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A Finding Aid to the Moses Soyer Papers, circa  
1905-1974, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives of American Art   |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Moses Soyer papers   |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | AAA.soyemose   |
| <b>Date:</b>       | circa 1905-1974  |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 3.8 Linear feet  |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Soyer, Moses, 1899-1974  |
| <b>Language:</b>   | Multiple languages<br><br>The collection is in English, Russian, and Hebrew<br><br>English; Russian; Hebrew  |
| <b>Summary:</b>    | The papers of realist painter Moses Soyer date from circa 1905 to 1974 and measure 3.8 linear feet. Within the papers are scattered biographical materials, general correspondence with friends, artists, galleries, art organizations, and others, as well as correspondence with his family, including his son David, writings and notes by Soyer and others, exhibition materials, news clippings, and other printed material, numerous photographs of Soyer, his family, fellow artists, friends and his artwork. Also found are book illustrations and loose sketches by Soyer. |

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Moses Soyer first lent the Archives of American Art material for microfilming in 1965. Some of these papers, along with additional material, were donated by Soyer between 1966 and 1969. His son, David Soyer, gave more material in 1974 and 1975.

### Separated Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds material lent for microfilming (reel D176), the majority of which was later donated. Loaned materials not donated at a later date are not described in the container listing of this finding aid.

### Related Material

Also found at the Archives of American Art are the Abe Lerner papers concerning the book *Moses Soyer*, 1961-1970, a Moses Soyer letter to Herbert S. Schimmel, and a Moses Soyer letter and two photographs, donated by Marilyn Mark. Also available at the Archives are the papers of Raphael Soyer, Moses Soyer's twin brother.

## Alternative Forms Available

The papers of **Moses Soyer** in the Archives of American Art were digitized in 2009, and total 5,741 images.

Materials not scanned include some printed materials, such as Hebrew and Russian newsclippings, entire magazines, and printed reproductions of artwork. Photographs of artwork were not scanned, nor photographs of David Soyer's family.

Material lent for microfilming is available on 35mm microfilm reel D176 at the Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

## Processing Information

The collection was microfilmed in the order in which it was received on reels D283, D359, and 1198-1203. The entire collection was merged, fully processed, arranged, and described by Erin Corley in 2007 and scanned in 2009 with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art.

## Preferred Citation

Moses Soyer papers, circa 1905-1974. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

## Restrictions on Access

Use of the original papers requires an appointment.

## Ownership and Literary Rights

The Moses Soyer papers are owned by the Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution. Literary rights as possessed by the donor have been dedicated to public use for research, study, and scholarship. The collection is subject to all copyright laws.

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## Biographical Note

Moses Soyer (1899-1974) and his twin brother Raphael (1899-1987) were born on December 25, 1899, in the Russian town Borisoglebsk. Their father Abraham was a scholar and Hebrew teacher who encouraged all of his children to sketch and paint. After the family was deported from Russia, they settled in the Bronx, New York, in 1912. Moses and Raphael briefly attended school, but at 16 they began working various jobs to help support their family. They also began taking free art classes at Cooper Union and for a brief time at the National Academy of Design. Moses then enrolled at the Educational Alliance Art School where he met close friend Chaim Gross. He participated in his first exhibition in 1923 and also taught classes at the Education Alliance Art School until 1926 when he received a traveling scholarship to Europe.

Before leaving for Europe, Soyer married Ida, a former student and dancer. They spent most of their time during the next two years in France. Their son David was born in 1928. Shortly after his birth they returned to the New York City where Moses found greater inspiration for his social-realist paintings. During the Depression, he was commissioned to do artwork for the WPA and for the Federal Arts Project, depicting people doing everyday tasks. During this time Soyer also taught classes at the Contemporary Art School and the New School for Social Research.

