

# SIMON LOUVISH COLLECTION

# LOU

This collection contains correspondences, manuscripts and typescripts for published and unpublished works, film scripts, reviews and other papers from Simon Louvish. The material can be grouped into five areas: early works, correspondences, reviews, projects, and miscellaneous.

The early works section (LOU/A) covers the period between c. 1950 and c. 1970, inclusive of Louvish's time at the London School of Film Technique. It includes examples of juvenilia, schoolwork, and work from university. This would be of interest to anyone wishing to view examples of Louvish's early influences and works, or anyone looking for an insight into educational procedures at the above institute.

The correspondences section (LOU/B and LOU/C) includes all of Louvish's correspondence from the 1970s onwards. It contains letters to and from Louvish corresponding with friends, agents, publishers or other associates.

The project section (LOU/F, LOU/G and LOU/H) constitutes the largest bulk of the collection and contains successful and unsuccessful works of Louvish, some in handwritten draft form, others in final stage manuscript form. This includes a broad range of material including screenplays, documentary scripts, short stories, book proposals, film synopses, drafts of novels, and any individual pieces of artwork related to those collections.

The material in the final section (LOU/J) includes papers relating to a possible blacklist at a Jewish film festival, leaflets and a statement regarding the Public Lending Right, Interlink catalogues, cartoons, press cuttings, notes, and other ephemera.

The Collection covers the year's c.1950-2009.

The physical extent of the collection is approx. 60 boxes.

# Introduction

Simon Louvish was born on 6 April 1947 in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1949, his parents emigrated to Israel, where he was educated in Jerusalem. He served in the Israeli Army from 1965-1968, working as an army unit cameraman. In September 1968, he went to London, where he attended the London School of Film Technique from 1968 to 1971. He has produced and photographed a number of freelance documentary films including End of the Dialogue: Apartheid in South Africa (1970); Greece of Christian Greeks: the Colonels' Regime (1971); and To Live in Freedom: Israel-Palestine (1973). He has been a tutor and lecturer at the

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London International Film School (now the London Film School) where he continues to lecture part-time. Simon Louvish's first published novel, A Moment of Silence (1979), was an autobiographical account of his experiences in Israel and occupied Palestine during the making of To Live in Freedom. This was followed by The Therapy of Avram Blok (1985), the first of a series of satirical novels about the Middle East, followed by City of Blok (1988), The Last Trump of Avram Blok (1990), and The Days of Miracles and Wonders (1997). There are two more Blok books: The Fundamental Blok, which is currently unpublished, and The Chinese Smile, which is in progress. His other novels are The Death of Moishe-Ganef (1986) and The Silencer (1993), both thrillers set in the Middle East; Your Monkey's Shmuck (1990); The Resurrections (1992); and What's Up, God? (1995). Unpublished work includes a science-fiction novel. The Planet of Fuck: City of Mirrors, a children's book; and The Governor's Show, a spin-off from The Last Trump of Avram Blok. Louvish has also written several film scripts: A Matter of Life and Death, The Remaindered, and The Armenian Bathroom. A film based on his script, originally entitled Millennium Blues, was released in 2000 with the title Mad Dogs. Louvish is the main film biographer for Faber and Faber. His first biography - of WC Fields - was published in 1997, followed by books about the Marx Brothers, Laurel and Hardy, Mae West, Mack Sennett, and Cecil B DeMille. His latest, a biography of Charlie Chaplin, was published in early 2009.

**LOU A** Early Works

LOU A/1 Folder of juvenilia [1950s-1960s]

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LOU A/2 Notebooks

[1950s-1960s]

Probably detective stories.

12 notebooks



# LOU A/3

Notebooks, press cuttings, and other papers [1960s]

Issue of 'The Jewish Observer with headline 'Israel strikes deep into Egypt', 1969; cutting from 'The Jerusalem Post' - review of 'Ubu Roi' at the Bacchus Theatre Club in Jerusalem, 1965; two identical cuttings - review of 'From Cairo with Love', a film by Simon Louvish, [1963]; press cutting, Hebrew, 1965; six notebooks containing various stories, Hebrew and English, one entitled 'The Horror of Woodland Valley', one entitled 'start of Hebrew translation of Ubu Roi', [1960s?]; various papers in Hebrew.

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#### LOU A/4

Poems, stories, and cartoons [1960s]

Notebook containing a poem by Simon Louvish entitled 'The Hunting of the Barbie', [1960s]; notebook containing a story entitled 'Wonders of the Future', [1960s]; play or film scripts, typescript and manuscript entitled 'The Affair of the Suspended Teacher', 'King Ubu', 'Abu Ubu', 'The Dragon', 'The Hunting of the Snark', 'Arabs and Jews'; cartoon entitled 'The Reighn (sic) of the Big Men'.

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## LOU A/5

Application form and tutor's comments on an essay 1967, 1971

Photocopy of Simon Louvish's application form for the London School of Film Technique, 1967; typed copy of comments by Sidney Cole on Simon Louvish's thesis entitled 'False and True Images', 1971.

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## LOU A/6

Essays and other Hebrew documents 1971

File labelled 'Old stuff, film school writings etc early!' Envelope of documents, Hebrew; gramophone record, Hebrew; synopses and budgets for various films entitled 'Film on the Life of Mikis Theodorakis', 'Israel - the Crossroads', 'Propaganda and the Soviet Film of the '20s', 'On Looking through a Fence at Pigs Feeding in an Open Field', 'Laurel and Hardy and Politics or Marxism (Groucho)', '



# LOU A/7

Essays written while studying at the London Film School 1968-1971

Folder labelled 'False and True Images, writings during film school 1968-1971'. Manuscript notes and typescript essays entitled 'False and True Images: Some Observations on the Propaganda Film', and 'Propaganda and the Soviety Film of the 1920s', 'Laurel and Hardy and Politics or Marxism (Groucho) and 'Israel: The Crossroads'.

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## LOU A/8

Summary of a proposed anthology of essays about the Middle

East 1991

Entitled 'The Middle East Reader: Understanding a Region in Crisis'.

