



# **Guide to the Jerome J. Shestack papers, 1944-2011 and undated, bulk 1965-2000**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Jerome J. Shestack papers, 1944-2011 and undated, 1965-2000

**Creator:**

Shestack, Jerome J.

**Source:**

Human Rights Archive (Duke University)

**Abstract:**

Jerome Shestack was a Philadelphia lawyer and human rights advocate. His papers chiefly document the leadership roles he undertook for legal and social justice organizations such as the American Bar Association, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the International League for Human Rights, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and many others, and the histories of those entities. Series include extensive correspondence and subject files, organization files, writings and speeches, publications and clippings, as well as a small collection of personal files, photographs, and Shestack's World War II diary. Topics covered in the collection include but are not limited to: the history of the American Bar Association, law and legislation related to international and domestic human and civil rights, American government policies on human rights, Jewish human rights issues, the defense of political dissidents such as Andrei Sakharov, disappeared persons in Argentina, the rights of the mentally disabled, and Shestack's role in standing against the Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork. Acquired as part of the Human Rights Archive at Duke University.

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**Language:**

Materials are in English.

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

The papers of Jerome Shestack span the years of 1944 to 2011, and document the leadership roles he undertook for legal and social justice organizations such as the American Bar Association, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the International League for Human Rights, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the American Jewish Committee, the International Criminal Court, and many others, and the histories of those entities. Series include extensive correspondence and subject files; organization files; writings by Shestack and others, such as reports, editorials, articles, and speeches; publications and clippings; trial testimonies and proceedings; as well as a small collection of personal files, photographs, and Shestack's World War II diary.

The materials provide insights into Shestack's many professional achievements and how his work in the legal profession intersected his passion for human rights. Shestack held leadership roles in many law and human rights organizations, often simultaneously, and the materials also reveal how organizations often collaborated with one another to address human rights from a legal standpoint. A large portion of the material focuses on Shestack's dedication to the law profession through his active roles in the American Bar Association, which includes his position on the 1987 judicial committee against the Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork, as well as his role as American Bar Association President from 1997 to 1998.

Other materials in the collection demonstrate Shestack's work to promote and defend human rights on a broad international scale. Significant file groups for countries and their associated human rights cases include Argentina, China, Israel, Russia, and South Africa. His particular interests pertaining to human rights include but are not limited to: law and legislation related to international and domestic human and civil rights, American government policies on human rights, Jewish human rights issues, the defense of political dissidents such as Andrei Sakharov, disappeared persons in Argentina and other human rights abuses, the rights of the mentally disabled, and the history of human rights advocacy.

As a result of Shestack's advocacy work, there is extensive correspondence and subject files documenting his connections to notable human rights activists and prominent political leaders, including President Jimmy Carter, President George Bush, René Cassin, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Some audiovisual materials are scattered throughout the collection: a CNBC interview of Shestack as ABA President, International League for Human Rights Awards Dinner cassettes, Wingspread Interview cassettes, a Court TV Bosnia Trial VHS recording, and a recording of the Independent Counsel Symposium. Original media are closed to use; listening or viewing copies must be made for access.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Jerome J. Shestack was a Philadelphia lawyer known for his extensive work and leadership as a human rights advocate. He was born in Atlantic City, NJ on February 11, 1923. After serving in the Navy during World War II, Shestack received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1949. He lived with his family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he joined Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis LLP as a practicing lawyer in 1955. During his time in law, Shestack was involved in a number of professional law organizations, including the American Bar Association, the International Bar Association, and the International Commission of Jurists. He served on the American Bar Association committee on judicial appointments, notably voting against the Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork in 1987. He was President of the American Bar Association from 1997-1998.

Throughout his professional career, Shestack served as a human rights advocate for marginalized groups in America and around the world. He held leadership roles in several human rights advocacy groups and organizations, including the International League for Human Rights and the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights. Through these organizations he advocated for the fair treatment of political dissidents and the mentally disabled. He was also an active member of the American Jewish Committee. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter appointed Shestack as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, where he worked to identify and address the human rights needs of member nations. He served as the Ambassador until Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980.

In 1991, Shestack joined Wolf Block Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP as a practicing lawyer, where he worked until returning to Schnader Harrison Segal and Lewis as a retired partner in 2009. Recognized for his long time work in law and human rights advocacy, Shestack received the American Bar Association Medal in 2006, the highest honor awarded in the organization.

Jerome J. Shestack died in Philadelphia, August 28, 2011.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1923 February 11	Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey to Jewish parents

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1943-1946	Served in the US Navy; Wounded on the USS Ticonderoga during World War II
1949	Received Law degree from Harvard Law School
1951	Married Marciarose Schleifer
1955	Joined Schnader Harrison Segal and Lewis LLP in Philadelphia. He served as a practicing lawyer there until 1991.
ca. 1960	Joined the American Bar Association
ca. 1963	Joined the first Board of Trustees for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
ca. 1968	Joined the International League for the Rights of Man (later known as the International League for Human Rights)
ca. 1970	Joined the American Jewish Committee
1976	Became the Chair of the International League for Human Rights
1979 December 10	Appointed as the US Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights by President Jimmy Carter
1980s	Advocated against mistreatment of political dissidents, notably Andrei Sakharov

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1987	Voted against the Supreme Court Nomination of Robert Bork, deeming him "not qualified"
1991	Joined Wolf Block Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP in Philadelphia as a practicing lawyer.
1997-1998	President of the American Bar Association
2006	Awarded the American Bar Association Medal
2009	Rejoined Schnader Harrison Segal and Lewis LLP as a retired partner
2011 August 18	Died in Philadelphia

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## **Arrangement**

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Arranged in the following series: American Bar Association, Organizations, Correspondence, Subject Files, Writings and Speeches, and Print Materials.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## Acquisition Information

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## Processing Information

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Accessions described in this collection guide: 2014-0005, 2024-0177, 2025-0030

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## Names and Subjects

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- Disappeared persons -- Argentina
- Dissenters -- 20th century
- Human rights advocacy
- Human Rights -- Periodicals
- Human rights -- Law and legislation
- Human rights workers -- United States -- Correspondence
- International law and human rights
- Jews -- Social conditions -- 20th century
- Jews, American -- Correspondence
- Judges -- Selection and appointment -- United States
- Justice, Administration of -- United States -- 20th century

- Lawyers -- United States -- Correspondence
- Mental health laws -- 20th century
- People with mental disabilities -- Legal status, laws, etc.
- Political persecution -- 20th century
- Political rights
- Social justice -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American
- Argentina -- Politics and government -- 1955-1983
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Soviet Union -- Politics and government -- 1953-1985
- United States -- Politics and government -- History -- 20th century
- Audiocassettes
- Black-and-white photographs
- Diaries
- Video recordings
- Human Rights Archive (Duke University)
- Shestack, Jerome J.
- Bork, Robert H.
- Sakharov, Andreĭ, 1921-1989
- ABA Center for Human Rights
- American Bar Association
- American Bar Association. Commission on the Mentally Disabled
- American Bar Association. Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities
- International League for Human Rights
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- United Nations Commission on Human Rights
- United States. Supreme Court -- Officials and employees -- Selection and appointment

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## Collection Inventory

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### **American Bar Association, 1960-2009 and undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

The American Bar Association series documents Shestack's work as a long-time member of the legal organization. The materials reflect his active participation in multiple American Bar Association (ABA) sections and committees, especially those dedicated to the advancement of human rights and equal opportunity. Highlights of the series include files on the committee opposed to the Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork in 1987 as well as files documenting Shestack's work during his time as appointed President of the American Bar Association from 1997 to 1998. The series consists of eight subseries: Correspondence, Writings, Presidential Materials, Sections and

Committees, Internal Reports, ABA Publications and Mailings, Subject Files, and Administrative Files.

**Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Series contains fragile audiovisual formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

**Correspondence, 1969-2006 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

This subseries consists of correspondence between Shestack and others specifically regarding his work in the American Bar Association. Most of the correspondence was exchanged between Shestack and other members of the American Bar Association, but there is some correspondence between Shestack and members of other organizations or groups working with the ABA for various causes.

Correspondence topics include support for Shestack in various ABA elections, state bar association activities, and Shestack's acceptance of the ABA Medal. The series begins with correspondence arranged chronologically by Shestack. Other correspondence files are arranged by subject. Related material may be found in the Correspondence series.

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Chronological Correspondence, 1969-1997

February

Box 1

**Physical Description:** 18 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Contains correspondence between Shestack and colleagues regarding his work within the American Bar Association

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Chronological Correspondence, 1997 Feb-1997

Aug

Box 2

**Physical Description:** 16 folders

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Chronological Correspondence, 1997

September-1998 December

Box 3

**Physical Description:** 19 folders

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Chronological Correspondence, 1998-2006,  
undated

Box 4

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

Letters of Support for House of Delegates,  
1983 Box 4

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Letters written to Shestack to endorse his candidacy for re-elected Assembly delegate to the House of Delegates of the ABA in 1983.

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Correspondence by State, 1994 Box 4

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence from colleagues arranged by their state location in the US. Some correspondence refers to Shestack's possible candidacy for ABA President.

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Correspondence on the Orange County Bar  
Association, 1999 Box 4

American Bar Association Medal  
Correspondence, 2005 Box 4

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Letters written to the ABA in support of Shestack's nomination for the 2005 ABA Medal

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American Bar Association Medal  
Congratulation Letters, 2006 Box 4

**Writings, 1979 December-2001 January and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Files house drafts and final versions of writings and speeches by Shestack on American Bar Association topics and events. Related materials may be found in the Writings and Speeches series and perhaps in the Print Materials series.

