

BENDER PAPERS
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1 Personal items

Letter of appreciation from Congregation, 16 September 1895.
Tribute from the Pupils of the Hebrew Congregational School, Buitekant Street, 16 September 1895
Letter from the Cape Town New Hebrew congregation, 20 September 1901.
Souvenir of the inauguration of "The Sociables", 24 March, 1904.
Tribute from the attendees at his Saturday afternoon Services, 9 October 1920.
Letter and invitation from Kunsvarani Lady Maharaj Singh, Lubeck, Lochiel Road, Rondebosch, 4.4.1933.
Death notice, 18 December 1937.
Handwritten notes 10 p.
Rabindranet Tagore. Poem, handwritten.
Note and envelope addressed to Miss Rose Van Gelderen.
List of illuminated tributes, presented to Reverend Bender, on various occasions.
Photographs, photocopies.
Cape Town Hebrew Congregation invoice for R. Van Gelderen's subscription.

2 Writings

War and love: a Sermon Delivered in the Synagogue, Cape Town, 1901. 9 p.
"The Sabbath and the Sanctuary: a sermon..." *S. A. Jewish Chronicle*, 29.4.1904, p. 497.
Preface to "A Letter on the Jew by Olive Schreiner, Cape Town, 1 July 1906.
The Sermon of the Week: a Famine in the Land, *The Jewish World*, 10 May 1907, p. 13.
"Parent and Child", 15 September 1912, pp. 5-6.
"Living by Giving", *Zionist Record*, 30 April 1913, p. 29
Thoughts on the Times: an Address to the Sea Point Congregational Church Guild, 31 August 1915. 10 p.
"Imitatio Dei, *Judaea*, [poem] December 1917.
"New Year 5679, *Judaea*, Sept 1918; "For an Autograph Album", April 1918;
"Jerusalem", *Zionist Record*, 31.5.1920. [poems]
"Except the Jews", *Zionist Record*, "Lord of the Universe", 18 November 1917; Dec. 1922.
Prayer read in the Great Synagogue at the Sabbath Service during the War.
"Our Woman in the Epidemic", *Cape Times*, 19.10.1918.
"Our Incomparable Voortrekkers" New Year Message, *Zionist Record*, 26 September 1924, 18 p.
"Thoughts for the Present Season", *The Judean*, October 1931.
"A Sermon for the Month", *S. A. Jewish Chronicle*, 9 October 1931, p. 677-678.
"Palestine, the Return", *S. A. Jewish Chronicle*, Rosh Hashana Number 1933.

Undated

Address – typescript with handwritten corrections.

Her Imperial Majesty Woman 23 p.

Jeremiah XVI, 19-21. 2 p.

Mrs Councillor Walsh on Man's Inhumanity to Animals. Typescript.

Shall we federate our charities? The Rev, A. P. Bender takes a Broad View. *S. A. Jewish Chronicle*, 19-?

“The Dean and the Jews” [letter to the editor] *Cape Times*, 3 April 19-?

3. Programmes

Somerset Hospital: Occasion of Laying the Foundation Stone of the Annexe to the Nurses' Home. 1 p.

Memorial service... Funeral of Queen Victoria

Souvenir of the Refugee Festival Services, Good Hope Hall, Cape Town, Tishre 5661-1900.

Cape Town Hebrew Congregation. Ceremony of laying of the Corner-stone... by Walter F. Hely Hutchinson, 2 June 1904.

Corporation Sunday, 17th September 1905, Great Synagogue, Cape Town. Evening service.

Banquet in honour of Dr S. Schechter... in the Old Synagogue Hall, 6 September, 1910.

Mayoral Sunday, 25th August 1912. Sermon. 8 p.

In Memoriam: Memorial Service for Members of the Jewish Community Who died during the Epidemic, held in the Great Synagogue, Cape Town, November 24th 1918. 6 p.

Memorial Service for the Jewish Pogrom Victims in The Great Synagogue, Gardens, 3 August 1919.

Day of Mourning in Israel: Memorial Service, 1 September 1929.

Great Synagogue, Cape Town. Semi-Jubilee, 5691-1930. Thanksgiving Service, 14 December, 1930.

Cape Committee of Friends of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Dinner, 29 August 1934.

Induction of Rabbi Israel Abrahams as Minister of the Congregation, 22 August 1937.

4. Newspaper reports about Reverend Bender

Hebrew Congregation: Sixtieth Anniversary: Special Service, *Cape Times*, 12 November 1901.