Throughout the 1940s and 1950s Soyer continued with this subject matter, even as the abstract art movement became more prominent. Speaking out against abstract art as well as regionalism, he

exhibited his work constantly, becoming a significant figure in the social realist movement. His work was represented by the American Contemporary Art (ACA) Gallery beginning in 1944, and he was also a member of several art organizations, including the Artists Equity Association. He was elected to the National Academy of Design in 1963 and to the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1966. Soyer's later work focused on more sensitive portrayals of the female figure, especially dancers. He also painted portraits, including many of his artist friends such as Chaim Gross, Joseph Stella, and David Burliuk. He illustrated several books, including the *First Book of Ballet* and wrote *Painting the Human Figure*, which was published in 1964. Soyer continued to paint until his death in 1974.

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## Scope and Content Note

The papers of realist painter Moses Soyer date from circa 1905 to 1974 and measure 3.8 linear feet. Within the papers are scattered biographical materials, general correspondence with friends, artists, galleries, art organizations, and others, as well as correspondence with his family, including his son David, writings and notes by Soyer and others, exhibition materials, news clippings, and other printed material, numerous photographs of Soyer, his family, fellow artists, friends and his artwork. Also found are book illustrations and loose sketches by Soyer.

Biographical materials include awards, business documents such as records for the loan of his artwork, passports, his marriage certificate, and other official documents. Soyer's 1966 membership to the National Institute of Arts and Letters and several awards from the National Academy of Design are found here as well. Correspondence is with friends and artists such as Leonard Baskin, Isabel Bishop, Alex Dobkin, Philip Evergood, Chaim Gross, and his brother Raphael Soyer, as well as with students, galleries, art organizations, museums, universities, and others. Also found is correspondence with his son David and his grandchildren that include many letters illustrated by Soyer.

Writings and notes include Soyer's draft writings for his book *Painting the Human Figure*, autobiographical essays, desk diaries, and miscellaneous writings and notes. There are also writings by Ida and David Soyer, artist Philip Evergood, and others. Printed material consists of exhibition catalogs and announcements, news clippings about Soyer's career and realist painting, and scattered material such as newsletters, programs, and magazines.

The papers contain numerous photographs of Soyer, including photographs of him working in his studio, with models, with family, and with fellow artists such as David Burliuk, Nicolai Cikovsky, Chaim Gross, Raphael Soyer, and many others. Additional photographs are of Soyer's family, fellow artists, friends, events, and his artwork. Among the photographers is Arnold Newman. Original artwork includes book illustrations for *First Book of Ballet* and loose sketches by Soyer.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 6 series:

- Series 1: Biographical Material, 1925-1974 (Box 1, 5, OV 6; 12 folders)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1928-1974 (Box 1-2, 5; 1.0 linear foot)
- Series 3: Writings & Notes, circa 1930s-1968, undated (Box 2; 0.6 linear feet)
- Series 4: Printed Material, 1926-1974 (Box 2-3, 5, OV 6; 0.8 linear feet)
- Series 5: Photographs, circa 1905-1974 (Box 3-5, OV 6; 1.1 linear foot)
- Series 6: Artwork, circa 1940s-1960s (Box 4-5; 0.2 linear feet)

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Artists' studios -- New York (State) -- New York -- Photographs  
Painters -- New York (State) -- New York  
Painting, American  
Social realism -- New York (State) -- New York  
Works of art

Types of Materials:

Photographs  
Sketches

Names:

Baskin, Leonard, 1922-2000  
Bishop, Isabel, 1902-1988  
Burluk, David, 1882-1967  
Cikovsky, Nicolai, 1894-  
Dobkin, Alexander, 1908-  
Evergood, Philip, 1901-1973  
Gross, Chaim, 1904-1991  
Newman, Arnold, 1918-2006  
Soyer, David, 1928-  
Soyer, Ida  
Soyer, Raphael, 1899-1987

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Material, 1925-1974

(Box 1, 5, OV 6; 12 folders)

Biographical materials include three address books, award and membership certificates, including Soyer's 1966 membership to the National Institute of Arts and Letters and several awards from the National Academy of Design, and a few exhibition labels for his artwork. Also found are scattered documents regarding his professional career including publishing contracts and royalty statements for books he wrote or illustrated and records of the sale or loan of his artwork to various galleries, museums, and individuals. Official documents found here include his marriage certificate, passports, naturalization record, and membership cards.