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Writings by Shestack, 1979 December-1997  
June Box 4

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Speeches, papers, and some articles written by Shestack and directed towards different bar associations and legal groups, and newspapers usually on a broader theme regarding the profession. Some speeches given to honor particular people. Speeches are arranged in chronological groups

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by month, some speeches given more than once, and they are placed in the appropriate date range. Some speech drafts with marginalia included in this series.

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Writings by Shestack, 1997 July-2001 January

Box 5

**Physical Description:** 7 folders

### **ABA Presidential Materials, 1992-1998 June**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Materials document Shestack's role as American Bar Association President from 1997-1998. Materials span his election campaign, his activities as President-Elect, and his work while in office. Documents include letters of support, articles covering the campaign, Shestack's acceptance speech, presidential reports by Shestack, and an interview of Shestack on CNBC during his presidency, recorded on VHS.

#### **Access Restrictions:**

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Presidential Campaign Materials, 1992-1996

Box 5

**Physical Description:** 8 folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes letters of endorsement, candidacy announcements for Shestack

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Presidential Campaign Materials, 1992-1996

Box 24

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Presidential-Elect Materials, 1995-1996

Box 5

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes nomination announcements and news articles about Shestack's election

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Presidential-Elect Materials, 1995-1996

Box 24

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Presidency Materials, 1997

Box 5

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes articles and correspondence addressing Shestack's work as ABA President.

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Presidency Materials, 1997 August-1998 June Box 6

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Includes ABA Presidency reports and memorandums, conference briefing books, and a 1997 VHS tape of Shestack on CNBC

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"The Pied Piper of Just Causes" , 1997 Box 87

## **Sections and Committees, 1960-2009 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

This large subseries documents Shestack's work on various ABA sections and committees throughout the entirety of his time as a member of the association.

Sections and committees of interest are: the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Commission on the Mentally Disabled, and the Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, of which Shestack was a founding member. The subseries also contains documents regarding Shestack's work on the ABA Committee of judicial appointments, specifically relating to his vote against Judge Robert Bork's nomination for the Supreme Court. Documents include some correspondence, conference files, reports, and memorandas.

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American Bar Association Bork Committee, 1987 Box 6

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Documents regarding the ABA Committee formed to determine whether or not Judge Robert Bork was qualified to fire special prosecutor Archibald Cox as a part of the Watergate Scandal. Includes letters from committee members supporting or denying Bork's qualifications in addition to committee reports and essay commenting on the event.

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American Bar Association Bork Committee, 1987 Box 7

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

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Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI), 1996-2008 Box 7

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Meeting reports, ABA-published Materials, and some correspondence regarding ABA and Shestack's involvement with the Central Eastern European Law Initiative, a nonprofit provider of legal education in the Czech Republic.

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Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI), 1996-2008 Box 8

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI), 1996-2008 Box 24

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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Federal Judiciary Committee, 1985-1989, 2000-2001 Box 8

**Physical Description:** 21 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Reports, member rosters, and some Supreme Court case files concerning or belonging to the Federal Judiciary Committee, a committee that provides peer evaluation of federal judicial nominees.

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Center for Human Rights, 1973-2009 Box 9

**Physical Description:** 26 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Newsletters, reports, and correspondence on various topics of human rights addressed by the Center. Topics include torture, genocide, and human rights work in various countries.

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Center for Human Rights, 1973-2009 Box 10

**Physical Description:** 13 folders

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities (IRR) Correspondence, 1965-1991 Box 10

**Physical Description:** 10 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence between Shestack and his colleagues about the activities of the ABA's Section for Individual Rights and Responsibilities. Correspondence from 1991 celebrates the section's anniversary.

Individual Rights and Responsibilities Chicago  
Trial Cincinnati, 1970 Box 10

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence to and from Shestack regarding a controversial Chicago Trial involving the Cincinnati Bar Association and ABA's section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities.

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Chicago  
Trial Cincinnati, 1970 Box 11

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence from the Chicago trial and news clippings

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Constitutional Conventions Committee,  
1969-1971 Box 11

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence concerning ABA's involvement in the National Constitution Convention

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities House  
of Delegates, 1971 Box 11

**Scope and Contents**

Oral report by Shestack to the House of Delegates concerning IRR issues and related correspondence

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Campus  
Dissent Committee, 1969 Box 11

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Press releases and reports concerning IRR's Committee on Dissent Among College Communities

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities "Birth of  
A Section", 1991 Box 11

**Scope and Contents**

ABA IRR's Human Rights Magazine w/ special feature on IRR Anniversary

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Midyear Meeting Information, 1971 Box 11

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Genocide Convention, 1970 Box 11

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and reports on the ratification of the IRR-supported Genocide Convention by the United States

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Housing Committee, 1966-1971 Box 11

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and memorandums regarding IRR's subcommittee on equal opportunity in the housing market

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Freedom from Hunger, 1960s-1970s Box 11

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and reports from the IRR annual meetings

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Annual Meeting Information, 1969-1971 Box 11

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Reports from the IRR annual meetings

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Right to Legal Services Committee, 1969-1973 Box 11

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, reports, news clippings, and publications concerning the activities of the Rights to Legal Services Committee, which sought to provide legal services to those who struggled to find such services.

Individual Rights and Responsibilities Right to  
Legal Services Committee, 1969-1973 Box 12

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities-ABA  
Officers, undated Box 12

**Scope and Contents**

News clippings about the ABA-IRR officers.

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Board of  
Governors, 1970 July 15 Box 12

**Scope and Contents**

Board of Governors meeting minutes

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Amnesty, 1970 Box 12

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence between Shestack and colleagues about amnesty and IRR

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Electronic Surveillance, 1971 Box 12

Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Financial Information, 1969-1971 Box 12

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Reports and charts of IRR funds allocation.

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Law  
Student Division, 1971 Box 12

Individual Rights and Responsibilities Ford  
Foundation, 1969-1974 Box 12

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, reports, and memorandums concerning the IRR's work with the Ford Foundation.

Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Committee on Alcoholism, 1969-1970 Box 12

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and reports on the IRR committee for alcohol reform

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
American Citizenship Committee, 1969-1971 Box 12

Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
American Indian Committee, 1970 Box 12

Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Committee on Civil Rights and  
Responsibilities, 1969-1970 Box 12

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and reports on initiatives led by the IRR Civil Rights  
Committee

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Committee on Committees, 1970 Box 12

Individual Rights and Responsibilities  
Committee on Equal Protection of the Law,  
1970 Box 12

IRR Equal Rights for Women Committee,  
1969-1970 Box 13

IRR National Judicial College Files, 1997 Box 13

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Includes correspondence, reports, and publications by the National  
Judicial College for the IRR's work with Immigration Law. Also Includes  
certificates award to Shestack for presentations he conducted as a part of  
human rights courses conducted through the National Judicial College.

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IRR Human Rights files, 1970-1971 Box 13

**Scope and Contents**

Binder files concerning human rights projects undertaken by the ABA-IRR. Also includes ABA Human Rights publication from July 1971.

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Committee of International Aspects of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, 1971 Box 13

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Committees on Rights of the Accused, 1971 Box 13

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Washington May Day Protest, 1971 May Box 13

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities State and Local Liaison Committee, 1969 Box 13

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Committee on Religious Liberty, 1971-1972 Box 13

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Individual Rights and Responsibility Human Rights Publication Materials, 1970-1971 Box 13

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Overpopulation Committee, 1970 Box 13

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Assorted Files, 1964-1992 Box 13

**Physical Description:** 9 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Assorted correspondence to and from Shestack, memorandums, committee reports, and publications regarding the ABA's Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities. Original arrangement provided.

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Assorted Files, 1964-1992 Box 14

**Physical Description:** 15 folders

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Individual Rights and Responsibilities Bound Correspondence, 1969 Box 14

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Commission on the Mentally Disabled (CMD) Correspondence, 1975-1977 Box 14

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence to and from Shestack regarding the ABA's Commission on the Mentally Disabled

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Commission on the Mentally Disabled-ABA Conference, 1975 Box 15

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Commission on the Mentally Disabled-Bar, 1975-1977 Box 15

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence from Shestack to state bar association presidents asking for their cooperation in creating a guide to advocating for the Mentally Disabled for distribution. A final guide copy is included.