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# LOU A/9

Hebrew manuscript

1963

Manuscript in Hebrew; poem beginning 'A Prison Six song', nd; notes about reproduction and the menstrual cycle, English, nd; cartoons of a rabbit and a Jewish man, nd;

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## **LOU A/10**

Hebrew texts

1960s

Folder labelled 'Hebrew Texts 1960's'

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## **LOU A/11**

Hebrew manuscript

[1960s]

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LOU A/12 London School of Film Technique notes

1968-1969

Notes about film-making techniques.

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**LOU B** Correspondence and other personal papers

**LOU B/1** Correspondence with Isidore Haiblum and others

[1974-1989]

Correspondence between Simon Louvish and Isidore Haiblum, Hy Cohen, literary agent, New York, concerning the publication of Blok novels.

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LOU B/2 Correspondence with Isidore Haiblum, Esther Cohen, and

Thomas Krauss [1978-1984]

Two articles about Isidore Haiblum. Correspondence between Simon Louvish and Esther Cohen. Letter to Simon Louvish from

Thomas Krauss

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**LOU B/3** Correspondence with Isidore Haiblum and Hy Cohen

[1981-1984]

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**LOU B/4** Postcards, notes, letters, and birthday cards

[1990s]

Including an invitation to the launch party for 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders', 1997; postcards of Old Fort Bliss, Texas, round-up time in Nebraska, and other American scenes; letter to Simon Louvish from Misha Louvish enclosing a chapter of his autobiography; letters to Simon Louvish from David

Grossman, enclosing advances for his novels.



**LOU C** Correspondence with publishers/agents

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Correspondence - 1980s [1976-1984]

Correspondence relating to documentary films, [1979-1983]; other papers including a map of Israel, Hebrew; press cutting of an article by Jill Tweedie describing a visit to Israel, 1976; typescript of a detective story; document in Hebrew; personal letters to Misha Louvish, 1984 and Stuart Schaar, no year, and from Don Peretz, 1984; letter from Simon Louvish commenting on the running of the London Film School entitled 'Resignation Report', 1980; letter to Howard Morhaim, literary agent, New York, re possible publication of his fiction, 1981.

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LOU C/2

Correspondence 1986-1988 [1976-1988]

Correspondence with publishers, some personal letters from Misha Louvish and Don Peretz, and to Isidore Haiblum, Stuart Schaar, and Esther Cohen; letters in Hebrew; correspondence with Heinemann re Blok books; correspondence with Candida Donadio, New York agent; correspondence with Transworld publishers re 'The Death of Moishe-Ganef', 1986 and 'City of Blok', 1987; booklet entitled 'The Promised Land: The Case against the Israeli Law of Return', 1976; cover of 'City of Blok'; review of 'City of Blok' by Bryan Cheyette, 1988; extract from 'City of Blok' published in 'The Jewish Quarterly'; typescript of part of 'Beyond the Planet of Fuck', 1978; correspondence with Doris Gold, literary agent in New York, re publishing his fiction in the United States, 1988; photocopy of a Hebrew document; typescript of part of 'The Monkey's Shmuck Strikes Again',



## LOU C/3

Correspondence with Heinemann concerning 'City of Blok' [1987]

Correspondence with William Heinemann, publishers re rejection of 'City of Blok'.

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## LOU C/4

Correspondence with William Collins, publishers, concerning 'City of Blok' [1987-1989]

Correspondence with William Collins, publishers re publication of 'City of Blok', with a few letters from Heinemann re 'The Death of Moishe-Ganef':

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## LOU C/5

Correspondence

1988

Correspondence re contract for 'The Last Trump of Avram Blok'

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# LOU C/6

Correspondence and reviews 1987-1993

Review by Simon Louvish of 'Winner Takes All: A Season in Israel' by Stephen Brook and 'Tribes with Flags: A Journey Curtailed' by Charles Glass, 1990; correspondence with Collins re the proofs of 'The Therapy of Avram Blok' and 'Last Trump of Avram Blok', 1990; letters to agents and publishers re 'The Silencer' and 'Resurrections from the Dustbin of History'; photocopies of reviews of 'The Last Trump of Avram Blok', 1990: photocopies of rejections of 'City of Blok' sent to Louvish's US agent, Candida Donadio, 1987; letter from Don Peretz, 1990; proposal for a television programme about Jewish fairy tales, 1992; correspondence concerning a possible Arab-Israeli writers' conference, 1992; reviews by Simon Louvish of 'Dangerous Liaison: The Inside Story of the US-Israeli Covert Relationship' by Andrew and Leslie Cockburn and 'The Book of Intimate Grammar' by David Grossman, translated by Betsy Rosenberg, nd, and 'Deterring Democracy' by Noam Chomsky, 1991; letter to Simon Louvish, probably from Isidore Haiblum, 1994, various other personal letters; article by Simon Louvish about a cartoon 'The Life and Death of Screwball Squirrel', 1993.



## LOU C/7

Correspondence with David Grossman and Susan Herner 1990-1994

Correspondence with David Grossman, literary agent, 1990; correspondence with Collins Publishers concerning the publication of 'The Therapy of Avram Blok' and 'The Last Trump of Avram Blok'; typescript review by Simon Louvish of 'Fiddler on the Roof'; correspondence between Simon Louvish and Susan Herner, 1994

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## LOU C/8

File labelled 'Therapy of Avram Blok, Jerusalem Keter publisher, contract etc.'

1994-1995

Photocopy of an article by Simon Louvish entitled 'Peace is stranger than fiction', published in The Jewish Chronicle, 1994; letter to Simon Louvish from Indiana University Press concerning publication efforts for 'It's a Gift', 1994; catalogue of work by Palestinian artists entitled 'New Visions', nd; catalogue of an exhibition entitled 'From Exile to Jerusalem' produced by the Al-Wasiti Art Centre, Jerusalem, 1994; issue of 'Jerusalem Cinematheque', Hebrew, 1995

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# LOU C/9

Correspondence and reviews [1987-2000]