Items are arranged chronologically within each folder. This series has been scanned in its entirety.

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| Box 1, Folder 1  | Address Books, circa 1940s-1970s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 2  | Address Books, circa 1940s-1970s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 3  | Award and Membership Certificates, 1948-1974<br>(Oversized items housed in OV 6)<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 1, Folder 4  | Marriage Certificate (in Hebrew), 1926<br>(Oversized; see Box 5, F1)<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>             |
| Box 1, Folder 5  | Passports, 1928, 1963, 1968<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 6  | Exhibition Labels, 1950-1955<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 7  | Publishing Contracts and Royalty Statements, 1963-1967<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                           |
| Box 1, Folder 8  | Records of Sale and Loan of Artwork, 1957-1966<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                                   |
| Box 1, Folder 9  | Rail Tickets, 1947, 1965<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Financial Documents, 1958-1974   |

[Image\(s\)](#)

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| Box 1, Folder 11 | Ida Soyer Biographical Material, 1938-1959<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                   |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Miscellaneous Biographical Material, 1925-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>               |
| Box OV 6         | Oversize Award and Membership Certificates, 1948-1974<br><i>(Scanned with Box 1, F3)</i> |
| Box 5, Folder 1  | Oversize Marriage Certificate (in Hebrew), 1926<br><i>(Scanned with Box 1, F4)</i>       |

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## Series 2: Correspondence, 1928-1974

(Box 1-2, 5; 1.0 linear foot)

Moses Soyer's correspondence spans over forty years, with the bulk of it dating between 1962 and 1974. General correspondence is comprised primarily of incoming letters, with a few drafts of outgoing letters scattered within. Soyer was friends with many artists and cultural figures, and correspondents include artists Leonard Baskin, Isabel Bishop, Alex Dobkin, Philip Evergood, Chaim Gross, Frank Kleinholz, Benjamin Kopman, Ben Shahn, and his brother Raphael Soyer; writer Will Durant, poet Millen Brand, and dancer Helen Tamiris. Also of note is a holiday card made by artist Marguerite Zorach. There is correspondence with the American Contemporary Art (ACA) Gallery which represented his work, and with many galleries, museums, and schools which exhibited or purchased his work. There is also correspondence with students and publishers, patrons who purchased his work, curators, and arts organizations, as well as Clifford Evans who made a film about Soyer, and his friend Abe Lerner who worked on the book *Moses Soyer*, published in 1970. Some letters are in Hebrew and Russian.

Family correspondence includes Ida and Moses Soyer's correspondence with their son David while he was away at camp, in college, and as an adult. Included are several illustrated letters. Also found is correspondence between Moses Soyer and his grandchildren Daniel and Nancy, also including many letters illustrated by Moses. Condolence letters are also found.

Family correspondence is filed before general personal correspondence, and condolence letters appear last. This series has been scanned in its entirety.

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| Box 1, Folder 13 | Correspondence with David Soyer, 1933-1940<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Correspondence with David Soyer, 1947<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Correspondence with David Soyer, 1947-1951<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Correspondence with David Soyer, 1961-1973<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | Correspondence with Grandchildren (Daniel and Nancy Soyer), circa 1960-1973<br>( <i>Oversized items are housed in Box 5, F2</i> )<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | General Correspondence, 1928-1956<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 19 | General Correspondence, 1957-1958<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | General Correspondence, 1959-1961<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 21 | General Correspondence, 1962  |

