

## **Jewish Community Centers of Chicago records, 1904-1985**

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### **Biographical/historical note:**

The Eastern European Jews who began to stream into Chicago's Near West Side in the late nineteenth century soon felt the need for a place to gather and to improve themselves. The extreme overcrowding and low economic level of this neighborhood prompted the creation of several social service institutions to aid the area's residents, both Jewish and non-Jewish. In the early 1890s, Hull House, Chicago's first social settlement, was the only social center serving the Near West Side.

Although Hull House grew successfully, most of the neighborhood's Jewish population stayed away because of their Orthodox religious beliefs and occasional confrontations of Jewish children with non-Jewish children in the neighborhood (but not in the settlement itself). Some Jews attended Sunday afternoon concerts at Hull House and participated in educational activities, but others held back.

In 1893 a number of young social idealists from Chicago's established German Jewish population founded the Maxwell Street Settlement in the heart of the Near West Side to "uplift" the lives of the area's newer immigrants, who were primarily Russian Jews. The Maxwell Street Settlement emphasized self-improvement through education and met with some success. West Side residents, however, chafed under the somewhat patronizing attitudes that they perceived at the settlement and made plans for an organization of their own. They envisaged it as a "people's institute" to be led by individuals who came from the same social and economic background as the beneficiaries of their services.

The organization that emerged was known as the Self-Education Club. It conducted lecture series and Sunday afternoon concerts, soon becoming an important focus of activity for West Side Jewish residents. One of the foremost concerns of those who attended its activities was to become acclimated to their new surroundings and culture in the United States, in other words, to become "Americanized."

During this time, the members of the Kadimoh Gate of the Knights of Zion were meeting in cramped quarters and beginning to develop the idea of a "people's club." They felt the need for a center where the intellectual and the vocational aspirations of Chicago's Jewish community could be developed. In December 1902, Dr. Kate Levy spoke before the Kadimoh Gate and stressed the importance of the "immigrant Jew's asserting himself through organization for his own betterment." Those who heard her talk were inspired, and some months later, in September 1903, a subscription fund was started to formalize such an organization.

On November 12, 1903, the Chicago Hebrew Institute, was incorporated. It was the forerunner of the modern Jewish Community Centers of Chicago. Its purpose defined in its constitution and charter was "...the promotion of education, civic training, moral and physical culture, the amelioration of the condition and social advancement of the Jewish residents of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and state of Illinois, and its vicinity and of maintaining and conducting for that purpose schools, libraries, laboratories, reading, class and club rooms, gymnasium, music and lecture halls, and of acquiring such lands and erecting such buildings as may be requisite for the accomplishment of such object, all to be conducted under Jewish auspices."

By 1907, the Chicago Hebrew Institute (CHI) had taken the first of its leases on buildings at 1125 and 1127 Blue Island Avenue (then numbered 224 and 226 Blue Island, before the address numbering system changed). The institute was located to serve especially the Near West Side Jewish community. Its programs and methods reflected the philosophy of its Kadimoh Gate organizers and also the Self-Education Club. During the first two decades of its existence, the CHI concentrated on assisting new immigrants in adapting to their new surroundings. English language and citizenship classes were heavily attended.

The CHI also helped to ease the tension between the well-established German Jews who had immigrated in the mid-nineteenth century, often settling on Chicago's South Side, and the newer

immigrants, primarily Russian Jews who lived mostly on the Near West Side. Some of this tension had surfaced in the West Siders' disaffection with the Maxwell Street Settlement.

The CHI organizers at first concentrated their fund-raising efforts among the West Side residents, but many families there lived in difficult economic circumstances and had little to spare for even the worthiest of causes. There was little success in generating funds for the the extensive list of proposed activities and facilities.

In April 1904, however, two representatives from the institute attended a meeting of the Council of Jewish Women--which was composed almost entirely of South Side residents. This meeting was called specifically to consider "the needs of the river district of Chicago," i.e., the Near West Side. The CHI representatives asked for the council's support and received a number of requests for membership or further information. Some of the women who stepped forward then were to become actively involved in the CHI's affairs and be among its most reliable supporters through the years. Thus the institute gained enough financial support from the Jewish community city-wide to begin to grow.