Reviews of 'Resurrections from the Dustbin of History', 1992 and 'The Silencer', 1993; review by Simon Louvish of 'Honour among Thieves' by Jeffrey Archer, 1993; letters concerning European rights for 'The Silencer', 1993; review of 'The Silencer' by Morton I Teicher, 1993; proposal for a film by Simon Louvish about Israeli and Palestinian peace activists, 1992; correspondence between Simon Louvish and Hayim Pinner, Secretary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, concerning his request under the Data Protection Act for information held about him by the Board, 1990, following the exclusion of left-wing Jews from an Israeli film festival; review by Simon Louvish of 'Fatherland' by Robert Harris; letters to Simon Louvish concerning a possible seminar between Israeli and Palestinian writers, 1991; rejection letters for 'City of Blok', 1987-1988; review by Simon Louvish of 'The Politics of Dispossession: the Struggle for Palestinian Self-



Determination' by Edward W Said, 1994; contract for 'It's a Gift', 1993; review by Simon Louvish of 'Operation Shylock' by Philip Roth, 1993; press cuttings - including reviews of 'Constructions of 'The Jew' in English Literature and Society' by Brian Cheyette, 1994; interview with Emile Habiby following his acceptance of the Israel Prize for Literature, 1992; copies of a memorandum produced by B'nai B'rith media watch concerning a film 'Hanna K', 1983.

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# **LOU C/10**

Letters, cuttings, reviews, and proposals [1989-2000]

Letters, cuttings, typescript reviews and proposals including correspondence concerning the research and publication of 'Monkey Business' and 'Stan and Ollie', [1999-2000]; 'The Golem' an outline for a film script by Simon Louvish; correspondence with publishers concerning publication of the Blok trilogy and 'Your Monkey's Shmuck', [1989]

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## **LOU C/11**

Letters, cuttings, script outlines c.1992

Letters from Simon Louvish concerning a dispute with agents for his novels in America, 1992; cutting of an article about a meeting between Simon Louvish and his friend Abbas Shiblak, following Shiblak's release from detention by the British Government during the Gulf War, various film script outlines by Simon Louvish.

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## **LOU C/12**

Correspondence, reviews, and scripts 1993-1997

Correspondence concerning the publication of 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders', 1993-1996; review by Simon Louvish of 'Walt in Wonderland: the Silent Films of Walt Disney' by Russell Merritt and JB Kaufman; summary of a film script entitled 'Potter's Nightmare' by Simon Louvish and Ahmed A Jamal, 1995; outline for a course taught by Simon Louvish at the London Film School on cinema and culture, 1996; correspondence relating to the research and publication of his book about WC Fields 'Man on the Flying Trapeze', 1996-1997;



letters from Simon Louvish written during research for his book about the Marx Brothers, 'Monkey Business', 1997

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## **LOU C/13**

Correspondence, reviews, and articles 1992-1999

Correspondence, predominantly 1993-1994, with some later reviews and articles, including a cutting from the Guardian of an article by Richard Gott about The Guardian's new policy for reviewing fiction, 1992, with a letter to Richard Gott from Simon Louvish commenting on this policy; letters to publishers from Simon Louvish about publishing his fiction, 1993; typescript article by Simon Louvish reviewing '7 Minutes: The Life and Death of the American Animated Cartoon' by Norman M Klein, nd; article by Simon Louvish entitled 'Speed, Silence, Mobility...Hollywood Trajectories from Harold to Arnold', 1994; outline for a course at the London Film School entitled 'Film, Culture, Politics - Narrative Forms', 1993; article by Simon Louvish about Steven Spielberg's 'Schindler's List', 1994; article by Simon Louvish entitled 'Edward Said and the Pain of Handshakes', [1994]; proposal by Abbas Shiblak and Simon Louvish for an Arab-Israeli writers' conference, 1992; article entitled 'The Holocaust was not a Movie'; correspondence concerning possible publication and rights for Louvish's fiction, 1994; 'Return of the Celluloid Jew: Identities and Evasions', probably an outline for a course taught by Simon Louvish, nd; article by Simon Louvish entitled 'Blinkered Visionary', about Edward Said, 1994; issue of a journal entitled 'New Moon', including an article by Simon Louvish about Martin Amis, 1991: issue of a journal 'New Moon' including an article about Simon Louvish, 1991; letters from Simon Louvish about publication of 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders' and a Laurel and Hardy biography, 1999.

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# **LOU C/14**

Correspondence and notes about film, fiction, and biography 1993-1997

Folder of information about Forefront Entertainment Group, a producer and distributor of television and film based in Vancouver; notes about a film by Simon Louvish and Ahmel Jamal entitled 'Millennium Blues', nd; letter to Gerald Howard concerning 'Man on the Flying Trapeze', 1997; catalogue for Somerville House publishing including Simon Louvish's 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders', 1996; correspondence between



Simon Louvish and Tracy Carns, Overlook Press, concerning possible publication of his fiction, 1993; proof cover of 'Man on the Flying Trapeze', Louvish's biography of WC Fields; correspondence concerning a publicity tour in Canada and America, following the publication of 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders', 1997.

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# **LOU C/15**

Correspondence, reviews, and other papers 1996-2000

Correspondence, predominantly 1996-1999, with publishers and people associated with WC Fields during research for 'Man on the Flying Trapeze'; also two cuttings relating to the Marx Brothers, 1997; correspondence with Somerville Books about 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders', 1998; correspondence created during research for 'Monkey Business', 1997; two typescript reviews by Simon Louvish of 'Banjo Eyes' by Herbert G Goldman, 1998; document in Hebrew; letter and notes relating to 'Millennium Blues', nd; booklet of prizewinning poems and stories from the London Writers Competition, 1996; programme for the Daphne du Maurier Festival, Cornwall, 2000.