The Synagogue: Feast of Dedication, *Cape Times*, 9.12.1901.

“The Quest for Truth”, *Cape Times*, 4.8.1902.

Paarl: Erecting a Synagogue. *Jewish Chronicle*, London, 20 February 1903, p. 19.

“Pulpit and Pew”, 6.8.1903.

“Paarl Notes”, *Clarion*, 1903.

The Country communities. No. 1. A Visit to Paarl, *South African Jewish Chronicle*, 6 February 1903.

“Science and Religion”, *Cape Times*, 14.8.1905.

Cape Town Hebrew Congregation. Consecration service, 13 September 1905.

Bender, Rev. Alfred Philipp. “Who's Who in British Jewry”, *The Jewish Year Book*, 5666, 1905-1906.

“An Eloquent Visitor”, *The Jewish World*, London, 10.5.1907

“Sermon for the Day: a Prayer for All”, *Cape Argus*, 10 July 1909.

- “Crusaders in a Holy Cause: Service at the Great Synagogue: Eloquent Tribute to Allies. *Cape Times*, 16.11.1918.
- “The Rabbi’s Message to the Jewish Community”, *Cape Argus*, 11.9.1920.
- “A Plea for a Jewish Heart”, *South African Jewish Chronicle*, Rosh Hashona number 1935.
- “Rev. A. P. Bender”, *S. A. Jewish Chronicle*, 6.12.1935.
- “A Great Citizen”, *Cape Times*, 20.12.1937.
- “Great Jew and Citizen: Rabbi Bender laid to Rest: city Pays Last Tribute”, *Cape Argus*, 21.12.1937
- “The Funeral of Rev. A. P. Bender: a Large Concourse of Mourners”, *Zionist Record*, 24 December 1937.
- “Rev. A. P. Bender’s Will: Numerous Charitable Bequests” *Cape Argus*, 23.12.1937
- “Tributes to the Memory of the Late Rev. A. P. Bender”, *S. A. Jewish Chronicle*, 24 December 1937, pp. 957-961.
- “Death of the Rev. A. P. Bender: passes away after a serious illness...”, *Cape Times*, 27 December 1937
- “Memories of the Rev. A. P. Bender” by Roza Van Gelderen. *S. A. Jewish Times*, 9 December 1955.
- “Lest We Forget: a Profile... by Arthur Lewin, *The Judean*, 1987.

Undated

- The Beiliss Trial: “Grotesque Mockery of Justice”: Rev. A. P. Bender’s Sermon at the Great Synagogue.
- “A. P. Bender”, hand written manuscript. 11 p.

5. Registers of Jewish pupils

- De Villiers Street Public School
- Orange Grove School
- S. A. College Junior School
- Good Hope Seminary
- Ellerslie, Sea Point
- 3rd Cape Town Jewish Girl Guides

6. Other

- Copy of the letter on the Jew by Olive Schreiner.
- “Cape Town Jewry: South African Jewish Life in Miniature” by Louis Mirvish. *Jewish Affairs*, May 1960, pp. 4-8.
- “Cape Town’s Great Synagogue is 75”, by Clara Friedman Spits. *Jewish Affairs*, December 1980.
- The Jewish Museum Catalogue: introduction by Richard Newman.

7. Photographs, original

7a British

- 8 unidentified portraits of Bender’s family? and friends taken in English studios of: Gordon J. Smith, Albert Sachs (Bradford), Vandyk (Queens Gate), J.E. Middlebrook, T. H. Lord (Cambridge), J. N. Blomfield (Hastings).
- Portrait of Lord Beaconsfield, by Hughes & Mullins.

7b Stockholm

- Portrait of Mr & Mrs Bentwich, 1906, by C. Rosen, Stockholm.

7c Berlin

Portrait of a young women, inscribed E. Bieber, Berlin und Hamburg.

7d Cape Town

Portrait of Rev. E. K. Sher, shochet, mohel, Buitekant Street Cape Town, 20 October, 1931.

Portrait of 2 women, L. Kagan, Photographer, 95 Caledon Street, Cape Town

Portrait of woman in academic gown, inscribed: Yrs Affecly, Edua, by Duffus Bros, Cape Town & Johannesburg.

Portrait of boy playing a violin, inscribed to Reverend Bender, ... those happy Sabbath afternoon services, 1896.

Portrait of a young girl, inscribed "with Erica's love" by 1 Portrait of a young girl, inscribed with Erica's love, by W.H. Hayles.

Portrait of a young woman, by Syd Taylor.