The noted philanthropist Julius Rosenwald accepted appointment to the CHI board of directors in 1907 and stated that he was "in sympathy with any movement that will tend toward breaking down the social barrier...between the Russian and German Jews." A significant contribution by Rosenwald enabled the CHI to expanded its operations in 1908 by purchasing the former Sacred Heart Convent building and its surrounding land, located at the intersection of Taylor Street and Lytle Street.

The old convent building was remodeled and used as a synagogue and Jewish education building until a fire destroyed it in 1911. The school building at 900-914 South Lytle Street also was remodeled and used until 1927 to provide facilities for "...classes, clubs, Sunday School, week-day Hebrew school, lectures, concerts, entertainments, activities for young people, and numerous classes to teach English to foreigners." To illustrate how quickly the institute grew in popularity, the attendance during 1912 was 113,000; it more than doubled the next year to 280,000. By 1932 it would reach an annual total of 1,230,716.

Dr. Philip Seman was appointed general director of the CHI in 1913 and, under his 32 years of leadership, the institute grew to be one of the most productive and widely recognized social service institutions in Chicago. Born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1881, Dr. Seman came to the U.S. at the age of eleven. He graduated from Adelphi College and attended graduate school at Columbia University and law school at Washington University. He served on the sociology faculty at Washington University before becoming the director of the Jewish Educational Alliance of St. Louis, 1904-1910. He then returned to New York until 1913 when he was offered the superintendency of the Chicago Hebrew Institute.

As general director of the CHI he achieved national recognition for leadership in the fields of recreation and leisure-time activities, writing extensively on these topics and speaking at many conferences. He was appointed chairman of the Chicago Recreation Commission upon its creation in 1934 and served until 1943. Dr. Seman retired as the institute's director in December 1945 but continued to correspond frequently with institute staff. He and his wife moved to California, but he remained active in Jewish organizations for many years. He died in 1957.

Education was an important part of the CHI programming from its beginning. In addition to English language and citizenship classes, there were lecture series on a wide range of topics from politics and world affairs to literature and the arts. The evening high school opened in 1916, providing opportunities for students who worked during the day. Accredited by the University of Illinois in 1926 and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1929, it remained an important part of the institute's program until it was closed around 1940.

The institute was among the first of the Jewish centers in the U.S. to provide extensive communal educational programs. However, as the institute entered the 1920s, the number of immigrants dropped sharply, and these programs shifted away from the acculturation of newly arrived individuals and moved toward general enhancement of the lives of longer-term residents of the city. The focus became: "...The enrichment of Jewish life in America through the study and practice of the time-honored cultural traditions of Jew heritage."

In 1922 the Chicago Hebrew Institute changed its name to the Jewish People's Institute (JPI). In 1927, following the westward shift of the city's Jewish population, the institute moved to a new headquarters building in the North Lawndale neighborhood at 3500 W. Douglas Boulevard. Russian Jews had begun leaving the Near West Side after 1910; by 1920 they were the leading foreign-born group in North Lawndale, far exceeding the numbers of the Polish and Czechoslovakian population, although some of the members of the latter groups were also Jewish. By 1930 Russian Jews comprised 46 percent of North Lawndale's population.

In the new North Lawndale building, the JPI's greatly expanded its programs, some of which had been started at its former site. The new building was constructed specifically for the JPI's purposes and was large enough to accommodate 5,000 people at one time. The scope of the facilities and activities offered by the JPI is reflected in a section of a 1933 report:

The Institute has the Herman Schur Reference Library, which has some 7,000 books dealing with Judaica, and approximately 7,000 books dealing with various branches of Social Science and with general reference material, which has besides a magazine room and a pamphlet section; the Institute possesses also a strictly kosher restaurant; an art school whose leaders have been looked upon as the exponents of Jewish art in America; a club department, representing some one hundred odd youth and adult clubs, a total of some 7,000 different individuals; a dramatic department, which includes the Institute Player's Guild, the Children's Theatre, and the Yiddische Dramatische Gesellschaft ; an accredited evening high school for adults, a commercial school, and a department teaching foreigners English; a physical education department; a music department; lounges for men and women; a billiard room; a ping pong and chess room; a Museum of Jewish Antiquities, Ceremonial Objects, and Rare Manuscripts, which contains material which is very rare and some of which date back many centuries; and a Hebrew Department, consisting of the Herzliah Hebrew School, Central Hebrew High School, and the High School of Jewish Studies; a girls' camp, "Camp Chi," which has entertained some 7,000 different girls during the past thirteen years; an Institute Day Camp, which took care of some 300 children who could not afford a regular day camp; and a Dancing School.

The Institute conducts a Five O'clock Jewish Forum, devoted to the discussion of Jewish subjects presented by outstanding Jews in the community; a Music Forum, devoted to music written by outstanding Jewish and other composers; open-air dances during the summer,

entertainments, lectures, concerts, moving pictures, and similar recreational and educational programs.

Physical education and athletics were an early interest of the CHI/JPI, and these programs received greater impetus when a 50,000 dollars donation by Julius Rosenwald in 1915 supported the construction of a gymnasium on the Taylor Street property. The new JPI building in North Lawndale contained extensive physical education facilities. Some youngsters who trained there excelled in many city-wide athletic competitions over the years.

The performing and fine arts also were central features of the CHI/JPI. The Players Club, the institute's drama group, had been established in 1910, as one of CHI's earliest clubs. It became one of the most widely recognized little theater groups in the area and won the Edith Rockefeller McCormick Cup in 1930, 1931, and 1932. Weekly musicales began in 1926, and there were regular recitals given by both students at the institute and by well-known guest artists. In 1927 the Rosa Raisa Scholarship Fund was established to help promising music students at the institute continue their musical training in the United States and abroad.

The JPI reached out to the broader community in 1933 when it opened the People's Junior College. Feeling the effects of the Great Depression, the city-run Crane Junior College was forced to close during the 1932-33 academic year for lack of funds. The students whom it served had no means of pursuing their higher education until the JPI responded to the need. The People's Junior College operated from 1933 until 1936 when the City of Chicago was able to reopen its publicly sponsored junior colleges.

The types of services which the institute offered began to change radically in the 1940s. As stated in a 1952 report concerning admission at the JPI building, emphases at the institute had shifted "...from formal and informal education classes to social groups and interest groups; from frequent large mass activities to more direct service with smaller groups; from a general recreational program to one of specific group activities in which individualization is stressed; and from a program of general cultural content to one which focuses on Jewish history and culture."

In the 1930s, Chicago's Jewish population began to disperse more to various neighborhoods rather than concentrating in just a few. Also, the Jewish Peoples' Institute became affiliated with the Jewish Charities of Chicago in 1939 and prepared to extend its services into the newer Jewish communities. As Jews left North Lawndale, one of the first Chicago neighborhoods to which they moved was Albany Park. It was there that the first branch of the JPI, known as the Max Straus Center, was opened in 1941. The construction of the Max Straus Center was made possible through a 65,000 dollars bequest from the Straus estate and by a 35,000 dollars contribution from the Jewish Charities of Chicago.

In the mid-1940s, the JPI and the Jewish Federation of Chicago cooperated in conducting comprehensive surveys of Chicago's Jewish population, one survey on the North Side and one on the South Side, to determine areas that could benefit from JCC programs. In 1946, the name of the Jewish People's Institute was changed to the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago (JCC), and the extension of its services began to reach to all parts of the city. As a result of the surveys, a South Side extension program was begun in Hyde Park in 1946, which soon expanded to include the South Shore neighborhood. A similar program began on the North Side in Rogers Park in 1948. In 1949, buildings for the Hyde Park Club and the Rogers Park Jewish Community Center were completed and dedicated.