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## **LOU C/16**

Papers relating to a conference on Jewish writing 1998

Papers relating to a conference on Modern Jewish writing at the University of Western Australia

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# **LOU C/17**

Articles and reviews concerning Israel/Palestine; papers relating to film biographies 1995-2004

Papers from the research for Louvish's biography of Mae West, 'It Ain't No Sin', 2003; Faber catalogue, including Louvish's 'Stan and Ollie', 2001; typescript review by Simon Louvish of 'Rituals of Truth and the Other Israeli', nd; article by Simon Louvish on Israel/Palestine, 2002; proposal for Charlie Chaplin - A Tramp's Life', nd; internet printouts of conspiracy theory sites, 2004 and Palestine/Israel; letters from Simon Louvish concerning research for WC Fields, 'destruction of 'What's Up God?", 'Millennium Blues', 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders', 1995; description by Simon Louvish of a drive around the West Bank, 1996; article



by Simon Louvish entitled 'Mack Sennett and the Death of William Desmond Taylor', 2003; review by Simon Louvish of 'Six Days: How the 1967 War Shaped the Middle East' by Jeremy Bowen, 2003; review by Simon Louvish of some Marx Brothers films on DVD, 2003; article by Simon Louvish 'Days and Nights in Old English Music Hall: Charles Chaplin in Fred Karno's World', 2003; internet printouts of various articles about Emile Habibi, 2003; internet printouts of articles about pulp fiction, 2003; proposal for a biography of Buster Keaton; 'Edendale', an outline for a screenplay, 2002; two short stories about Palestine: 'The Idiot' by Tawfiz Fayyad and 'Out of Jerusalem' by Afif Safieh, 2000; article by Simon Louvish about Ernst Lubitsch; review by Dani Garavelli of 'Stan and Ollie'.

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**LOU D** Articles and reviews

# LOU D/1

Issue of 'The Jewish Quarterly', edited by Simon Louvish 1990

The issue aimed to give 'a Palestinian view on 'The Other' as reflected in their literature and art, show recent Israeli scholarship revising cherished historical assumptions, and highlight Israeli writing inaccessible to a general readership.'

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## LOU D/2

Reviews and articles

1990s

Reviews of Simon Louvish's 'The Silencer' and 'Your Monkey's Shmuck'; reviews by Simon Louvish of 'Spider's Web: Bush, Saddam, Thatcher and the Decade of Deceit' by Alan Friedman; 'Martyrs Day: Chronicles of a Small War' by Michael Kelly; 'Projections 4', an anthology celebrating the centenary of film; 'Revolution until Victory? The Politics and History of the PLO' by Barry Rubin



LOU D/3 Book reviews

1990s

Typescript synopsis of Simon Louvish's 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders', with his curriculum vitae; press cutting review by Simon Louvish of 'A Jealous God' by Simon Mawer; typescript reviews by Simon Louvish of 'The Book of Intimate Grammar' by David Grossman; press cutting, Hebrew; typescript reviews by Simon Louvish of 'Projections 4 Film-makers on Film-making'; 'The Moor's Last Sigh' by Salman Rushdie'; 'Darkest England' by Christopher Hope; 'The House of Sleep' by Jonathan Coe; article entitled 'WC Fields and Me': Simon Louvish reveals how the myths of WC Fields and of the modern Middle East can be unravelled in parallel worlds; review of 'Panther in the Basement' by Amos Oz. With related correspondence.

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LOU D/4 Book and film reviews

1990s

Typescript reviews by Simon Louvish of 'Koolaids: The Art of War' by Rabih Alameddine; 'Left Luggage', a film directed by Jeroen Krabbe; 'The Englishman's Boy' by Guy Vanderhaeghe; 'Op Non Cit' by Alan Isler; 'A Jealous God' by Simon Mawer; 'Sex Death Enlightenment' and 'The White Room' by Karen Maitland; 'The Bible - from God to Dreamworks'

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LOU E Press cuttings

LOU E/1 Life' Magazine and 'Bamahane', weekly of the Israel Defence

Forces

June 1967 - July 1967

Including articles about the Six Day War.



LOU E/2 Various magazine articles about the Middle East

[1970s]

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LOU E/3 File of press cuttings

[1970s]

Including articles about the Middle East, Africa, Portugal, and flyers advertising 'Greece of Christian Greeks' and 'End of

Dialogue'.

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LOU E/4 Magazines and pamphlets about the Middle East

[1970s]

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**LOU E/5** Press cuttings labelled 'Israel etc 72 collated J'lem 82'

[1970s-1980s]

Mostly about the Middle East

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LOU E/6 Two issues of 'Soldier of Fortune'

1979, 1981

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**LOU E/7** File labelled 'Israel 79 Israel & Lebanon 82'

[1979-1982]

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LOU E/8 Issues of 'Private Eye'

1982-1983



LOU E/9

File of press cuttings labelled 'Lebanon 1982'

[1982]

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**LOU E/10** 

File of press cuttings labelled 'Lebanon 1982'

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**LOU E/11** 

File of press cuttings labelled 'Lebanon post-hoc'

[1982]

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**LOU E/12** 

File of press cuttings labelled 'End of USSR cuttings'

[1989-1991]

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**LOU E/13** 

Press cuttings

1990-1994

Photocopy of an article from 'The Independent' by Piers Paul Read which begins 'Am I an Anti-Semite?', 1990; typed notes by Simon Louvish, nd; two copies of a booklet by Simon Louvish, Ahmed A Jamal, and Enayat Fani entitled 'The Fundamental Question', about Islamic fundamentalism, 1990; cutting from 'The Independent' including an article about William Gaddis, 1994; biographical notes about Simon Louvish, 1994; cutting from 'The New Statesman and Society' of an article by Edward Said arguing that the Oslo Declaration offers the Palestinian people fake independence, 1994; cutting from 'The Guardian', including a mention of Simon Louvish, 1994; two Interlink publishing catalogues, 1993 and 1994.



LOU E/14 Newspapers

[1995]

Issues of the International Herald Tribune reporting on the death of Yitzhak Rabin, 1995. Israeli newspapers.

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**LOU E/15** File labelled 'Gulf War Maps etc'

1990-1991

Maps and press cuttings relating to the Gulf War.

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**LOU E/16** Declaration calling for peace in the Middle East.

nd [post 1989]

Article setting out the principles of a Israel/Palestinian peace treaty, signed by writers, artists, and academics.

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LOU E/17 Press cuttings

1990-1994

Cutting from 'The Guardian' of an article about the decline of British publishing, 1994; cutting from 'The Guardian' of a letter from Simon Louvish about Yasser Arafat's return to Gaza, 1994; cutting from 'The Jewish Chronicle' of an article by Simon Louvish about peace in the Middle East, 1994; cutting from 'The Guardian' of Jean Daste's obituary, 1994; cutting from 'The Evening Standard' of an article by Claude Lanzmann about Steven Spielberg's 'Schindler's List', 1994; cutting of a letter signed by Simon Louvish and others urging Jews to support the Anti-Nazi League, 1992; cutting from 'The Guardian' of a review by Simon Louvish of three travel books, 1991; cutting from 'The Jewish Chronicle' of a letter from Simon Louvish, 1990 and article about Meir Kahane; cutting from 'Marxism Today' of an article by Simon Louvish reviewing an exhibition of Israeli culture at the Barbican Centre, London, 1990.



