book : Biography
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