The Jewish population was not only expanding into new areas but was leaving old ones, particularly the North Lawndale neighborhood. A dramatic shift in the composition of the community's population began during the 1940s and accelerated during the 1950s as a large number of African Americans moved into the area. In 1950 the African American population amounted to 13 percent of the residents of North Lawndale; by 1960 the figure had increased to 91 percent.

The JPI building on Douglas Boulevard in North Lawndale, which had served as the organization's headquarters since 1927, became known as the Jewish People's Institute/West Side Center in 1946 simultaneously with the adoption of the new name Jewish Community Centers of Chicago by the entire organization. The building remained open for only a few more years, however, until the precipitous drop in the number of Jewish residents in North Lawndale led the JCC to close the facility. In 1954 the building was sold to the Chicago Board of Education and became the Hess School. The West Side Center's operating staff was moved to rented quarters, eventually leasing office space in the Max Straus Center in the early 1960s. By 1965 it had effectively ceased operating as an independent entity.

The geographic movement of the Chicago area's Jewish population was reflected in the opening of new JCC branches during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. In 1957 the first suburban center, the Niles Township JCC, opened in Skokie, a village that had attracted many Jews moving northward from Albany Park and Rogers Park. The center was replaced in 1971 by the newly opened Mayer Kaplan JCC located at 5050 West Church in Skokie. In 1959 the Henry N. Hart JCC opened in the Calumet Heights area in the southern part of the city. The Henry N. Hart name was transferred in 1971, however, to the center located at 2961 West Peterson on the North Side of Chicago. In 1960 the Bernard Horwich JCC and the Mayer Kaplan Senior Adult Center both opened in a newly constructed facility at 3003 West Touhy. The Horwich Center grew to be by far the largest of any of the JCC branches. In the early 1970s two additional suburban branches were opened: the North Suburban JCC in Northbrook and the South Suburban JCC in Olympia Fields. The needs of older persons became more of a focus of JCC activities throughout the 1960s and three additional Senior Adult Centers opened as a result, all on the North Side of the city.

As of 1977, when it celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary, the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago operated sixteen distinct facilities that served a total of more than 26,000 members.

Sources for the JCC history:

Materials concerning the history of the JCC are filed in the first box of this collection. "A Recreational Institute and Its Community in Retrospect," by Dian Sherman is especially useful. Other useful materials, cataloged separately, include the CHI/JPI annual reports, 1921-1932, written by Dr. Philip Seman, general director, and the CHI/JPI/JCC newsletter, the *Observer*, from Volume 2, 1913, through Volume 52, 1962.

### **Summary description of the collection:**

Correspondence, minutes, reports, community surveys, financial records, studies, membership statistics, student records, and scrapbooks of programs and newsclippings by and about the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago and its predecessors: the Chicago Hebrew Institute, 1903-1922, and the Jewish People's Institute, 1922-1946, and the social, educational, art and theater, athletic, and recreational programs, nursery schools, and senior adult activities provided by the JCC in its local centers, especially in the Chicago neighborhoods of North Lawndale, Albany Park, Hyde Park, South Shore, Woodlawn, and Rogers Park; and in the northern and southern suburbs of Chicago.

Early 20th-century activities featured education to help immigrants adjust to American life; later programs included accredited high school and summer classes and junior college courses; more recent programs emphasize topics in Jewish history and culture and services for various age groups. Collection includes administrative and student records from the JPI's Junior College, high school, and adult education programs, ca. 1928-1940s and later.

Collection includes annual reports and newsletters from the Home for Aged Jews, later known as the Drexel Home for the Aged.

**Description of some materials related to the collection:**

Related materials at Chicago History Museum, Research Center, include the Max Straus Center of the JCC records; the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago collection of visual materials (1980.0175); and publications of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago and its predecessor organizations, the Chicago Hebrew Institute and the Jewish People's Institute of Chicago, cataloged separately.

Two related collections located in other repositories are the papers of Dr. Philip L. Seman in the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio; and the records of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago at Spertus Institute in Chicago.