**LOU E/18** 

Papers relating to the exclusion of left-wing Jews from a Jewish film festival.

1990

Programme for a Jewish film festival organized in London by the Spiro Institute, with press cuttings reporting that members of the Jewish community with left-wing links were refused entry to the festival and letters to the press about this from Simon Louvish.

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**LOU E/19** 

Press cuttings about the British Government's detention of Iraqis and Palestinians during the Gulf War.

1991

Simon Louvish's friend Abbas Cheblak was detained without trial. Louvish campaigned for his release.

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**LOU E/20** 

Printouts of articles from online newspapers

[1999]

File labelled 'Net pages. Misc Israel etc'. Includes articles from Ha'aretz.

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**LOU E/21** 

Press cuttings [1998-2000]

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**LOU E/22** 

Printouts of articles from online newspapers

2002

Including articles from Ha'aretz

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LOU F

Film



## LOU F/1/1

Screenplay of Samuel Beckett's 'Krapp's Last Tape' nd [1960s-1970s?]

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#### LOU F/1/2

Papers relating to 'Workers and the World Unite' 1975-1976

Correspondence, script proposal, and copies of press cuttings relating to a proposed film by Simon Louvish and Antonia Caccia entitled 'Workers and the World Unite', about a proposal by a committee of workers at Lucas Aerospace, Hemel Hempstead to manufacture socially useful products instead of warplanes and other weapons systems.

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# **LOU F/1/3**

Draft scripts and articles

Reader's report on 'The Silencer'; various script ideas including 'The Palestine Steps: a tragicomedy of errors'; 'Exiles and the Kingdom'; review of 'Time's Arrow' by Martin Amis'; outline for a film script entitled 'Patel's Nightmare', script outline for a television adaptation of 'The Therapy of Avram Blok' by Simon Louvish and Yoram Eshkol-Rokach; an extended treatment for a film script of 'The Silencer', 1993; proposal, possibly for a TV series or lecture series entitled 'Celluloid Jews - Identities and Evasions', 1994; proposal for a documentary film about Israeli and Palestinian pioneers of peace by Simon Louvish and Simone Bitton, 1993; proposal for an Arab-Israeli writers' conference, 1991; part of an obituary for Tim O'Keefe by Simon Louvish, with a cutting of Tim O'Keefe's obituary by WL Webb. 1994; short spoof summaries of books by Simon Louvish entitled 'The Books that Dare not Speak their Name'; proposal for a TV profile of Emile Habibi.



## LOU F/1/4 Scripts and articles

1990s

Outline for a film script entitled 'The Golem', 1990; outline for a book about racial images in popular fiction by Simon Louvish and Bryan Cheyette; essay by Simon Louvish entitled 'The Lit Crit Wars' about the lack of publicity for 'The Days of Miracles and Wonders' and the reviews given to 'Man on the Flying Trapeze', 1997?: outline for a feature film for television entitled 'The Redeemers': proposal for a film about Iran entitled 'Gabbeh', 1996; proposal for an Arab-Israeli writers' conference, 1992; proposal for a film about Israeli and Palestinian peace activists, 1992; proposal for a programme about Israel's crossover Palestinian writers and the 'Arab' voice, presented by Simon Louvish and Ahmed Jamal; article entitled 'Kosher for Hollywood': article entitled 'The Good, the Sad, and the Ugly: the Wandering Jewish stereotype'; article entitled 'Don't Believe Anybody', about Israeli elections'; treatment of 'The Pessoptimist', based on the novel by Emile Habiby by Simon Louvish and Victor Schonfeld, 1990; essay about Blok.

#### LOU F/1/5

Script entitled 'The Golem' 1990

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## **LOU F/1/6**

Various script outlines and treatments 1990-1991

Script outline of a film entitled 'The Imam of Walthamstow'/'The Imam of Chapel End', 1990; script and other papers concerning a treatment entitled 'Casting Stones' by Katherine Smalley, 1991; script entitled 'The Pessoptimist Tapes', treatment of 'The Secret Life of Saeed, the III-fated Pessoptimist' by Emile Habiby, 1990;

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#### LOU F/1/7

Notes and outline script for a series about black Africa's struggle for independence 1975



LOU F/1/8 Notes and press cuttings about the history of Africa

1975

Probably source material for a film about black Africa's struggle

for independence

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LOU F/2 To Live in Freedom'

1974-1975

3 files

LOU F/2/1 Interview with Simon Louvish about 'To Live in Freedom'

1974-1975

Issue of 'L'Afrique Litteraire and Artistique' and 'Revue Francaise d'Etudes Politiques Mediterraneennes' including an interview with Simon Louvish about 'To Live in Freedom', with related

notes.

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**LOU F/2/2** Research for 'To Live in Freedom'

[1974-1975]

Clips from 'To Live in Freedom'; press cuttings and notes about

Israel/Palestine

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LOU F/2/3 Interview with Simon Louvish about 'To Live in Freedom'

1975

In 'Cahiers du Cinema', 1975

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LOU F/3 The Big K'

1975



LOU F/3/1 The Big K'

1975

Photographs and script for 'The Big K'

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LOU F/4 A Moment of Silence'

1981

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LOU F/4/1 Draft scripts

1981

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LOU F/4/2 Draft scripts

1982

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LOU F/5 The Governor's Show

1993

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LOU F/5/1 The Governor's Show: script

1993



LOU F/6 Potter's Nightmare'

1996

1 file

LOU F/6/1 Potter's Nightmare: screenplay

1996

By Simon Louvish and Ahmed A Jamal

1 file

LOU F/7 Millennium Blues'/'Mad Dogs'

2000

Scripts, with related correspondence. Correspondence

concerning financing and production.