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|                  | <a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 22 | General Correspondence, 1963<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 23 | General Correspondence, 1964<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 24 | General Correspondence, 1965<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 25 | General Correspondence, 1966-1967<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 26 | General Correspondence, 1968-1970<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 27 | General Correspondence, 1971-1972<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 28 | General Correspondence, 1973-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 1, Folder 29 | Undated Correspondence, A-H, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Undated Correspondence, A-Z</a>            |
| Box 1, Folder 30 | Undated Correspondence, J-R, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Undated Correspondence, A-Z</a>            |
| Box 1, Folder 31 | Undated Correspondence, S-Z, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Undated Correspondence, A-Z</a>            |
| Box 1, Folder 32 | Unidentified Correspondence, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 33 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-B, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a> |
| Box 1, Folder 34 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, C-E, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a> |
| Box 1, Folder 35 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, F-G, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a> |
| Box 1, Folder 36 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, H-J, 1974   |

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|                  | <a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 37 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, K-L, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a>     |
| Box 1, Folder 38 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, M-O, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a>     |
| Box 1, Folder 39 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, P-R, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a>     |
| Box 1, Folder 40 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, S, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a>       |
| Box 1, Folder 41 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, T-Z, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to David Soyer, A-Z</a>     |
| Box 1, Folder 42 | Condolence Letters to David Soyer, Unidentified Letters and Envelopes, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>              |
| Box 1, Folder 43 | Condolence Letters to Raphael Soyer, A-D, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 2, Folder 1  | Condolence Letters to Raphael Soyer, E-P, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to Raphael Soyer, E-Z</a> |
| Box 2, Folder 2  | Condolence Letters to Raphael Soyer, R-Z, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s): Condolence Letters to Raphael Soyer, E-Z</a> |
| Box 2, Folder 3  | Condolence Letters sent to Others, 1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 5, Folder 2  | Oversize Correspondence with Grandchildren (Daniel and Nancy Soyer), circa 1960-1973<br>(Scanned with Box 1, F17)    |

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## Series 3: Writings & Notes, circa 1930s-1968, undated

(Box 2; 0.6 linear feet)

Writings by Soyer include two drafts of an autobiographical essay, "Three Brothers" (titled "This is Our Story" in the second draft), and typed and handwritten draft writings of Soyer's book *Painting the Human Figure*, which was published in 1964. Also found are several of Soyer's desk diaries and other miscellaneous writings, including poetry Soyer translated into English, drafts of speeches, brief essays on art, and various notes. Writings by others include scattered writings by Ida Soyer about daily events, an essay by David Soyer, "Studio", about his father's studio, and essays about Moses Soyer by friend and artist Philip Evergood and art critic Charlotte Willard. Also found is a handmade book by Noemi and Norberto (last names unknown), a notepad possibly belonging to Soyer, and writings in other languages including Hebrew and Russian.

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

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| Box 2, Folder 4  | Moses Soyer, "Three Brothers" or "This is Our Story", circa 1940<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                    |
| Box 2, Folder 5  | Moses Soyer, Draft Writings for Book <i>Painting the Human Figure</i> , early 1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 2, Folder 6  | Moses Soyer, Draft Writings for Book <i>Painting the Human Figure</i> , early 1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 2, Folder 7  | Moses Soyer, Draft Writings for Book <i>Painting the Human Figure</i> , early 1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 2, Folder 8  | Moses Soyer, Desk Diaries, 1950<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 2, Folder 9  | Moses Soyer, Desk Diaries, 1958-1959<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 2, Folder 10 | Moses Soyer, Desk Diaries, 1960-1961<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 2, Folder 11 | Moses Soyer, Desk Diaries, 1962-1963<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 2, Folder 12 | Moses Soyer, Desk Diaries, 1964-1965<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 2, Folder 13 | Moses Soyer, Desk Diaries, 1966-1967<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 2, Folder 14 | Moses Soyer, Desk Diaries, 1968   |

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|                  | <a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 2, Folder 15 | Moses Soyer, Miscellaneous Writings, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 2, Folder 16 | Moses Soyer, Notes, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                  |
| Box 2, Folder 17 | Ida Soyer, Miscellaneous Writings, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 2, Folder 18 | David Soyer, Miscellaneous Writings, circa 1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>       |
| Box 2, Folder 19 | Philip Evergood, Essay about Moses Soyer, 1962<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>         |
| Box 2, Folder 20 | Noemi & Norberto, Homemade Book, 1962<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                  |
| Box 2, Folder 21 | Charlotte Willard, "Moses Soyer, circa 1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>           |
| Box 2, Folder 22 | Notepad, circa 1930s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                                   |
| Box 2, Folder 23 | Documents written in foreign languages, 1941, undated<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |

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## Series 4: Printed Material, 1926-1974

(Box 2-3, 5, OV 6; 0.8 linear feet)

Printed material consists of catalogs and announcements for exhibitions of Moses Soyer's artwork and the artwork of others. Some of these catalogs are annotated. Also found are numerous news clippings about Soyer, his exhibitions, and about realist painters. Included are a few articles written by Soyer and clippings of cartoons and illustrations by Soyer published in newspapers and magazines. There is a scrapbook of clippings. Other scattered items include newsletters and programs, holiday cards designed by Soyer, and reproductions of his artwork. *The New Handbook of Heaven* includes a note on the inside cover by its author Diane Di Prima who had modeled for Soyer. Also found are a few items of Ida Soyer's dance publicity, including announcements, programs, and news clippings for dance recitals.

Items are arranged chronologically within each folder. The bulk of the printed materials have been scanned, except for clippings in Hebrew and Russian, Ida Soyer's dance publicity materials, entire magazines, and printed reproductions of artwork.

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| Box 2, Folder 24 | Exhibition Announcements & Catalogs, 1933, 1945-1973<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>              |
| Box 2, Folder 25 | Exhibition Announcements & Catalogs, Undated, circa 1930s-1970s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 2, Folder 26 | Announcements & Invitations (not art related), 1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>              |
| Box 2, Folder 27 | Clippings, 1935-1947<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items are housed in Box 5, F3) |
| Box 2, Folder 28 | Clippings, 1950-1958<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items are housed in Box 5, F3) |
| Box 2, Folder 29 | Clippings, 1960-1969<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items are housed in Box 5, F3) |
| Box 2, Folder 30 | Clippings, 1970-1972<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items are housed in Box 5, F3) |
| Box 2, Folder 31 | Clippings, 1973<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items are housed in Box 5, F3)      |
| Box 2, Folder 32 | Undated Clippings, circa 1935-1974  |

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|                  | <a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 2, Folder 33 | Clippings in Russian and Hebrew, 1938-1965  |
| Box 2, Folder 34 | Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings, 1930s-1945<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 2, Folder 35 | Clippings of Cartoons by Moses Soyer, circa 1920s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                                       |
| Box 3, Folder 1  | Ida Soyer Dance Publicity, circa 1930-1943<br><i>(Oversized items are housed in OV 6; not scanned)</i>              |
| Box 3, Folder 2  | <i>The New Handbook of Heaven</i> (with note to Soyer from author Diane Di Prima), 1963<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 3, Folder 3  | <i>The Treatment of Reading Disabilities</i> , circa 1962<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>                               |
| Box 3, Folder 4  | Magazines, 1935-circa 1941<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 3, Folder 5  | Magazines, circa 1946-1966<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 3, Folder 6  | Newsletters and Annual Publications, 1945-1973<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 3, Folder 7  | Programs, 1926, 1966<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
| Box 3, Folder 8  | Cards Designed by Moses Soyer, circa 1930s-1974   |
| Box 3, Folder 9  | Reproductions of Artwork by Moses Soyer, 1930s-1960s  |
| Box 3, Folder 10 | Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1945-1960s<br><i>(Oversized items are housed in OV 6)</i>                           |
| Box 5, Folder 3  | Oversize Clippings, 1935-1973<br><i>(Scanned with Box 2, F27-31)</i>  |
| Box OV 6         | Oversize Ida Soyer Dance Publicity, circa 1930-1943<br><i>(From Box 3, F1)</i>                                      |
| Box OV 6         | Oversize Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1945-1960s   |

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## Series 5: Photographs, circa 1905-1974

*(Box 3-5, OV 6; 1.1 linear foot)*

Photographs date primarily from the 1930s to 1974. Included are numerous portraits of Soyer, photographs of him painting and drawing in his studio and of him with models and sitters having their portraits painted. Family photographs are of Soyer with his wife Ida and son David and of him and his wife with friends and family. There are photographs of a party in honor of Soyer at the home of artist Chaim Gross.