**List of online catalog headings about the collection:**

The following headings were placed in the online catalog.

Subjects:

Jewish Community Centers of Chicago--Archives.  
Chicago Hebrew Institute--Archives.  
Jewish People's Institute of Chicago--Archives.  
Jewish People's Institute of Chicago. Camp Chi.  
Jewish People's Institute of Chicago. Junior College.  
Jewish People's Institute of Chicago. Museum of Jewish Antiquities.  
Jewish Community Centers of Chicago. Camp Chi.  
Chicago Recreation Commission.  
Seman, Philip L, (Philip Louis), 1881-1957.  
Loeb, Jacob M. (Jacob Moritz), 1875-1944.  
Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center (Chicago, Ill.)  
Chicago Jewish Youth Council.  
Henry N. Hart Jewish Community Center (Chicago, Ill.)  
Home for Aged Jews (Chicago, Ill.)  
Drexel Home for the Aged (Chicago, Ill.)  
Max Straus Jewish Community Center (Chicago, Ill.)  
Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center (Skokie, Ill.)  
National Jewish Welfare Board.  
National Jewish Welfare Board. Midwest Section.  
Niles Township Jewish Community Center (Ill.)  
North Suburban Jewish Community Center (Northbrook, Ill.)  
Rogers Park Jewish Community Center (Chicago, Ill.)  
South Suburban Jewish Community Center (Olympia Fields, Ill.)  
900-914 South Lytle Street (Chicago, Ill.)  
3500 West Douglas Boulevard (Chicago, Ill.)  
5050 West Church Street (Skokie, Ill.)

2961 West Peterson Avenue (Chicago, Ill.)  
3003 West Touhy Avenue (Chicago, Ill.)  
Adult education--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.  
Americanization.  
Charities--Illinois--Chicago Metropolitan Area--20th century.  
Dance--Illinois--Chicago  
Day care centers--Illinois--Chicago  
Immigrants--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.  
Jewish community centers-- Illinois--Chicago Metropolitan Area--20th century.  
Jewish women--Illinois--Chicago--Societies and clubs.  
Jews--Illinois--Chicago Metropolitan Area--20th century.  
Jews, Russian--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.  
Junior colleges--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.  
Older Jews--Services for--Illinois--Chicago--Periodicals.  
Recreation--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.  
Social service-- Illinois--Chicago Metropolitan Area--20th century.  
Social workers--Illinois--Chicago.  
Synagogues--Illinois--Chicago.  
Theater--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.  
Chicago Metropolitan Area (Ill.)--Social conditions--20th century.  
Chicago Metropolitan Area (Ill.)--Social life and customs--20th century.  
Albany Park (Chicago, Ill. : Community area)  
Hyde Park (Chicago, Ill.)  
North Lawndale (Chicago, Ill.)  
Rogers Park (Chicago, Ill. : Community area.)  
South Shore (Chicago, Ill.)  
Woodlawn (Chicago, Ill.)

Form/genre:

Accounts.  
Correspondence.  
Minutes.  
Newspaper clippings.  
Oral histories.  
Programs (documents)  
Reports.  
Scrapbooks.  
Statistics.

Co-creator:

Jewish People's Institute of Chicago.  
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Chicago Hebrew Institute.  
Seman, Philip L. (Philip Louis), 1881-1957.  
Morris, Robert, 1910-2005. Trends and issues in Jewish social welfare in the United States 1899-1952.  
Home for Aged Jews (Chicago, Ill.)  
Drexel Home for the Aged (Chicago, Ill.)  
Jewish Charities of Chicago.



Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.  
Chicago Jewish Youth Council.  
Chicago Recreation Commission.  
National Jewish Welfare Board.  
Social Service Employees Union.  
United Office and Professional Workers of America.