10 files

LOU F/8 The Remaindered

2001

2 files

LOU F/8/1 Scripts and other papers

1999-2006

Scripts, printouts from online newspapers of articles about the Middle East, copies of historical documents released by the

National Archives and Records Administration, USA.

1 file

LOU G Fiction



**LOU G/1** Beyond the Planet of Fuck

1978

Unpublished.

1 item

LOU G/1/1 Final original manuscript

1978

1 item

LOU G/2 A Moment of Silence

1979

**LOU G/3** The Therapy of Avram Blok (Blok 1)

1980s

21 files

**LOU G/3/1** Correspondence with publishers

[1982-1986]

Correspondence with William Heinemann and Stein and Day.

Photocopies of reviews. Proofs.

1 file

**LOU G/3/2** Draft labelled 'Blok 1st version start to chapter 3'

1981

1 file

LOU G/3/3 Draft

1981

Draft of part of the book, with summary of the plot from chapter

8 onwards



LOU G/3/4 Draft of chapters 10-16

[1981]

1 file

LOU G/3/5 Draft

1981

Draft of part of the book, with summary of the plot from chapter

8 onwards

1 file

LOU G/3/6 Draft

1981

Draft of part of the book, with summary of the plot from chapter

8 onwards

1 file

LOU G/3/7 Draft labelled 'Blok - Part 2 original - p.217-322'

1981

1 file

**LOU G/3/8** Draft labelled 'Section II - pps 217-329'

1981

1 file

LOU G/3/9 Draft including chapters 4-20

nd [1981-1984]



LOU G/3/10 Draft

nd [1981-1984]

1 file

LOU G/3/11 Files labelled 'Blok outs'

nd [1981-1984]

10 files

LOU G/3/12 Files labelled 'Blok outs'

nd [1981-1984]

5 files

LOU G/3/13 Manuscript, with notes

1983

1 file

**LOU G/3/14** Rewritten sections, with notes about the rewrites

1984

1 file

LOU G/3/15 Rewritten sections

1984

1 file

LOU G/3/16 File labelled 'Blok 1 into 2 1985'

1985

Includes drafts of sections of 'The Therapy of Avram Blok' and 'City of Blok' and a synopsis of 'City of Blok', with some notes.



LOU G/3/17

Typeset proofs

nd

1 file

**LOU G/3/18** 

File labelled 'The Therapy of Avram Blok extras for Apocrypha

section'

Drafts of parts of 'Avram Blok'

1 file

LOU G/3/19

File labelled 'The Therapy of Avram Blok: Apocrypha and

Blasphemies'

nd

**Typeset** 

10 files

LOU G/3/20

Hebrew translation of 'The Therapy of Avram Blok', with notes,

drafts, and letters

nd

Letters from Simon Louvish to various friends announcing that 'City of Blok' will be published by William Collins: notes about 'City of Blok'; draft of part of a Blok novel, probably 'City of Blok'; parts of the Hebrew translation of 'The Therapy of Avram Blok'

1 file

LOU G/3/21

Hebrew translation of 'The Therapy of Avram Blok'

nd



LOU G/4 The Death of Moishe-Ganef'

[1984-1987]

1 file

LOU G/4/1 Correspondence, proofs, and jacket

[1984-1987]

Correspondence with publishers, proofs, author's corrections,

jacket, drafts of parts of the book.

1 file

LOU G/5 City of Blok'

1987-1988

6 files

LOU G/5/1 File labelled 'Blok outs 2'

nd

Drafts of various sections of the book.

1 file

LOU G/5/2 Drafts

1988

Letter to Andy McKillop concerning final changes to the manuscript, with drafts of various sections of the book.

1 file

LOU G/5/3 Press release for 'City of Blok'

1988

1 file

**LOU G/5/4** Manuscript of 'City of Blok' part 1 of 3

1987



LOU G/5/5 Manuscript of 'City of Blok' part 2 of 3

1987

1 file

LOU G/5/6 Manuscript of 'City of Blok' part 3 of 3

1987

1 file

**LOU G/6** The Last Trump of Avram Blok (Blok 3)

1989

6 files

**LOU G/6/1** Folder labelled '1st draft 1'

c.1989

1 file

**LOU G/6/2** Folder labelled '1st draft 2'

c.1989

1 file

LOU G/6/3 Manuscript

c.1989

2 files



**LOU G/6/4** Draft sections of the book.

c.1989

1 file

**LOU G/6/5** Draft sections of the book.

c.1989

1 file

LOU G/7 Your Monkey's Shmuck

1989-1990

2 files

LOU G/7/1 Manuscript

c. 1990

1 file

LOU G/7/2 Proofs

1989

1 file

LOU G/8 The Silencer

1991

1 file

LOU G/8/1 Jackets

1991



LOU G/9 The Governor's Show'

1992

Unpublished novel.

1 file

LOU G/9/1 Manuscript and letter

1992

Letter from Simon Louvish to his agent, David Grossman, enclosing the manuscript of 'The Governor's Show'.

1 file

**LOU G/10** The Resurrections

1992

5 files

LOU G/10/1 Research notes and drafts

c.1992

1 file

LOU G/10/2 File labelled 'Resurrections final stage NGs and guide notes'

[early 1980s]

Drafts of sections of the book and notes.

1 file

**LOU G/10/3** File labelled 'Resurrections from the Dustbin of History 1st

version'

[early 1980s]



**LOU G/10/4** File labelled 'Resurrections from the Dustbin of History Final

Original'

[early 1980s]

1 file

**LOU G/10/5** File labelled 'Resurrections from the Dustbin of History Final

Version' 1991

Manuscript, with editor's correspondence, corrections, and notes

1 file

**LOU G/11** What's Up, God?

1995

2 files

LOU G/11/1 Manuscript, with copyeditor's corrections

1995

1 file

LOU G/11/2 Jackets

1995

3 items

LOU G/11/3 Proofs and copyediting

1995

1 file

LOU G/12 The Days of Miracles and Wonders

1997

For jacket, and correspondence relating to its publication, see

LOU/H/1/2.