There are a few photographs of Soyer with his students and several photographs of Soyer with other artists, including Peter Blume, Alexander Brook, David Burluk, Frederico Castellon, Nicolai Cikovsky, George Constant, Alex Dobkin, Philip Evergood, Joseph Floch, Arthur Getz, Red Grooms, Chaim Gross, Jack Levine, Arnold Newman, John James Penney, Louis Ribak, Harry Shoulberg, Joseph Stella, Raphael Soyer, Sol Wilson, and Nat Werner. Many photographs in this collection were taken by Arnold Newman.

Photographs of exhibitions and gallery receptions are at the ACA gallery and other unidentified places. Also found are a few photographs of Soyer's artwork and artwork by others.

Items are arranged chronologically within each folder. The bulk of this series has been scanned, except for photographs of artwork and of David Soyer's family.

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| Box 3, Folder 11 | Photographs of Moses Soyer, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F4-5) |
| Box 3, Folder 12 | Photographs of Moses Soyer, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F4-5) |
| Box 3, Folder 13 | Photographs of Moses Soyer, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F4-5) |
| Box 3, Folder 14 | Photographs of Moses Soyer, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F4-5) |
| Box 3, Folder 15 | Photographs of Moses Soyer, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F4-5) |
| Box 3, Folder 16 | Photographs of Moses Soyer, circa 1930-1974<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a><br>(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F4-5) |
| Box 3, Folder 17 | Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio, 1930s-1974   |

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(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F6)
- Box 3, Folder 18      Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio, 1930s-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F6)
- Box 3, Folder 19      Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio, 1930s-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Includes a photograph of Moses in his studio with his brothers Isaac and Raphael, wife Ida, and students. Oversized items housed in Box 5, F6)
- Box 3, Folder 20      Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio, Contact Sheets, 1950s-1960s  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 21      Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio with Models, 1938-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F7)
- Box 3, Folder 22      Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio with Models, 1938-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F7)
- Box 3, Folder 23      Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio with Models, 1938-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F7)
- Box 3, Folder 24      Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio with Models, 1938-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F7)
- Box 3, Folder 25      Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer, 1926-circa 1970  
(*Oversized items housed in Box 5, F8*)  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 26      Photographs of Moses, Ida, and David Soyer, 1928-circa 1948  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 27      Photographs of Moses and David Soyer, 1928-1948  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 28      Photographs of Moses Soyer and Raphael Soyer, circa 1920s-1970  
(*Oversized items housed in Box 5, F9*)  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 29      Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer with Friends and Family, circa 1905-1974

- [Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F10)
- Box 3, Folder 30      Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer with Friends and Family, circa 1905-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F10)
- Box 3, Folder 31      Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer with Friends and Family, circa 1905-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F10)
- Box 3, Folder 32      Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer with Friends and Family, circa 1905-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F10)
- Box 3, Folder 33      Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer with Friends and Family, circa 1905-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F10)
- Box 3, Folder 34      Photographs of Moses Soyer with Students, circa 1940s-1950s  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 35      Photographs of Moses Soyer with Other Artists, circa 1925-1970  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 36      Photographs of Moses Soyer with Other Artists, circa 1925-1970  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 37      Photographs of Ida Soyer, circa 1926-1970  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Oversized items housed in Box 5, F11)
- Box 3, Folder 38      Photographs of Ida Soyer, circa 1926-1970  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F11)
- Box 3, Folder 39      Photographs of Ida Soyer, circa 1926-1970  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F11)
- Box 3, Folder 40      Photographs of Ida Soyer Dancing, circa 1930-1940  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 41      Photographs of Ida and David Soyer, 1928-circa 1945

