Julius Bernstein was born in New York City June 5, 1919 to Solomon and Rose (Kimmel) Bernstein, immigrants from Russia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire respectively. He moved with his family to Boston in 1929, attending public schools there, including Boston Latin, but and graduated from James Monroe High School in the Bronx, where he moved with his younger brother and mother after her separation from his father. He also attended Boston University for one year, majoring in journalism, and was awarded a Florence Lasker Fellowship in Civil Rights at Brandeis University in 1961.

In his teens, Bernstein became active in the Young People's Socialist League and for many years served as State Secretary of the Socialist Party in Massachusetts. He met his future wife, Bess Belle Luff, through the Workmen's Circle, in which his family were active, lifelong members. They married in 1940 and had two sons, Stanley, born in 1941, and Eugene Debs, in 1943. Drafted in December, 1941, he spent most of World War II driving an ambulance at Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara, California. Upon his discharge in 1945, he joined and remained active for many years in the Ernie Pyle Chapter of the American Veterans' Committee of Massachusetts.

In 1948 Bernstein started working for the Jewish Labor Committee in Boston, the only regular job he ever held, taking over as resident field officer when Rose Parker moved to Detroit to marry Dr. Schmarya Kleinman. The primary focus of the JLC organization in Boston was to serve as the education arm of organized labor in New England on human rights issues, but Bernstein's activity also expanded to persistent lobbying with the Massachusetts and other state legislatures on civil rights and labor matters. Beginning in the mid-1960s, he served as a member of the Massachusetts State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights and in 1968 he was appointed labor representative to the Boston Housing Authority board of directors.

Julius Bernstein died November 11, 1977.

The Julius Bernstein Collection consists of printed material—periodicals, pamphlets, flyers, clippings and organizational publications—related to race relations, education, labor unions, Jewish issues and socialism.
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