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Commission on the Mentally Disabled Backup Center, 1975 June 19 Box 15

**Scope and Contents**

Letter from Shestack to Dean Kimball advocating for the need for a Mental Health Legal Advocacy Center

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Commission on the Mentally Disabled Mental Health Legal Advocacy Project, 1978 Box 15

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Commission on the Mentally Disabled - Institute for Continuing Care Brochure, 1998 July 15-16 Box 79

**Scope and Contents**

Executive Summary for Quality of Life for Persons with Disabilities in the United States Institute for Continuing Care

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Commission on the Mentally Disabled Assorted files, 1973-1997, undated Box 15

**Physical Description:** 9 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and annual reports about Commission on Mentally Disabled Activities and information for state bar associations on how to start a mental health committee

"The Mentally Disabled: A New American Bar Association Viewpoint By Jerome Shestack, 1974 February2 Box 15

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National Advisory Committee, 1968-1971 Box 15

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Committee meeting documents and newspaper clippings regarding the committee's involvement with the California Rural Legal Assistance

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Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Correspondence, 1966-1971 Box 15

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence regarding work within the ABA's Office of Economic Opportunity

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Office of Economic Opportunity Funded Data, 1966 Box 16

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Office of Economic Opportunity Memoranda to National Advisory Committee, 1965-1972 Box 16

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Office of Economic Opportunity National Justice Foundation, 1969 Box 16

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Office of Economic Opportunity Source Files, 1960-1980 Box 16

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Proposals, memorandums, and newsletters concerning OEO

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Office of Economic Opportunity Legal Services, 1966-1967 Box 16

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence regarding OEO Legal Services

Office of Economic Opportunity Administrative Files, 1971-1973	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Various reports, program files and correspondence regarding OEO administrative programs	
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Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, 1980 October 6, 1994	Box 16
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Ethics Task Force, 2002 May 30	Box 17
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Meeting information from the IBA Task Force on Profession Ethics to be used in an ABA context.	
Task Force on Lawyer's Political Contributions, 1998	Box 17
Long Range Planning Committee Report, 1996	Box 17
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, 1997 August 2	Box 17

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Section on Judicial Administration, 1991-1992	Box 17
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Special Committee on Judicial Independence, 1998	Box 17
Federal Judiciary Committee, 1984-1985	Box 17
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence, memorandums, and articles collected in response to Shestack's appointment to the Federal Judiciary Committee	
Program and Planning Committee Agendas, 1994	Box 17
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
General Committee Files, 1980-1997	Box 17
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence, memorandums, news clippings, and reports related to committees of ABA, kept in original order.	
General Committee Files, 1996-1997	Box 18
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Internal Reports, 1975, 1994-1999 and undated</b>	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Files chiefly house reports circulated within the American Bar Association. The majority are administrative in nature and distributed association-wide. A few reports are specifically related to Shestack's work within the organization, such as grant reports.	
Administrative Internal Reports, 1994-1999	Box 18
<b>Physical Description:</b> 10 folders	

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**Scope and Contents**

Reports circulated among ABA Members that concern administrative activities; reports not circulated to the public

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Legal and Government Priorities Reports, 1996-1997 Box 18

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State Bar Association Reports, 1996, undated Box 18

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Foundations and Services Reports, 1975, 1997, undated Box 18

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Internal Grant Report, 1997 October 1 Box 18

**Scope and Contents**

Grant Application/Report for ABA Justice and Education Section submitted to the American Endowment Committee

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Promoting Professionalism Reports and Drafts, 1997 January-1998 July Box 18

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Internal reports and report Drafts that document ABA programs and initiatives to exhibit professionalism as members of the legal field.

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Promoting Professionalism Reports and Drafts, 1997 January-1998 July Box 19

**Physical Description:** 11 folders

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**ABA Publications and Mailings, 1970-2005 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

This subseries consists of news and promotional materials sent to all members of the American Bar Association, such as the ABA Journal or mailings about membership. Most files contain articles related to Shestack's work within the organization.

Some related materials can be found in the Print Materials series.

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Publications and Mailings, 1970-1997 Box 19

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

ABA magazines, and public mail sent to members and other people to advertise ABA and its activities

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Publications and Mailings, 1998-2005, undated Box 20

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Publications and Mailings, 1992, 1994, undated Box 24

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**Subject Files, 1960-2009 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Subseries includes correspondence, reports, and memoranda concerning various people and events related to Shestack's work during his time in the American Bar Association. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject name.

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Subject Files A-I, 1960-2009, undated Box 20

**Physical Description:** 27 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Subject files arranged alphabetically, including but not limited to the following subjects: Chamber of Commerce, China Project, Coalition for Justice, International Criminal Court

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Subject Files I-S, 1960-2009, undated Box 21

**Physical Description:** 35 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Subject files arranged alphabetically, including but not limited to the following subjects: International Criminal Court, Minorities, SACIA, Supplemental Security Income

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Subject Files S-U, 1960-2009, undated Box 22

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Subject Files arranged alphabetically, including Supreme Court Briefs and University of South Carolina School of Law Evaluation

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**Administrative Files, 1970-2006**

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### Scope and Contents

This subseries consists of files regarding administrative activities of ABA involving Shestack. Materials are mostly meeting minutes and agendas. The general administrative files contain a variety of similar administrative documents that were originally unfiled.

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Ethics Meeting, 1999 January Box 22

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Section Meeting Files, 1996 Box 22

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Section Officers Files, 1995 Box 22

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Files documenting section plans and profiling section officers

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ABA Mid-Year Meeting Minutes, 1992 Box 22

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Legal Program Binder Files, 1997-1998 Box 22

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Files include ABA Law Day Results 1998, ABA Legal Education, Legal Intelligencer Article, Law and National Security Schedule Sheet, Judiciary Committee Files

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Economic and Social Council Application Files,  
1996 May 24 Box 22

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Application from ABA submitted to the UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for consultative status in category II with the Economic and Social Council

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State Bar Directors Inquiry, 1992 Box 22

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Shestack's Correspondence with state bar Directors on the status of ABA

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Board of Governors Agenda, 1997 July-1997 August	Box 23
<b>Physical Description:</b> 7 folders	
Board of Governors Agenda, 1998 July 29-31	Box 79
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
American Bar Endowment Director's Meeting, 1997 June	Box 23
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Center for Professional Responsibility Chair Meeting Binder Files, 1997 May	Box 23
General Administrative, 1972-2006	Box 23
<b>Physical Description:</b> 12 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Files that document administrative activities within ABA regarding various events and subjects. Includes agendas, reports, meeting minutes, binder notes, and some correspondence.	
General Administrative, 1972-2006	Box 24
<b>Physical Description:</b> 12 folders	
General Administrative, 1970-1998	Box 79
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 folders	
General Administrative, 1981-2004	Box 80
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	

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## **Organizations, 1961-2008 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

Series comprises materials concerning Shestack's work as a member and leader in various organizations. Materials demonstrate Shestack's passion for both human rights, the legal profession, and the intersection of the two subjects. Highlights of the series include his work within multiple organizations, particularly the International League of Human Rights, to raise awareness of the persecution of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. Other highlights include his work for Jewish human rights and advocacy and his role as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Formats vary across

organizations, but generally consists of correspondence, subject files, reports, and administrative files.

## **International League for Human Rights, 1968-2008 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

The materials in this series document Shestack's work in the International League for Human Rights (ILHR), a human rights organization of which he became a member around the time of its conception in 1963 and was chairman from 1976 until 1996. Documents include correspondence, subject files, conference proceedings, reports, newsletters, meeting minutes, and other administrative files. Most correspondence occurs between Shestack and ILHR colleagues, though some correspondence occurs between Shestack and non-ILHR members regarding collaborative work between ILHR and other organizations. Subject files are arranged in alphabetical order, and cover a variety of topics documenting Shestack's work in the organization, including files about human rights in various countries and organization funding. The materials also demonstrate Shestack's work to raise awareness of mistreatment of political dissident Andrei Sakharov and disappearances of thousands of people during the military junta in Argentina in the 1970s. The International League for Human Rights was known as the International League for the Rights of Man until it was renamed in 1976.

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Chronological Correspondence, 1973-1974 Box 24

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains correspondence between Shestack and his colleagues regarding his work and other activities within the International League for Human Rights.

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Chronological Correspondence, 1974-1989 Box 25

**Physical Description:** 16 folders

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Administrative Correspondence, 1982, 1985-1987 Box 26

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

### **Scope and Contents**

Correspondence specifically regarding ILHR responses to global events, meeting coordination, organization of reports, and collaboration with other organizations.

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Administrative Correspondence, 1981-1982 Box 80

Solicitation Correspondence from Shestack, 1968, 1977, 1982, 1997	Box 26
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Letters to potential donors of International League for Human Rights requesting financial support.	
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Country Ambassador Correspondence, 1975-1978	Box 80
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Letters between Shestack and ambassadors of various countries	
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Africa, undated	Box 26
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Argentina, 1978-1979, 1990 March, undated	Box 26
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
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Austria, 1975 December 15	Box 26
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Awards Dinner Cassette Tapes 1-3, 1997 September 16	Box 86
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Background Information on ILHR, 1987	Box 26
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Bellagio, 1979	Box 26
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Brazil, 1972-1978	Box 26
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Bulgaria, 1978	Box 26
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Burlatsky, 1991	Box 26
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Chile, 1976-1978, 1982	Box 26
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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China, 1978, 1989	Box 26
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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China Subcommittee Hearing, 1991	Box 26
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Conference Reports, 1977, 1991, 1996	Box 26
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Cyprus, 1976	Box 26

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Czechoslovakia, 1977	Box 26
Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 1975	Box 33
Defenders Project Case Files, 1987	Box 26
Defenders Project Information, 1987	Box 26
Disappearance Reports, 1979 September 20	Box 26
Disappearance Report, undated	Box 80
Disappearances Transcript, 1979	Box 26
Dominican Republic, 1978 May 18	Box 26
Donna Sullivan, 1992	Box 26
East Germany, 1983	Box 33
Egypt, 1977	Box 26
Eleanor Roosevelt, 1984, undated	Box 26
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Documents about Eleanor Roosevelt that connect her human rights work with the work of the International League for Human Rights	
El Salvador, 1978	Box 26
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Fang Li Zhi Reception, 1991	Box 27
Ford Foundation Funding Application, undated	Box 27
Ford Foundation Proposal Draft, undated	Box 27
Foundation Funding Files, 1973-1977, 1981, undated	Box 27
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	

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**Scope and Contents**

Documents that detail funding needs and applications processes for funding from various foundations that wanted to contribute to the International League for Human Rights' cause.