- [Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 42      Photographs of David Soyer, 1928-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F12)
- Box 3, Folder 43      Photographs of David Soyer, 1928-1974  
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(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F12)
- Box 3, Folder 44      Photographs of David Soyer, 1928-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F12)
- Box 3, Folder 45      Photographs of David Soyer, 1928-1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Oversized items housed in Box 5, F12)
- Box 3, Folder 46-50    Photographs of David Soyer, His Wife, and Children, circa 1954-1974  
(5 folders)
- Box 3, Folder 51      Photographs of Soyer Family at Hampton Bay, Long Island, 1957  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 52      Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer on Vacation, 1960s  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 3, Folder 53      Photographs of Raphael Soyer, circa 1940s  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 4, Folder 1        Photographs of Family Members, circa 1920s-1964  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 4, Folder 2        Photographs of Party in Honor of Moses Soyer at Home of Chaim Gross  
(Photographs by Arnold Neuman), circa 1962  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 4, Folder 3        Photographs of Artists, 1941-1970  
(Oversized items housed in OV 6)  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
(Artists include David Burliuk, Nicolai Cikovsky, Chaim Gross, Joseph Stella,  
Alfred Valente, and John Sloan.)
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[Image\(s\)](#)
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[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 4, Folder 6      Photographs of Exhibition at ACA Gallery, 1970  
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- Box 4, Folder 7      Photographs of Exhibitions, 1943-1968, circa 1970  
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[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 4, Folder 8      Photographs of the Moses and Ida Soyer Collection, Montclair Museum, 1971  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 4, Folder 9      Photographs of Artwork by Soyer, circa 1929-1974
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[Image\(s\)](#)
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*(Scanned with Box 3, F11-16)*
- Box 5, Folder 6      Oversize Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio, 1930s-1974  
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- Box 5, Folder 7      Oversize Photographs of Moses Soyer in His Studio with Models, 1938-1974  
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- Box 5, Folder 8      Oversize Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer, 1926-circa 1970  
*(Scanned with Box 3, F25)*
- Box 5, Folder 9      Oversize Photographs of Moses Soyer and Raphael Soyer, circa 1920s-1970  
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- Box 5, Folder 10     Oversize Photographs of Moses and Ida Soyer with Friends and Family, circa 1905-1974  
*(Scanned with Box 3, F29-33)*
- Box 5, Folder 11     Oversize Photographs of Ida Soyer, circa 1926-1970  
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- Box 5, Folder 12     Oversize Photographs of David Soyer, 1928-1974

*(Scanned with Box 3, F42-45)*

Box 5, Folder 13      Oversize Photographs of Models, circa 1930s-1960s  
*(Scanned with Box 4, F4)*

Box 5, Folder 14      Oversize Photographs of Exhibitions, 1943-1968, circa 1970  
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## Series 6: Artwork, circa 1940s-1960s

(Box 4-5; 0.2 linear feet)

Artwork includes numerous pencil and ink sketches by Moses Soyer. Most of the sketches are of human figures and faces and many are sketched on reused pieces of paper, such as brochures, programs, or blank postcards. Also found is a complete set of illustrations by Soyer for the *First Book of Ballet*, written by Noel Streatfeild, and published in 1953. Additional artwork includes a valentine Soyer made for his wife, Ida, a drawing by his granddaughter, Nancy, and a pencil drawing by one of Soyer's students, Ray Sherwin, of Soyer in his studio.

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

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| Box 4, Folder 12 | Sketches by Moses Soyer, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 4, Folder 13 | Sketches by Moses Soyer, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 4, Folder 14 | Sketches by Moses Soyer, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 4, Folder 15 | Sketches by Moses Soyer, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 4, Folder 16 | Sketches by Moses Soyer, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 4, Folder 17 | Sketches by Moses Soyer, circa 1940s-1960s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
| Box 4, Folder 18 | Illustrations for <i>First Book of Ballet</i> , circa 1953<br>(Oversized housed in Box 5, F15)<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a> |
| Box 4, Folder 19 | Homemade Valentine, 1954<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>   |
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| Box 4, Folder 21 | Drawing by Ray Sherwin, circa 1940s<br><a href="#">Image(s)</a>  |
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