5 files

LOU G/12/1 Press cuttings

[1980s-1990s]

File labelled 'Misc Cuttings Follies Miracles etc'. Probably source material for The Days of Miracles and Wonders and The

Cosmic Follies

1 file

LOU G/12/2 Manuscript - 1st version part 1

c.1997

1 file

LOU G/12/3 Manuscript - 1st version part 2

c.1997

1 file

LOU G/12/4 Manuscript - 2nd draft part 1

c.1997

1 file

LOU G/12/5 Manuscript - 2nd draft part 2

c.1997

1 file

**LOU G/13** The Stone Shall Cry (Joe Dekel 3)

1997

Unpublished novel.

2 files



LOU G/13/1 Manuscript

1997

1 file

LOU G/13/2 Manuscript

1997

1 file

LOU G/14 The Cosmic Follies

2004

12 files

LOU G/14/1 Research material

[2004]

Issues of New York local newspapers, leaflets, and timetables.

1 file

LOU G/14/2 Jackets

[2004]

2 items

LOU G/14/3 Manuscript

[2004]

1 file

**LOU G/14/4** Draft sections of the book, with notes.

[2004]



LOU G/14/5 Manuscript

[2004]

1 file

LOU G/14/6 Manuscript: part of Book 1

[2004] File 1 of 4

1 file

LOU G/14/7 Manuscript: part of Book 1

[2004] File 2 of 4

1 file

LOU G/14/8 Manuscript: Book 2

[2004] File 3 of 4

1 file

LOU G/14/9 Manuscript: Book 3

[2004] File 4 of 4

1 file

LOU G/14/10 Manuscript labelled 'Cosmic Follies final pdf'

[2004]



**LOU G/14/11** Manuscript labelled 'Cosmic Follies 1st draft Galleys book copy' [2004]

1 file

LOU G/14/12 Typeset proofs

[2004]

1 file

**LOU G/15** The Fundamental Blok (Blok 5)

2008?

Unpublished novel.

LOU G/15/1 Research material, mainly press cuttings - file 1

[1997-2001]

1 file

**LOU G/15/2** Research material, mainly press cuttings - file 2

[1997-2001]

1 file

**LOU G/15/3** Research material, mainly press cuttings - file 3

[1990s]

Mainly about international politics

1 file

LOU G/15/4 Manuscript

c.2008

2 files



LOU G/15/5 Manuscript

c.2008

There are two copies of the section entitled '2nd cycle'.

4 files

LOU G/15/6 Manuscript labelled 'The Fundamental Blok - Final'

c.2008

2 files

**LOU G/16** Manuscript labelled 'Blok Hebrew' (pp 259-379)

nd [late twentieth century]

1 file

LOU H Non Fiction

LOU H/1 Man on the Flying Trapeze: The Life and Times of WC Fields

[1992-1998]

14 files

LOU H/1/1 Manuscript

1997



LOU H/1/2

Correspondence, photographs, and other papers concerning Man on the Flying Trapeze and The Days of Miracles and Wonders.

[1992-1998]

Papers about WC Fields including prints and photocopies of photographs, bibliography, and source material. Papers about The Days of Miracles and Wonders, including correspondence with publishers, jacket, author blurb, and an article, probably by Simon Louvish, about the history of its publication.

1 file

LOU H/1/3

List of quotations used in Man on the Flying Trapeze nd [1997]

1 file

LOU H/1/4

Reviews of Man on the Flying Trapeze 1997

1 file

LOU H/1/5

Letters from Simon Louvish

[1995-1997]

Letters to various people associated with WC Fields concerning research for Man on the Flying Trapeze.

1 file

**LOU H/1/6** 

The Beloved Rogues'

1997-1998

Script of a play about WC Fields and friends by Will Fowler, with correspondence between Simon Louvish and Will Fowler about the play

1 file

LOU H/1/7

Transcripts of sketches, probably by WC Fields

c.1997

Copies of material dating from approximately 1905.



**LOU H/1/8** 

Photocopies of reviews and sources

c. 1997

Reviews of Man on the Flying Trapeze, 1997; research material including copies and transcripts of early twentieth century press cuttings, sketches, articles, and notes.

1 file

LOU H/1/9-

16

Sources

c.1997

Copies of early twentieth century sources.

8 files

LOU H/1/17

Photocopy of a script entitled 'The Old-Fashioned Way'

1934

1 file

LOU H/1/18

Sources

c.1997

Including a draft of several pages of Man on the Flying Trapeze, list of editor's queries; list of illustrations and photographs used in Man on the Flying Trapeze; WC Fields's itinerary, researched by Simon Louvish.

1 file

LOU H/1/19

Sources

c.1997

1 file

LOU H/1/20

Sources

c.1997

Including copies of letters from WC Fields, [early-mid-twentieth

century]



LOU H/1/21 Sources

c.1997

Including copies of scripts by WC Fields.

1 file

LOU H/1/22 Sources and correspondence

c. 1997

Letters from Simon Louvish to people associated with WC Fields

1 file

LOU H/2 Monkey Business: The Lives and Legends of the Marx Brothers

1999

51 files

LOU H/2/1 Manuscript

1999

1 file

LOU H/2/2 Typeset proofs

1999

1 file

LOU H/2/3 Manuscript of 'Coffee with Groucho'

2007



LOU H/2/4 Manuscript of 'Coffee with Groucho'

2007

With introduction and biography of Groucho Marx.

1 file

LOU H/2/5 File labelled 'Al Shean's Nephews'

1999

Including photographs of the Marx Brothers and copies of

magazine articles and advertisements

1 file

**LOU H/2/6** File labelled 'FBI and the Marx Brothers'

1999

Copies of documents from the FBI's files on the Marx Brothers.

10 files

LOU H/2/7 File labelled 'Marx Brothers Correspondence'

1999

Including correspondence with Faber and Faber concerning final corrections to the manuscript, 1999. Papers concerning Simon Louvish's request to see the FBI's files on the Marx Brothers, 1999. Correspondence concerning research on the family history of the Marx Brothers.

1 file

LOU H/2/8 Sources

c. 1999

Including letters from Simon Louvish to various people associated with the Marx Brothers, arranging meetings.

1 file

**LOU H/2/9** Proposal, census records, articles

c.1999

Proposal for 'Monkey Business'. Copies of census returns which include the Marx Brothers. Copy of an article by SJ Perelman entitled 'Going Hollywood with the Marx Brothers'.