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Foundation Funding Files, 1984	Box 33
Geneva, 1979	Box 27
Germany Democratic Republic, 1982	Box 27
Grant Proposal for Foundation Funding, undated	Box 27
Grenville Clark Prize Nomination for Shestack, 1981 June 30	Box 27
Guinea, 1977-1979	Box 80
Haiti, 1978 December 12	Box 80
Human Rights Research in the 20th Century Brochure/Program, 1990 November 9-12	Box 27
Human Rights Research Files, 1973, 1980-1990, undated	Box 27

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**Scope and Contents**

Documents that Shestack and his International League of Human Rights colleagues used for research specifically pertaining to the human rights work of the organization.

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Hungary, 1977 July 31	Box 80
ICC Conference, 2008	Box 28
Human Rights Board Meeting, 1999 September 15	Box 28
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India, 1976-1979	Box 80
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Iran, 1978-1979	Box 28
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
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<b>Digital Object:</b> <a href="#">Israel, 1982</a>	
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Joseph C. Wilson Award Nomination for Shestack, undated	Box 28
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League Support Mailing, 1989	Box 28
Lithuania, 1979	Box 28
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Nicaragua, 1984-1986	Box 28
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Panama, 1975-1978	Box 80
Paraguay, 1976 July, 1979-1980	Box 28
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Paraguay, 1976-1978	Box 80
Psychiatry, 1974-1977, undated	Box 33
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Research Sources, 1971-1976, undated	Box 28
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	

**Scope and Contents**

Documents used for research by Shestack and his colleagues for various work within the organization

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Remarks on Sakharov Case by Shestack, 1980  
February-March Box 28

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Sakharov, 1973-1975, 1980-1986 Box 28

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Documents pertaining to the life, work, and controversy surrounding Andrei Sakharov, a Russian nuclear physicist and human rights activist. Shestack worked against the Sakharov's mistreatment as a Soviet dissident around this time.

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Sakharov Articles, 1984-1987 Box 28

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Articles discussing Sakharov controversy and his human rights work

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Sakharov Files and Tribute Publications, 1984,  
undated Box 80

**Scope and Contents**

Includes 1984 tribute book about Andrei Sakharov and Yelena Bonner

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Sakharov Hearing, 1983 Box 28

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Sakharov Reception, 1988 Box 28

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Plans for reception honoring Sakharov

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Sakharov Reception, 1988 Box 29

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Sakharov Reception Photos, 1988 Box 80

**Scope and Contents**

Photo sheets from the Sakharov Reception

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South Korea, 1984	Box 29
South Africa Publicity, 1978	Box 29
South Africa, 1977-1979	Box 80
Sri Lanka (Ceylon), 1974	Box 80
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Tax Protest, 1974	Box 29
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Turkish Mission, 1986-1987	Box 29
Uganda, undated	Box 29
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Ukraine, 1979	Box 29
U.N. Review, undated	Box 29
Uruguay, 1979, 1982	Box 29
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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Yugoslavia, 1984, 1990-1993	Box 29
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	

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Human Rights as a Condition of Peace, 1979 November	Box 29
Statements to ILHR Committees, 1973-1974, 1979, 1982	Box 29
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
UNESCO Speech, 1979 November	Box 30
Report on Neve Tirza and Ramel Prisons, Israel, 1972 November	Box 30
Report on Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights, undated	Box 30
Report on Human Rights and United States Foreign Policy, 1997 March	Box 87
Report on Human Rights Defenders in Nicaragua Draft, 1986 July	Box 30
Response to the Comments of Aryeh Neier, 1986 Sept 17	Box 30
Strategies Conference Report, 1979 October	Box 30
Northern Ireland Report, undated	Box 30
Lebanon Report to UN Working Group, 1985 September 12 (online item available)	Box 30
<b>Digital Object:</b> <a href="#">Lebanon Report to UN Working Group, 1985 September 12</a>	
Report on Conference on Implementing a Human Rights Commitment in US Foreign Policy, 1977 March 4	Box 30
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Annual Review, 1979-1980	Box 30
Judaism and Human Rights Brochure, 1983	Box 30
In Brief Newsletters, 1989	Box 30
In Brief Newsletters, 1982-1988	Box 81
Program for Shestack's Human Rights Award ceremony, 1997 September 16	Box 30
Press Releases, 1983-1985, 1993	Box 30
News and Press Reports, 1975-1976	Box 32
Human Rights Bulletin newsletter and booklet, 1991, 1994	Box 30
Human Rights Bulletin newsletter and booklet, 1978	Box 33
Newsletters, 1983-1988	Box 32
Board of Directors file, 1979	Box 30
Board Members, 1984-1986	Box 32
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Meeting Minutes and Bylaws for Board of Directors, 1982-1985	Box 30
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Board Meeting Minutes, 1985 Sept 12	Box 32
Board Meeting Minutes, 1974-1975	Box 33
1980 Nominating Committee Member List, 1979	Box 30
UN Meeting Agenda, 1990 November	Box 30

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Organization Tax Exemption Files, 1973-1975 Box 81

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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General Administrative Files, 1972-2004,  
undated Box 30

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Includes newsletters, reports booklets, agendas, some correspondence, in addition to more committee meeting minutes, commemorative files, some files used for research pertaining to the International League for Human Rights. Documents within files maintain their original order.

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General Administrative Files, 1972-2004,  
undated Box 31

**Physical Description:** 23 folders

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General Administrative Files, 1972-2004,  
undated Box 32

**Physical Description:** 19 folders

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General Administrative Files, 1976-1978 Box 33

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General Administrative Files, 1970-1997,  
undated Box 81

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

### **International Bar Association, 1984-2002 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

The International Bar Association subseries houses materials from Shestack's time as a member of the International Bar Association. Materials document Shestack's correspondence and collaboration with other national bar association leaders across the world, particularly in regards to law's role in international human rights issues. Types of materials include correspondence, subject files, international conference files, materials from bar associations in different countries, meeting minutes, and a few publications.

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Chronological Correspondence, 1990-1994,  
1994 Feb 15 Box 33

**Physical Description:** 7 folders

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**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence to and from Shestack regarding the activities of the International Bar Association

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Human Rights Correspondence, 1993	Box 33
IBA Action Plan Correspondence, 1991	Box 33
Asian Human Rights Organization, 1993	Box 33
Buenos Aires Conference File, 1988	Box 33
Committee 19 Meeting, 1991, 1994	Box 33
Chongwe Report on Zambia, 1990 July 18	Box 81
Geneva Conference, 1994	Box 33
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Legal Intelligencer Article for IBA Action Plan, 1992	Box 33
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Khajawa Case, 1993, undated	Box 81
Malaysia Project, 1993-1994	Box 33
Melbourne Conference, 1992-1994	Box 33
Muna Report on Cameroon, 1990 March 27	Box 81
Murungi Report on African Charter, undated	Box 81
Northern Ireland, 1993-1994, undated	Box 33
Role of the Lawyer in Human Rights Issues, 1997 Feb 15	Box 33
Ruzindana: African Charter Paper, 1990 September 19-25	Box 81

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Section on General Practice, 1993	Box 33
World Bar Leaders Conference, 1990-1991, 1991 June 7	Box 33
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Conference proceedings and administrative materials	
World Bar Leaders Conference, 1991 June 7	Box 34
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Articles on Manila Workshop, 1994	Box 34
Manila Workshop Materials, 1994 June	Box 34
Manila Workshop Correspondence, 1994	Box 34
Manila Workshop Nairman Speech, 1994 June	Box 34
Country Reports, undated	Box 34
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports on legal actions in various countries	
Philippines Background Information, 1993-1994	Box 34
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Philippines Summary, 1993	Box 34
Protest Letters and Cases, 1992-1993	Box 34
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Australian Bar Letters, 1993	Box 34
Norwegian Bar Letters, 1993-1994	Box 34

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Trial Observance Corps. Biographies, 1994, undated	Box 34
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Trial Observance Corps. Correspondence, 1994	Box 34
Trial Observance Corps. Formation and Guidelines, 1994	Box 34
Corps. Member Curriculum Vitae, 1994	Box 34
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New York Meeting, 1990	Box 34
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Australia Council Meeting Agenda, 1994 October	Box 34
Human Rights Action Plan Materials, 1987-1993, undated	Box 35
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Human Rights Action Plan Protest Letter Docket, 1992	Box 35
Human Rights Fund Resolutions, 1993	Box 35
Human Rights and a Just Rule of Law Committee, undated	Box 35
Committee 19 Program, Human Rights Advocacy Under Stress, 1989 October 4	Box 35
Meeting Minutes and Reports, 1986, 1989 June 9	Box 35
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Address List, undated	Box 81

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Administrative Files, 1984-1990, undated Box 35

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Lists, programs, and memorandums kept by Shestack that document the administrative activities of the International Bar Association. Also contains some correspondence.

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Administrative Files, 1988-2002, undated Box 81

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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**International Criminal Court, 1997-2000 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Materials in this subseries documents a few events and administrative work pertinent to the International Criminal Court, which Shestack played a role in creating during his time as President of the ABA. Related materials may be found in the American Bar Association series or in the International League of Human Rights subseries.

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International Court of Arbitration Lunch, 1999 Box 35

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NGO Coalition for International Criminal Court, 1998 June Box 35

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Administrative Files, 1997-2000, undated Box 35

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, reports and publications regarding various International Criminal Court activities

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**International Commission of Jurists, 1973-2008 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains materials documenting Shestack's time as a Commissioner on the International Commission of Jurists, a human rights non-governmental organization based in Geneva, Switzerland. Materials include correspondence between Shestack and ICJ colleagues, speeches by Shestack regarding ICJ, newsletters, reports, memoranda, and administrative files that were previously unfiled.