**Arrangement of the collection:**

The collection is arranged in 11 series:

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  - Subseries 2. Junior College student files (alphabetical), ca. 1930-1950s (box 3-15)
  - Subseries 3. Junior College faculty & administration, ca. 1930-1950s (box 16-17)
  - Subseries 4. JPI high school administration & student records, ca. 1927-1971 (box 18-27b )
- Series 2: CHI/JPI/JCC minutes and historical information, 1907-1972 (box 28-46):
- Series 3. CHI/JPI/JCC membership records, 1950-1960 (box 47)
- Series 4. CHI/JPI/JCC staff memoranda, 1942-1964 (box 48)
- Series 5. CHI/JPI/JCC financial material, 1922-1969 (box 49-53)
- Series 6. CHI/JPI/JCC surveys and studies, 1931-1970 (box 54-61)
  - Subseries 1. Community surveys and studies, 1944-1969 (box 54)
  - Subseries 2. Internal surveys and studies, 1931-1970 (box 55-59)
  - Subseries 3. Self Study Committee, 1952-1956 (box 60)
  - Subseries 4. Regional surveys and studies, 1941-1966 (box 61)
- Series 7. CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 (box 62-95)
  - Subseries 1. Programs for older people, 1934-1965 (box 62-63)
  - Subseries 2. Chicago Jewish Youth Council, 1968 (box 64)
  - Subseries 3. Day camps, 1945-1955 (box 65)
  - Subseries 4. Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, 1963-1967; 1977 (box 66)
  - Subseries 5. Jewish People's Institute / West Side Center, 1955-1965 (box 67-68)
  - Subseries 6. Jewish People's Institute building (3500 West Douglas Blvd.), 1925-1956 (box 69-71)
  - Subseries 7. J.P.I. Museum of Jewish Antiquities, Ceremonial Objects, and Rare Manuscripts, 1926-1955 (box 72)
  - Subseries 8. National Jewish Welfare Board, 1946-1966 (box 73-75)
  - Subseries 9. National Jewish Welfare Board, Midwest Section, 1923-1966 (box 76-77)
  - Subseries 10. Nursery school, 1943-1955 (box 78-79)
  - Subseries 11. Nursery school topical papers, 1943-1969 (box 80-81)
  - Subseries 12. Personnel, 1936-1973 (box 82-85)
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  - Subseries 15. Scholarships, 1925-1968 (box 88-90)
  - Subseries 16. Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program, 1946-1966 (box 91-93)
  - Subseries 17. Miscellaneous, 1928-1968 (box 94-95)
- Series 8. CHI/JPI/JCC general papers of the JCC, 1904-1966 (box 96-103)
- Series 9. CHI/JPI/JCC various historical documents, 1930s-1960s (box 104-107)
- Series 10. JCC additional operating files, 1969-1984 (box 108-127)
- Series 11. CHI/JPI/JCC scrapbooks, 1923-1968 (30 volumes)
  - Subseries 1. Group A: Material generated by JPI/JCC or its branches, 1923-1950 (volume 1-13)
  - Subseries 2. Group B: News clippings, 1927-1968 (volume 1-17)

**Detailed description of the archival series of the collection:**

Series 1, "Jewish Peoples' Institute high school & Junior College," contains administrative files, faculty, and student records in several alphabetical files. A restriction applies to student and faculty files: In order to consult the student and faculty records, researchers are required to sign a confidentiality agreement. The confidentiality agreement does not apply to former students consulting their own records.

Series 2. CHI/JPI/JCC minutes and historical information, begins with reports and studies on the CHI/JPI/JCC, such "A Recreational Institute and Its Community in Retrospect," by Dian Sherman. Series 2 also includes an apparently complete set of board of directors' meeting minutes, 1907-1968; minutes from meetings of various boards and committees within individual branches, 1947-1968; minutes from meetings of a large number of committees of the central organization, primarily from the mid-1940s through 1968, although some date from the late 1930s; minutes of JCC meetings with representatives of various synagogues participating in the Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program, 1949-1972; and minutes from JCC staff meetings, 1949-1972.

Series 3. CHI/JPI/JCC membership records, is a small series of only one box which consists of membership statistics, 1950-1955, and comparative membership reports, 1955-1960.