LOU H/2/10

Isssues of the Freedonia Gazette, a Marx Brothers fan magazine

1978-1991

2 files

LOU H/2/11

Cutting of a letter from Groucho Marx to Warner Brothers

1997

Printed in the New York Times

1 item

LOU H/2/12-48 Sources 1997

37 files

LOU H/2/49

Reviews and correspondence

1999

Reviews of Monkey Business and of other books about the Marx Brothers; sheet music for a song entitled 'Mama, a Rainbow', from a musical about the lives of the Marx Brothers; article about the Marx Brothers by Simon Louvish published in 'The Guardian', 1999; correspondence with Faber concerning proofreading, illustrations and final checking of Monkey Business.

1 file

LOU H/2/50

Correspondence re checking Monkey Business

1998

Correspondence with Faber concerning final checking of Monkey Business, with drafts of notes on sources and lists of quotations.



LOU H/3 Stan and Ollie: The Roots of Comedy - the Double Life of Laurel

and Hardy [1986-2002]

30 files

LOU H/3/1 Letters from Simon Louvish

[1999]

Letters to various people associated with Laurel and Hardy,

arranging to meet.

1 file

LOU H/3/2 Wordprocessed manuscript

2002

1 file

**LOU H/3/3** Issues of 'Intra-tent Journal', magazine of the Laurel and Hardy

Society 1986-1992

1 file

LOU H/3/4 Issues of 'Shifting Sands', a Laurel and Hardy fan magazine

1996-1999

1 file

LOU H/3/5 Issues of 'Past Times' and 'Bowler Dessert'

1999-2002

Past Times: the nostalgia entertainment newsletter' is a

newsletter about American film history, 1999. 'Bowler Dessert' is

a Laurel and Hardy fan magazine, 2002.



LOU H/3/6 TV proposal, papers about a Laurel and Hardy festival, and

other papers 1998-2000

Proposal for a TV series about Laurel and Hardy, WC Fields, and the Marx Brothers. Papers about the annual Laurel and Hardy festival in Harlem. Printouts from the Laurel and Hardy web site.

1 file

LOU H/3/7 Letters, proposal, and research notes

c.1999

Letters from Simon Louvish to people associated with Laurel and Hardy, arranging to meet, 1999; Proposal by Simon Louvish

for 'Stan and Ollie - The Roots of Comedy', nd

1 file

LOU H/3/8-

30

Sources [1999-2000]

23 files

**LOU H/4** Keystone: The Life and Clowns of Mack Sennett

2004

49 files

LOU H/4/1 Manuscript

2004

1 file

LOU H/4/2 Manuscript

2004



LOU H/4/3-48

Sources c.2004

46 files

LOU H/4/49

Issue of 'Life' magazine

1949

1 item

LOU H/5

Mae West: It Ain't No Sin

2006

2004-2006

LOU H/5/1

Manuscript

2006

2 files

**LOU H/5/2** 

Manuscript

2004

Labelled 'condensed 2004'

1 file

LOU H/5/3

Manuscript

2006?

3 files

LOU H/5/4-35 Sources c.2006

32 files



LOU H/6 Cecil B DeMille and the Golden Calf

2007

22 files

LOU H/6/1-

22

Sources 2007

22 files

LOU H/7 Chaplin: The Tramp's Odyssey

2009

5 files

LOU H/7/1 Manuscript

2009

Entitled 'The Life and Times of the Tramp'. Part 1 'The

Immigrant'

1 file

LOU H/7/2 Manuscript

2009

Part 2 'The Pilgrim'

1 file

LOU H/7/3 Manuscript

2009

Part 3 'Modern Times'



Manuscript LOU H/7/4

2009

Part 3 'Modern Times'

1 file

LOU H/7/5 Manuscript

2009

Part 1 'The Tramp's Odyssey'

1 file

LOU J Miscellaneous

LOU J/1 Proposal for 'Monkey Business' and papers probably relating to 'The Cosmic Follies'

c.2000

Proposal for 'Monkey Business', with addendum, 1999?; copy of a newspaper article entitled 'Chimp Sell-off U.S. Military Finds Monkey on Its Back', about finding homes for chimps used in medical and space experiments, nd; plan and part of a manuscript, probably 'The Cosmic Follies', nd; printouts from web sites about Harlem, New York, nd; printouts from web sites of articles about leukemia, nd.

1 file

LOU J/2 Papers relating to a possible blacklist at a Jewish film festival 1990

> Copies of letters and articles about a blacklist at a Jewish film festival in London, with papers relating to the Data Protection Act, probably collected by Simon Louvish in order to make a subject access request to Jewish organizations.



## LOU J/3

Leaflets and statement re the Public Lending Right 1988

The statement shows earnings for books by Simon Louvish borrowed from public libraries in the year ending 30 June 1988.

1 file

## LOU J/4

Interlink catalogues 1993-2002.

Fall 1992, Fall 1993, Fall 1995, Spring/Summer 2002. Fall 1992 includes an advertisement for 'The Silencer'. Enclosed in Fall 1995, cutting from The New York Review of a review by Norman Cohn of a book by Elaine Pagels entitled 'The Origin of Satan' - an account of how Christians defamed hostile or rival groups.

4 items

## LOU J/5

Cartoons, press cuttings, notes, and other ephemera 1989-1995

Copies of articles from 'The Independent' and 'The Guardian' articles about the writer Emile Habiby, who was awarded and accepted the Israel Prize for Literature in 1992; notes by Simon Louvish, possibly a plan for a novel; photocopy of a document in Hebrew; press cuttings of newspaper comic strips; leaflet entitled 'Jews for Jesus'; advertisement for a healer; book catalogues produced by Four Walls Eight Windows, 1994-1995; invitation to a play in New York entitled 'Floating Rhoda and the Glue Man', 1995; New Year cards from Misha Louvish, nd; photograph, probably of Isidore Haiblum, nd; cutting of an article about a strike by staff of Greyhound Buses and the company's attempts to avoid bankruptcy, 1990; subscription renewal notice for readers international, an organization that brings editions of important works from outside the West, nd: notes for a film study course on stereotypes and anti-stereotypes, 1989; issue of 'Modern Man', an adult picture magazine, 1961; catalogue of Permanent Press, publishers, 1989.