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Correspondence, 1980, 1983-1984, undated Box 35

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Consultative Activity Reviews, 1998-1999 Box 35

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Speech Material, 1994-1998	Box 35
Quarterly Report Newsletters, 1980-1989	Box 81
Other publications, 1973, 1977-1980, 1993 - 1997	Box 81

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**Scope and Contents**

Includes Report on Activities, The Review Journal, and ICJ newsletters

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Administrative Files, 1983-1984, 1994-2004, undated	Box 35
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**Physical Description:** 5 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Maps, report outlines, some correspondence, memos relating to Shestack's work within the International Commission of Jurists

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Administrative Files, 1999-2008, undated	Box 36
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**Physical Description:** 10 folders

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Administrative Files, 2006-2008	Box 81
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**Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, 1961-1987, 1993 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Materials in this subseries include correspondence, subject files, and press releases concerning Shestack's work in the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, an organization created at the request of President John F. Kennedy. Shestack was a member of the organization's first Board of Trustees.

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Chronological Correspondence, 1963-1965	Box 36
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**Physical Description:** 7 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence regarding the Civil Rights Movement and the activities of the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights. Some correspondence is between Shestack and colleagues, but a great deal of correspondence is between Bernard Segal, civil rights lawyer and president of the ABA in the late 1960s.

Chronological Correspondence, 1965-1971	Box 37
<b>Physical Description:</b> 14 folders	
Alphabetical Correspondence A-I, 1963-1964	Box 37
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Civil Rights Correspondence, 1966	Box 37
David Stahl Correspondence, 1963-1964	Box 37
American Judicial Conference Correspondence, 1966	Box 37
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Kennedy Fundraising Dinner Donations, 1965	Box 38
Donor Funding, 1965-1966	Box 38
Community Relations Service, 1964-1966	Box 38
Airlie Conference, 1965	Box 38
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<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Includes publications such as Black Economic Development, Racial Tensions in New York State, and A Nation is Never Finished	
Speech Locations, undated	Box 38
Speech Requests, 1965 March	Box 38
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Police-Community Relations, 1966-1968	Box 38
Katzenbach Dinner, 1966 May 4	Box 38

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Organization Inception Files, 1964-1965, 1968, 1987, undated	Box 38
Liaisons with Other Groups, 1963-1966, undated	Box 38
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence and memorandums between the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and other related organizations	
NAACP, 1965, undated	Box 38
Washington, DC Conference, 1965	Box 38
Edward L. Wright, 1963, 1964, 1970	Box 38
Claude Weaver and Charles Morgan, 1963-1964	Box 38
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Binder Files, 1965	Box 38
Youth Opportunity Campaign, 1965	Box 38
White House Liaison, 1961-1965	Box 38
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Liaison with the Senate, 1964	Box 39
Washington Supervision Committee, 1969	Box 39
Press Drafts, 1963	Box 39
Published Press, 1963	Box 39
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Bulletin Published by Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1965	Box 39
Capital Punishment Project, 1965, undated	Box 39
Civil Rights Movement Files, 1963-1965, 1968-1969, undated	Box 39
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	

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Civil Rights Acts, 1964-1966	Box 39
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Civil Rights Agenda for New Orleans, 1965	Box 39
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	

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Civil Rights and Disobedience to Law Brochure, 1964	Box 39
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Alabama-Selma, 1965	Box 39
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State Bar Association Support, 1965	Box 39
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	

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New Jersey Civil Rights Papers, 1964-1965	Box 39
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State Files, 1964-1965	Box 39
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence and reports discussing the State Bar Associations and their involvement with the Civil Rights Movement.	

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Philadelphia Steering Committee Minutes, 1969-1972	Box 40
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Philadelphia Correspondence, 1969-1972	Box 40
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence regarding local Philadelphia cases and Philadelphia Bar Association activities held in conjunction with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights	

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Mississippi Project, 1965	Box 40
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence and reports regarding the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights summer project to bring lawyers to Mississippi in cooperation with the Legal Defense Fund.	

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Mississippi, 1963-1969	Box 40
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	

**Scope and Contents**

Files concerning the Mississippi Project as well as other Civil Rights Movement activities.

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Clarksdale, Mississippi, 1963 Box 40

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Mississippi Library, 1965 Box 40

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Mississippi Meetings, 1964 Box 40

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Mississippi Legal Memos, 1965 Box 40

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Mississippi Bar Correspondence, 1964-1967 Box 40

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

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Shestack's Personal Source File, 1965,  
1969-1971, undated Box 41

**Scope and Contents**

File used by Shestack for personal research related to the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights

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Source Material, 1963-1970, undated Box 41

**Physical Description:** 11 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Files regarding the Civil Rights Movement collected by Shestack for use in the context of Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law activity. Includes newspaper clippings, reports, and external publications.

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Civil rights newspaper and magazine  
clippings, 1963-1966 Box 41

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

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Case files, 1969-1970, undated Box 41

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Civil rights cases collected by Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights.

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Case files, 1969-1970, undated Box 42

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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Transcript and letters for civil rights video, 1988	Box 42
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Financial Reports, 1964-1966	Box 42
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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Expenditures, 1964-1967	Box 42
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Executive Committee, 1964-1968	Box 42
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<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence, reports concerning the Executive Committee of Lawyers Committee of Civil Rights Under Law	
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
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<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports circulated within the organization	
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Annual and Anniversary Reports, 1978, 1985-1988, 1993	Box 43
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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Bylaw Publications, 1959-1965	Box 43
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Meeting Memorandum, 1963 November 12	Box 43
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	

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Membership files, 1963-1964 Box 43

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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General Administrative Files, 1963,  
1965-1966, 1978-1990, 1994, undated Box 43

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, reports, and memorandums concerning the administration of Lawyer's Committee of Civil Rights Under Law. Documents within files are in original arrangement.

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General Administrative Files, 1963-1999 Box 82

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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**Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights, 1963-1997 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

This subseries documents Shestack's time as a member of the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights, a non-governmental organization that focuses on legal representation for human rights causes. It was founded in 1975 as the Lawyer's Committee for International Human Rights. It has ties to both the American Bar Association and the International League for Human Rights. Materials include correspondence, subject files, newsletters, membership files, and administrative records.

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Amnesty Cases, undated Box 44

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State Contact Binder, 1963, undated Box 44

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Contains contact addresses and some correspondence

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Philippines, Uganda, and Chile, 1980-1981 Box 44

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Publications by the Lawyer's Committee for  
Human Rights, 1978, 1983, 1993 Box 44

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Publications by the Lawyer's Committee for  
Human Rights, 1988, 1990 Box 85

**Scope and Contents**

Includes Vigilantes in the Philippines: A Threat to Democratic Rule and In Defense of Rights: Attacks on Lawyers and Judges in 1990

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Lawyer to Lawyer Network Newsletter, 1996  
October Box 44

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News briefs Newsletter, 1989 Box 44

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Law and Human Rights Research Sources,  
1983-1991, undated Box 44

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Original and photocopy versions of publications, reports, and essays not produced by the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights but pertaining to human rights and related subjects.

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Board Meeting Minutes, 1978 October 5, 1978  
December Box 44

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Membership Records, 1963 Box 44

**Physical Description:** 7 folders

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Administrative Correspondence, 1980-1982 Box 44

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Administrative Files, 1975-1997, undated Box 45

**Physical Description:** 8 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, newsletters, and reports related to the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights Activities. Original arrangement within folders.

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Administrative Files, 1964, 1978-1990 Box 82

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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**United Nations Commission on Human Rights, 1969-2001 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Materials document Shestack's activities as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, a functional commission of the U.N. that focused on human rights situations in various countries. Shestack was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. Materials

include correspondence between Shestack and others regarding the U.N. Commission, conference proceedings, Commission agendas, meeting minutes, subject files, and administrative files.

Related materials can be found in the Events subseries of the Subjects series.

Correspondence, 1970-1982	Box 45
<b>Physical Description:</b> 9 folders	
General Assembly, 1980	Box 46
International League for Human Rights involvement in UN Commission activities, 1984	Box 46
36 Session Report Addendum, 1980	Box 46
Human Rights Internet Reporter, 1984, undated	Box 46
Telegram Tables, 1980-1981, undated	Box 46
Telegrams, 1980	Box 82
Articles, 1977	Box 46
High Commissioner, 1979-1980	Box 46
Confidential Internal Announcements, 1980	Box 46
Meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights, 36th session, 1979 December 24	Box 46
UN Conference on Human Rights, 2001	Box 46
UN Human Rights Conference Proceedings, 2001 February 1	Box 46
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
State Department Reports, undated	Box 46
Subcommission, 1984 August 1	Box 46
Afghanistan, 1976-1980	Box 82
Argentina, 1980	Box 46

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Madrid Conference, 1980	Box 46
Poland, 1980	Box 46
Research, 1980	Box 46
Session Agenda Items, 1978-1980	Box 46
<b>Physical Description:</b> 9 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Organization Meeting agendas	
Session Agenda Items, 1969-1971, 1980	Box 47
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
Session Agenda Items, 1991-1992	Box 82
Administrative Files, 1971, 1977-1989, undated	Box 47
<b>Physical Description:</b> 17 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
UN Commission session files, memorandums, and reports regarding the activities of the group.	
Administrative Files, 1979-1989	Box 82
<b>Physical Description:</b> 10 folders	
Assorted UN Files and Writings on Israel, circa 1977-1993	Box 87

### **American Jewish Committee, 1969-1999 and undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Materials document Shestack's work as a member of the American Jewish Committee, a Jewish advocacy organization, for which he served on the Board of Directors. Materials include correspondence between Shestack and his colleagues regarding the committee; meeting minutes; administrative files; and materials on the Blaustein institute of Jewish Human Rights, a section of the American Jewish Committee that focuses on international human rights. Shestack was an Institute chair and prominent member of its steering committee.