Series 4. CHI/JPI/JCC staff memoranda, is likewise small in size, comprising only one box of memoranda relating to JCC personnel practices and policies, 1942-1964. Topics of the memoranda include staff meetings, appointments of new personnel, travel expenses, and staff training and development. Memoranda on other subjects can be found in the General Papers files in boxes 69-76.

Series 5. CHI/JPI/JCC financial material, is concentrated in three areas: investments made by the JCC, tax exemptions granted to the JCC, and bequests made to the JCC. There also are a few budgets in this series (box 49, folder 6), but the minutes of the Financial Committee in box 42 shed light on the fiscal status and policies of the JCC, especially during the years 1952-1968. Small sets of related committee minutes provide context for the statistics, such as minutes for the Subcommittee on Insurance and the Committees on Internal Income. There also are balance sheets, correspondence, and other materials from a 1931-1933 financial study of the JPI in box 28, folder 1.

Series 6. CHI/JPI/JCC surveys and studies analyze attitudes and the composition of the Jewish community in Chicago and in the U.S. as a whole. The surveys and studies are arranged in subseries based on their scope and sponsoring agencies. This series includes community surveys and studies that examined various sections and neighborhoods in Chicago, such as the surveys of the North Side and the South Side made in anticipation of the extension of JCC services into those areas in the mid-1940s; internal surveys and studies focusing on JCC activities and programs; the 1952-1956 Self-Study, during which detailed analyses were made of the JCC's history, purpose, and programs; and regional surveys and studies that dealt with areas outside Chicago. In addition to the final versions of the studies, there is some supporting material including correspondence, statistics, questionnaires, and other back-up data.

Series 7. CHI/JPI/JCC working files are arranged topically. The subseries deal with major activities or programs undertaken by the JCC over the years, such as day camps and nursery schools, as well as activities of other agencies, such as correspondence and reports relating to the National Jewish Welfare Board, 1923-1967, and the Chicago Jewish Youth Council, 1968. In addition, several boxes relate to branches of the JCC, including the JPI/West Side Center, the Bernard Horwich Center, and the Rogers Park Center.

Three boxes relate to the construction and furnishing of the JPI headquarters building in North Lawndale during the years 1925-1931, its maintenance and modernization in the 1930s and 1940s, and its sale in the 1950s. In 1946, this building was renamed the JPI/West Side Center and began to function as a JCC branch. Materials about the JPI/West Side Center in boxes 40 and 41 were shipped to the Chicago History Museum with the Max Straus Center records, presumably because the two centers shared the same quarters after the sale of the North Lawndale building until the JPI/West Side Center went out of existence in the 1960s.

An additional box contains records of acquisitions and inventories for the JPI Museum of Jewish Antiquities, Ceremonial Objects, and Rare Manuscripts, 1925-1955.

One subseries in Series 7 concerns programs for older people, 1934-1965. In addition to the "general papers" in these boxes dealing with the Golden Age and Senior Adult programs, there are copies of the *Golden Age* newsletter, 1946-1949 and 1951-1954, as well as annual reports and newsletters issued by the Home for Aged Jews, later known as the Drexel Home for the Aged, between 1943 and 1958.

Another subseries relates to services for children and teenagers. One box contains material on the JCC-sponsored day camps, 1945-1955, and 4 boxes contain nursery school records, 1943-1955. Both the day camps and nursery school programs were important for the development of the children enrolled in them and also for allowing their mothers to work to earn needed money for their families. Scholarships awarded by the JPI/JCC allowed many young people to continue their studies; the records of these grants are in 3 boxes dating 1925-1968.

The Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program began in the late 1940s as an effort to extend JCC services to an even larger number of people than could be reached through the individual JCC branches. Among the programs offered in cooperation with the synagogues, and often housed in synagogue facilities, were day camps, nursery schools, group activities for senior citizens and for teenagers, debating leagues, and athletic tournaments. Two reviews of the programs--one a published article from 1951 and the other a rough draft of a 1956 report--are filed in box 64, folder 1. In addition to three folders of general papers which relate to the program as a whole, 1949-1966, there are more than 2 boxes of materials on individual synagogues and their relations with the JCC, 1946-1965.

