Cleveland man’s estate donates Judaica records treasure trove

The family of Cleveland music collector Jack Saul has donated more than 10,000 unique Jewish records to Florida Atlantic University’s Judaica Sound Archives, the university said earlier this month.

The archives already hold one of the world’s largest collections of preserved and digitalized Judaic audio recordings. An additional 50,000 vintage 78-rpm records from Saul’s collection will be the basis of a new vintage records archive at FAU Libraries, and 500 more jazz LPs will be added to the library’s jazz collection.

“This is by far the largest single donation of Judaica recordings we’ve ever received,” said Nathan Tinanoff, founder and director of the Judaica Sound Archives, located at the Wimberly Library on FAU’s Boca Raton campus. “Jack Saul’s Judaica collection is in excellent condition and was said to be one of the finest private collections in the country.”

Saul died in May at age 86. He visited the archives in February and later told family members he wanted the Jewish-interest part of his collection to go to the FAU archive, the university said. Saul’s family donated other portions of his extensive collection to the Library of Congress and the Cleveland Orchestra.