Correspondence, 1972 January - 1973  
December

Box 48

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Correspondence, 1974 January	Box 48
Correspondence, 1978	Box 83
Blaustein Institute, 1982-1984, undated	Box 83
<b>Physical Description:</b> 9 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence, reports, and administrative files from the American Jewish Committee's Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights	
Minutes, 1970-1975	Box 48
Administrative Files, 1969-1975, undated	Box 48
<b>Physical Description:</b> 6 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports, correspondence, and publications regarding the activities of the American Jewish Committee International	
Administrative Files, 1972-1999, undated	Box 83
"The Role of Human Rights in Judaism and at the American Jewish Committee", 1983 October 30	Box 87

### **Luso-American Business Council, 1985-1989 and undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Shestack's work on the Luso-American Business Council, a non-profit organization founded by American Portuguese and based in New York City, is documented here. Materials include correspondence between Shestack and others pertaining to the Council, organizational tax information, and administrative files.

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Correspondence, 1985-1987	Box 48
Tax Information, 1985	Box 48
Administrative Files, 1986-1989, undated	Box 48
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 folders	

**Scope and Contents**

Reports, correspondence, and publications regarding the activities of the Lusio-American Business Council.

**Other Organizations, 1961-1997 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Subseries comprises files from a few other human rights organizations and legal groups in which Shestack was active throughout his career. Materials include memos, some correspondence, publications, and administrative files from each of the groups.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 1980, 1984, 1991, undated Box 49

**Physical Description:** 8 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Reports, printed articles, some correspondence

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 1980, 1982 Box 83

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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American Arbitration Association Certificates and Memos, 1961, 1966, undated Box 49

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Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation, 1987-1991, undated Box 49

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Human Rights Watch, 1982-1986 Box 83

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US Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the UN, 1991-1993 Box 83

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US Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the UN, 1992-1997 Box 84

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Some correspondence, reports, and administrative files from the US Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the UN

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## **Correspondence, 1945-2000 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

Series files contain correspondence between Shestack, his colleagues, human rights activists, and noted politicians, throughout his career. The majority of the correspondence is professional in nature. Some correspondence is from Shestack on behalf of an organization. The first subseries is arranged chronologically by decade, while the second subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject, including some bound correspondence files that Shestack arranged by correspondent last name. One file contains some correspondence Shestack wrote to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Related correspondence, sometimes in large amounts, can be found throughout the American Bar Association, Organizations, and the Subject Files series.

## **Chronological, 1945-2000 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

The Chronological Correspondence subseries contains correspondence between Shestack and his colleagues arranged by decade. Most correspondence is of a professional nature and discusses Shestack's activities in law and human rights advocacy.

Correspondence, 1945, 1953, 1960-1989 Box 49

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

Correspondence, 1970-1979 Box 85

Correspondence, 1980-2000, undated Box 50

**Physical Description:** 9 folders

Correspondence, 1980-2000, undated Box 85

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

## **Subject, 1953-1996 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

Subseries consists of correspondence arranged alphabetically by subject title. A few subject files are sets of correspondence bound by Shestack according to correspondent last name. Subject correspondence topics include the United States Holocaust Museum, the Philadelphia Bar Association Sitting

Judges, as well as letters from Shestack to Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement.

Alphabetical Correspondence "A, B", 1957-1975	Box 50
Afghanistan: Society for Rule of Law (Dhaka) Correspondence, 1990	Box 50
Alphabetical Correspondence "G", 1957-1973	Box 50
Holocaust Museum Correspondence, 1996	Box 50
Mary Hurtig Correspondence, 1991 Jan 7	Box 50
Correspondence to Martin Luther King, Jr., 1965	Box 50
Lawyer's Seminar on Mid-East Issues Correspondence, 1972 Jan	Box 50
Alphabetical Correspondence, "N, O", 1954-1970	Box 50
Philadelphia Bar Association Sitting Judges Correspondence, 1971	Box 50
Alphabetical Correspondence "P, Q", 1953-1977	Box 50
Stamp Correspondence, 1965-1968	Box 50

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## **Subject Files, 1951-2011 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

Series contains large series of subject files arranged in five subseries, assembled by Jerome Shestack over the course of his career. The majority of the files relates to Shestack's professional work concerning the intersection of law and human rights, but a few personal subject files are also included. Files contain mostly correspondence, reports, and memoranda. There are a few recordings on audiocassette and video.

The series is arranged into these subseries: People, Countries, Events and Groups, Personal Binder Files, and Other Materials. Highlights of the series include subject files on President Jimmy Carter, George Bush, René Cassin,

Bernard Segal, and many others, and materials on a series of 1970s seminars for lawyers in Israel. Personal files include biographical materials on Shestack's career, research on Eleanor Roosevelt and other topics, photographs, and awards and certificates. The last series contains a group of materials not previously assembled with other parts of the collection.

**Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Series contains fragile audiovisual/photographic formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

**People, 1955-2003 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Materials in this subseries document Shestack's connections to many people, including many important political leaders and professional colleagues. Files contain correspondence between Shestack and his colleagues as well as reports and memoranda associated with specific people. Highlights of the subseries include files regarding President George Bush, President Jimmy Carter, Barry Goldwater, Estes Kefauver, and Bernard Segal. Files are arranged in alphabetical order by last name.

Roger Baldwin, undated	Box 87
Yosef Begun, 1984	Box 51
William Brennan, Jr. Human Rights Award, 1968-1994	Box 84
George Bush, 1971-1973, 1988	Box 51
Vincent A. Carroll, 1961, 1962, 1966	Box 51
Jimmy Carter - White House, 1979-1980, undated	Box 51
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
White House correspondence from President Jimmy Carter	
Bob Casey, 1970-1973, 1985-1987	Box 51
René Cassin, 1971	Box 51
Senator Joseph Clark, 1968	Box 51
Roberta Cohen, 1989	Box 51

William S. Cohen, 1984	Box 51
Coughlin for Congress, 1984	Box 51
Lynn Cutler, 1982	Box 51
Patricia M. Derian, 1980, 1986	Box 87
Richardson Dilsworth, 1965	Box 51
Yoram Dinstein, 1976-1988	Box 84
Michael Dukakis, 1988-1989	Box 51
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
correspondence and reports for dukakis campaign	
John Easton for Governor, 1984	Box 51
Bob Edgar for Congress, 1983-1988	Box 51
Bob Edgar and Peter Kostmayer, 1978, 1987, undated	Box 51
Josh Eilberg, 1965-1966	Box 51
Allen Ertel, 1984	Box 51
Dante Fascell, 1982	Box 51
Tom Foglietta, 1982-1988	Box 51
Wyche Fowler, 1985-1986	Box 51
Don Fraser, 1978-1985	Box 51
Sam Gejdenson, 1982-1985	Box 51
Richard Gephardt, 1989	Box 51
Jim Gillin, 1984	Box 51
Wilson Goode, 1983	Box 51
Bill Gray, 1982, 1988, undated	Box 51

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Bill Green, 1976-1980, undated	Box 51
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Barry Goldwater, 1952, 1964, undated	Box 51
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Marilyn Haft, 1981	Box 51
Gary Hart, 1985-1987	Box 51
Gerry Helman, 1980-1984	Box 51
A. Leon Higginbotham, 1987	Box 51
H. H. Humphrey, 1968, undated	Box 51
H. H. Humphrey, 1968-1972, undated	Box 52
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Jim Hunt, 1984	Box 52
Judge Leonard A. Ivanoski, 1989	Box 52
Henry Jackson, 1976	Box 52
Senator Estes Kefauver, 1955-1963	Box 52
John Kerry, 2002-2003	Box 52
Richard Lillich, 1985	Box 52
Netanel Lorch, 1973	Box 52
Theodor Meron, 1981, 1985, 1989, undated	Box 52
Bernard Segal, 1963-1989, undated	Box 52
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence between Shestack and Segal and speeches by Segal.	
Bernard Segal, 1973-1982, undated	Box 84
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Marciarose Shestack, 1975, 1989	Box 84

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**Scope and Contents**

Columns written by Marciarose Shestack, Jerome Shestack's wife

**Countries, 1951-2008 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Materials in this subseries concern Shestack's interest and involvement with human rights and legal issues in different countries. The most substantial file groups pertain to: Argentina; China; Israel; Russia (and Soviet Union); and South Africa.

Some files contain reports and other documents concerning human rights in connection to various human rights and legal organizations of which Shestack was a member. Others contain testimony and trial information related to specific human rights violations and abuses. Subseries is arranged in alphabetical order by country.

Some related materials may be found in various sections of the Organizations series.

Africa, 1981, undated	Box 52
Argentina, 1979, 1983-1984, undated	Box 52
Bolivia, 1980 December 4	Box 52
Bosnia Trip, 1991-1993	Box 52
Cambodia, 1987	Box 52
Canada, 1981	Box 52
Chile, 1982-1986	Box 84
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
China, 1996-2000	Box 52
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports and correspondence regarding human rights in China	
China, 1999-2000, undated	Box 53
Costa Rica, undated	Box 53
Cuba, 1986-1987	Box 53

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East Timor, 1981 October 19	Box 53
Egypt, 1984, 1987, undated	Box 53
El Salvador, 1988	Box 53
East Germany, 1984 July 17	Box 53
Geneva, Switzerland, 1984	Box 53
Guatemala, 1983-1984	Box 53
Guinea, 1984, undated	Box 53
Haiti, 1984	Box 53
Helsinki, Finland, 1979-1981, 1983-1989, undated	Box 53
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence and reports regarding Human Rights in Finland, some related to the activist group Helsinki Watch	
Honduras, 1985	Box 53
Iran, 1988 (online item available)	Box 53
<b>Digital Object:</b> <a href="#">Iran, 1988</a>	
Iran-Religious Persecution of Bahá'ís , 1993-1997	Box 87
Ireland, 1997-2000	Box 53
Israel Prisons, 1972-1974, undated	Box 53
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Israel, 1969-1973, undated	Box 53
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports, correspondence, conference proceedings regarding human rights for Jewish people and general human rights in Israel	

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Israel, 1951-2003, undated	Box 54
<b>Physical Description:</b> 12 folders	
Israel, 1987-1988, undated	Box 55
Italy, 1984	Box 55
Nairobi, Kenya, 1989-1994	Box 55
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
Kenya, 1980-1990, undated	Box 55
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Korea, 1987	Box 55
Lebanon Hostages, 1985 (online item available)	Box 55
<b>Digital Object:</b> <a href="#">Lebanon Hostages, 1985</a>	
Pakistan, 2007-2008	Box 55
Moscow, Russia, 1990-1991	Box 55
Russia, 1989-1995, undated	Box 55
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
Soviet Union, 1990, undated	Box 55
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
South Africa, 1983-1986	Box 55
South Africa, 1984-1987, undated	Box 56
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Madrid, Spain, 1980-1981, 1983, undated	Box 56
Turkey, 1980-1987, undated	Box 56
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports and correspondence, some Helsinki Watch materials in context of Turkey	

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USSR Joint Venture, 1991	Box 56
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Memos, lists, reports and correspondence regarding a collaboration between Shestack's law group and a group in the USSR.	
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USSR, 1987-1991, undated	Box 85
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
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Florida, United States, 1965	Box 56
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United States, 1984	Box 56
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Former Yugoslavia Testimonies, Interviews, 1992-1993, undated	Box 56

### **Events and Groups, 1949-2010 and undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Subseries consists of materials documenting a range of conferences, symposia, seminars, awards events, and their associated organization or sponsor. Most are single folders, but larger file groups include an annual genocide convention (1949-1988), with correspondence by Warren Friedman; and an Israeli lawyers' seminar. There are many files on Jewish causes and human rights events.

This series contains several recordings on audiocassette and video, some containing trial testimony. Listening and viewing copies must be made for access.

Related materials can be found scattered in the other series in the collection. Arranged in alphabetical order by event or sponsor name.

#### **Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Series contains fragile audiovisual/photographic formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

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American Law Institute, 1977, 1988, 2007	Box 56
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American Poetry Center Symposium on Freedom and the Poet's Responsibility to Society, 1984 April 28	Box 56

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American Poetry Symposium: Poetry Today, 1989 March	Box 56
Amnesty International Covenants, 1978	Box 56
Amnesty International Development, 1975-1978	Box 57
Arab Lawyers' Union, 2003	Box 57
Aspen Institute, 1984, undated	Box 57
Aspen Institute Seminar Binder, 1998 November 13-15	Box 62
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Baha'is, 1987-1988, undated	Box 57
Calendars and Planners, 1970, 1976, 1983	Box 57
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Calendars and planners belonging to Shestack	
California Rural Legal Assistance, 1971	Box 57
Citizens Charter Committee, 1969	Box 57
Constitutional Revision, 1967	Box 57
Conversations from Wingspread Cassette Tapes 1 and 2, 1978 October	Box 86
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Recording of Wingspread, a meeting sponsored by the United Nations Association of the United States. Discussion between Shestack and William Wipfler moderated by Dan Price. Topics included the definition of human rights and President Carter's human rights policy.	
Court TV Bosnia Trial VHS Tapes, 1993 April 23, 1993 May 7	Box 86
Crown Heights, 1978	Box 85
Cure Autism Now, 1998, undated	Box 57
Federation of Jewish Agencies, 1980-1988	Box 57

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Fortas, 1968	Box 57
Foreign Policy, 1977	Box 57
Genocide Convention, 1950-1972, undated	Box 57
<b>Physical Description:</b> 7 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports, brochures, correspondence and publications concerning genocide and the United States' ratification of the Genocide Convention	
Genocide Convention, 1967-1974, undated	Box 58
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
Genocide Convention Warren Friedman Correspondence, 1970, 1982, undated	Box 58
Genocide Convention Research, 1949, 1970, 1981, undated	Box 58
Genocide, 1970, 1982, 1985, 1988, undated	Box 58
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence and photocopied publications about genocide	
Geostratic Energy Drilling Program, 1978	Box 58
Glasnost, 1988-1989, undated	Box 58
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports, publications, and correspondence on glasnost in the Soviet Union	
Gratz College, 1977-1985	Box 58
Gruber Foundation, 2002-2010, undated	Box 58
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Reports and correspondence concerning the Gruber Foundation philanthropy	
Gruber Foundation Justice Prize, 2008	Box 58

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Gulf War Conference, 1991	Box 58
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Conference proceedings and agendas	
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Gulf War Conference, 1991	Box 59
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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Armand Hammer Conferences, 1979-1982, undated	Box 59
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Conference proceedings and agendas from multiple Armand Hammer conferences	
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Har Zion Temple, 1980-1989	Box 59
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Hebrew University, 1979-1985, undated	Box 59
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Correspondence and university donation information	
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Hill Trial, 1994	Box 59
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The Holocaust, 1998, undated	Box 59
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Hostages, 1985	Box 59
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Human Rights Internet, 1981, 1988	Box 59
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Independent Counsel Symposium Cassette Tape, 1998 February 19	Box 86
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Institute on American-Jewish Israeli Relations, 1982-1989	Box 59
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Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 1990	Box 59
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International Academy of Human Rights, 1985	Box 59

International Academy of Human Rights, 1985,  
1988, undated Box 60

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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International Association of Human Rights  
Agencies (IAHORA), 1991 Box 60

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International Center of Business Studies,  
Moscow, 1990 Box 60

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International Encounters:International  
Institute of Human Rights, 1985 Box 60

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International Encounters: Freedom and the  
Rights of Man, 1985 May 30-31 Box 60

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International Human Rights Law Group, 1983 Box 85

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Law in India, 1997 August 26 Box 60

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Lawyers Seminar Israel Workshop I,  
1970-1971 Box 60

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and memorandums concerning Shestack's participation in  
the Lawyers Seminar Israel Workshop II

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Lawyers Seminar Israel Workshop II,  
1971-1972 Box 60

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and memorandums concerning Shestack's participation in  
the Lawyers Seminar Israel Workshop I

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Lawyers Seminar Israel, 1970-1973, undated Box 85

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Reports, correspondence, and memoranda regarding the Lawyer's  
Seminar in Israel

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Lists, 1971-1978, undated Box 60

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Organizational Membership Lists, Personal Lists of Names and Addresses

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Madrid Hammer Conference, 1984 Box 60

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Madrid Hammer Conference Photo Book, 1984  
December Box 62

**Scope and Contents**

Photos of attendees and speakers at the 1984 Armand Hammer Conference in Madrid.

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McGill Conference, 1974 April 21-23 Box 60

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Militia, 1995 Box 60

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Mondale's Israel Visit, 1978 (online item available) Box 60

**Digital Object:** [Mondale's Israel Visit, 1978](#)

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Mondale Luncheon, 1983 Box 61

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National Judicial College Panel Files, 1999  
February 15 Box 63

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Binder files from a panel on the Independence of the Judiciary. Shestack was a panelist.

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NBC, 1976 Box 85

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NGOs, 1984, 1987 Jan., undated Box 61

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

NGO directories, and the United Nations Office of Public Information guide

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Paris Conference, 1985 Box 61

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Philadelphia Bar Association Sitting Judges,  
1962, 1969-1971 Box 61

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, election materials, and political reports concerning the Philadelphia Bar Association Sitting Judges

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Portugal Interreligion Conference, 1977 Box 61

Pro Bono Work, 1981-1985, 2001 Box 61

Scrapbook Materials, 1959, 1977, 1984, 1986,  
undated Box 61

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Materials put aside for a scrapbook to document Shestack's human rights work at specific events and activist groups.

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South African Law Conference, 1995-1996 Box 61

Soviet Jews, 1980-1982, undated Box 61

Soviet Law, 1989 Box 61

Soviet Representation, 1990-1991 Box 61

Soviet Seminar, 1990 Box 62

Spanish Association, 1984 Box 62

Torture, 1987 Box 62

Uppsala Conference, 1972 Box 62

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Conference materials discuss the Freedom of Movement and the Uppsala Declaration

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Uppsala, 1984 Box 62

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence concerning Uppsala

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UNESCO Human Rights Manual, 1995, 2002	Box 62
UNESCO, 1978, 1980, 1983	Box 62
US Commission Chicago Hearing, 1993 April 16	Box 62
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Binder files from the US Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the UN Chicago Hearing	
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US Commission Los Angeles Hearing, 1993 February 1	Box 62
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Binder files from the US Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the UN Los Angeles Hearing	
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University of Pennsylvania, 1981-1982	Box 62
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War Crimes Conference, 1991, undated	Box 62
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Wingspread, 1984, undated	Box 62
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Yuridicheskaya Literatura, 1990	Box 62

### **Personal Binder Files, 1963-2006 and undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Subseries consists of materials of personal nature that Shestack originally stored in several binders. Files include biographical materials as well as materials that Shestack kept for personal research. These files also include some photos from Shestack's later career.

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Eleanor Roosevelt Research Binder Files, 1983, 1988, undated	Box 63
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**Physical Description:** 4 folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

Articles and reports that Shestack used for his research on Eleanor Roosevelt.

Biographical Materials Binder Files,  
1973-1980 Box 63

**Scope and Contents**

Contains materials collected by Shestack of personal value such as published profiles of Shestack, personal letters, interview files for a biographical documentary, and awarded certificates

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Biographical Materials Binder Files,  
1994-2006, undated Box 85

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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Personal Photos, 1974, 1979, 1985, undated Box 85

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Awards and Certificates, 1976, 1978 Box 85

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Personal Publications, 1966, 1979 Box 85

**Scope and Contents**

Includes MacBird by Barbara Garson and Chameleon: Poems translated from Hebrew by Raquel Chalfi

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Research Binder Files, 1963-1982, undated Box 63

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Files include articles, some correspondence, memorandums, and pamphlets collected in binders by Shestack for personal use. Materials are related to Human Rights and legal subjects and activities.

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**Other Materials, 1960-2011 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

The Other Materials subseries contains loose, unfiled documents found throughout Shestack's original collection of files. The documents were placed into files and arranged by decade or were later additions to the collection. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, reports, articles, and other assorted materials

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Loose Papers, 1960-1969 Box 63

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### Scope and Contents

Various loose documents arranged by decade. Most concern human rights and legal matters. Some documents retrieved from Shestack's personal desk.

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Loose Papers, 1970-1979	Box 63
Loose Papers, 1970-1979	Box 64
<b>Physical Description:</b> 9 folders	
Loose Papers, 1980-1989	Box 64
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
Loose Papers, 1980-1989	Box 65
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 folders	
Loose Papers, 1990-1999	Box 65
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 folders	
Loose Papers, 1990-1999	Box 66
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
Loose Papers, 2000-2011	Box 66
Loose Papers, undated	Box 66
<b>Physical Description:</b> 11 folders	
Loose Papers, undated	Box 67
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	

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### Writings and Speeches, 1944-2010 and undated

#### Scope and Contents

This series consists of essays, speeches, articles, and book reviews written by Shestack over the course of his life and professional career. Most materials are related to legal and human rights work, but some personal writing is included as well, including eulogies, personal introductions, Shestack's World War II diary, and his autobiographical memoir.

Some draft copies of various writings are found throughout the series. Other writings are typed copies of materials written at an earlier date.

Related materials may be found in the Writings subseries of the American Bar Association series and throughout the Organizations series.

### **Chronological, 1946, 1960-2010 and undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains writings and speeches by Shestack on various human rights and legal topics. Arranged by decade.

Chronological Writings and Speeches, 1946,  
1960-1969

Box 67

#### **Scope and Contents**

Writings and speeches by Shestack written over the course of his career. Includes remarks on the law profession, human rights issues, keynote introductions, and eulogies.

Chronological Writings and Speeches,  
1970-1979

Box 67

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

Chronological Writings and Speeches,  
1980-1989

Box 67

**Physical Description:** 7 folders

Chronological Writings and Speeches,  
1980-1989

Box 68

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Chronological Writings and Speeches,  
1990-1999

Box 68

**Physical Description:** 9 folders

Chronological Writings and Speeches,  
2000-2010

Box 68

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

Chronological Writings and Speeches,  
2000-2010

Box 69

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

Chronological Writings and Speeches, undated

Box 69

**Physical Description:** 7 folders

## **By Subject, 1944-1946, 1961-2008 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

Materials in this subseries include speeches, writings, articles, and book reviews written throughout Shestack's career, as well as his autobiographical memoir and a World War II diary. Materials also include materials from a seminar series for new legal professionals written and provided by Shestack. Arranged alphabetically.

Related written articles by Shestack may also be found in the Clippings subseries of Print Materials.

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Baldwin Memorial Speech Material, 1982 Box 69

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The Philosophy of Human Rights Materials, 1980-1982, undated Box 69

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Human Rights, The National Interest and U.S. Foreign Policy Speech Materials, 1989 Box 69

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Reform Speech Materials, 1984, 1986, undated Box 69

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Remembering When: A Memoir 1923-1946, undated Box 69

### **Scope and Contents**

Autobiographical memoir of Shestack's childhood, typed and bound at a later date

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Shestack Seminar Materials, 2007, 2008 Box 70

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

### **Scope and Contents**

Writings and lesson materials from a seminar series that Shestack created for professionals entering the legal field

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World War II Diary, 1944-1946 Box 70

### **Scope and Contents**

Diary from Shestack's time in the military during World War II, typed and bound at a later date.

Newspaper Articles and Opinion Editorials,  
1973-2000, undated Box 70

**Scope and Contents**

Photocopied articles written by Shestack as well as accompanying letters he sent to newspapers to request article publication

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Book Reviews, 1961-1993, undated Box 70

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"The Philosophic Foundations of Human Rights", 1998 May Box 87

**Speech Binder Files, 1963-2009 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Subseries contains speech indexes kept by Shestack, and drafts of speeches by Shestack pertaining to various human rights and legal subjects. Files were originally bound in plastic binders. Loosely arranged in chronological order.

Writing and Speech Indexes, 2009, undated Box 70

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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Insurance Binder Materials, 1968-1969 Box 70

**Scope and Contents**

Bound speeches to insurance agents as part of Supreme Court work

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International Law and World Peace Through Law Binder Materials, 1963-1969 Box 70

**Scope and Contents**

Bound writings and speeches on International Law and World Peace Through Law

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Introduction Binder Materials, 1963-1973 Box 70

**Scope and Contents**

Introductions of colleagues by Shestack.

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Supreme Court Binder Materials, 1964-1968 Box 70

**Scope and Contents**

Writings and speeches regarding the Supreme Court

General Speech and Article Binder Materials,  
1972-1992

Box 70

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Various speeches bound with table of contents

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General Speech and Article Binder Materials,  
1980-2007, undated

Box 71

**Physical Description:** 11 folders

**By Others, 1968, 1977, 1982, undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Files house writings and speeches collected by Shestack that were written by friends and professional colleagues. Topics include human rights, legal work, and some are about Shestack.

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Writings and Speeches by Others, 1968, 1977,  
1982, undated

Box 71

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Collected writings and speeches given by other people

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**Print Materials, 1948-2009 and undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Series consists of various printed publications collected by Shestack for professional and personal purposes. Most materials are from organizations of which Shestack was a member or on various subjects regarding human rights or the legal profession. Formats include serials, journals, reprints, reports, pamphlets and brochures, clippings of articles, and books collected by Shestack. Essays on Human Rights: Contemporary Issues and Jewish Perspectives, co-edited by Shestack, is also included.

Many other print materials can be found in the files of the American Bar Association and Organizations series. Published writings by Shestack are in the Writings and Speeches series.

**Serials, Journals, and Reports, 1948-2009 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

The materials in this subseries consist of a variety of serials, journals, and reports related to Shestack's legal work as well as his participation in various human rights organizations.

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Serials, 1973-1998, undated Box 71

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Including but not limited to: Human Rights Watch, Marketing for Lawyers, Chronicle of Human Rights in the USSR, IRR's human rights, The Shingle, Lawyer's Committee Bulletin, Commonquest, Judicature

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Serials, 1954-1999 Box 72

**Physical Description:** 14 folders

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Serials, 1970-1999 Box 73

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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Journals, 1948-2000, undated Box 73

**Physical Description:** 8 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Includes various law school journals and reprints

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Reports, 1967-2001, undated Box 74

**Physical Description:** 13 folders

**Scope and Contents**

Including but not limited to state bar reports, Americas Watch reports, Helsinki Watch reports, conference reports, NGO reports, and country-based reports on human rights issues.

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Reports, 1952-2007, undated Box 75

**Physical Description:** 13 folders

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Reports, 1965-2001, undated Box 76

**Physical Description:** 9 folders

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### **Pamphlets, 1972-1999 and undated**

### **Scope and Contents**

This subseries consists of brochures and pamphlets that Shestack collected from a variety of human rights organizations and events that he attended.

Pamphlets, 1972-1999, undated

Box 76

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes pamphlets for galas, organization information, and human rights topics

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Pamphlets, 1980, 1988, undated

Box 77

### **Clippings, 1969-2009 and undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains clippings from various newspapers and other print publications related to Shestack's professional work. Most clippings of articles are written by others, though a few are written by Shestack himself, including many opinion editorials. Many clippings are photocopies. Files are loosely arranged in chronological order.

Clippings, 1969-2009, undated

Box 77

**Physical Description:** 18 folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

Clippings from various newspapers and print sources including but not limited to the Legal Intelligencer, Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Washington Post

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Clippings, 1960-2007

Box 78

**Physical Description:** 19 folders

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Clippings, 1970-2007, undated

Box 79

**Physical Description:** 11 folders

### **Books, 1969, 1979, undated**

#### **Scope and Contents**

The subseries contains books owned by Shestack including *For Men in a Free World: A Survey of Human Rights in the US*, a few booklet publications relating to Judaism and Jewish History, and *Essays on Human Rights*:

Contemporary Issues and Jewish Perspectives, of which Shestack was a co-editor.

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Essays on Human Rights: Contemporary  
Issues and Jewish Perspectives, 1979 May

Box 79

**Scope and Contents**

Collection of essays edited by David Sidorsky in collaboration with Sidney Liskofsky and Jerome Shestack

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For Men in a Free World: A Survey of Human  
Rights in the US, 1969 July

Box 79

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Publications relating to Judaism and Jewish  
History, 1979, undated

Box 79

**Scope and Contents**

Includes "Anne Frank: A Play" by Meyer Levin; "Landscapes of Jewish History" art brochure by Samuel Bak; and the "Program for the Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies."

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