In Series 8, the CHI/JPI/JCC general papers are arranged chronologically in 8 boxes. They consist primarily of routine correspondence and memoranda of the general director although there is a variety of other material contained within the files, such as announcements of special events and various reports. A continuing topic is the training of social workers--both on the job and in universities. The JCC held regular staff training workshops, and the general director corresponded over the years with professors of social work across the United States. In addition, there are frequent requests for information about the JCC from persons who were in the process of establishing similar Jewish community centers or recreational programs in other cities. The requests often were accompanied or followed by information about those programs.

Series 9. CHI/JPI/JCC various historical documents, include building dedications, annual meetings and annual reports.

The Series 10, JCC additional operating files, 1969-1984 (box 108-127), are a later addition to the collection and relate to most of the ongoing groups mentioned earlier: Board minutes, Camp Chi, the Women's Auxiliary, the various Senior/Adult programs, as well as more recent initiatives, such as the Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, the Drug response program, the Response Center, and the JWB Armed Services Council.

Series 11 comprises 30 scrapbooks arranged into two groups. Scrapbooks in Group A, dating 1923-1950, contain material generated by the CHI/JPI/JCC or one of its branches; those in Group B, dating 1927-1968, primarily contain news clippings. The scrapbooks provide considerable information on the variety of cultural, athletic, educational, and recreational programs offered by the CHI/JPI/JCC. Group A is especially comprehensive through the 1920s, 1930s and early 1940s, during Philip Seman's tenure as general director, and contains items ranging from recital programs to samples of day camp enrollment forms. Each scrapbook is divided into topical selections for each of the many programs undertaken at the JPI building.

The news clippings in Group B seem to be spread a little more evenly over the time period which they cover. However, the subjects of the later clippings are not exclusively JCC activities: a fair number were saved because they focused on a prominent individual who served as a JCC officer or on community activities in general. Scrapbooks fourteen and fifteen in Group B are devoted entirely to the Bernard Horwich Center, 1962-1964; scrapbook sixteen relates solely to the activities of the Chicago Recreation Commission during its first four years of existence, 1934-1938, while Philip Seman was serving as its chairman; and scrapbook seventeen is devoted to Camp Chi. A more detailed explanation of the scrapbooks can be found in the introduction to the index to their contents, that is located at the end of this descriptive inventory.

Abbreviations used in this document:

CHI = Chicago Hebrew Institute (existed 1903-1922)

JPI = Jewish People's Institute (existed 1922-1946)

JCC = Jewish Community Centers of Chicago (1946- )

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*Please note:* Folders that are closed to researchers are listed in their original order but have been moved to box 126.

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#### **Subseries 1. Education miscellaneous administration, ca. 1928-1950s (box 1-2):**

box 1

*folders:*

- 1 Barreau, Leon: French teacher 1934-1936
- 2 Blank forms
- 3 Correspondence and memos, general, 1920-1940
- 4 Correspondence and memos, general, 1938-1942
- 5 Correspondence, North Central Association, 1928-1940
- 6-7 Correspondence, etc. re: accreditation by University of Illinois, 1927-1936
- 8 Correspondence, University of Illinois, 1936-1941

box 1a (oversize box) Oversize materials:

- 1 Envelopes (2) & 30 diplomas from the Junior People's College
- 2 Certificate of recognition from the state of Illinois for JPI's high school, 1932 Sept. 1

- 3 Diploma in a cover, 1936
- 4 Envelope containing 1) commencement exercise tickets and programs (multiple copies; various years 2) announcement of courses, 2 booklets, 1934-1935

box 2

*folders:*

- 1 Data on educational departments, 1944 and undated
- 2 Evening elementary school, 1932-1940
- 3 Financial materials, misc., 1932-1940
- 4 Information re: other institutions, 1935-1941
- 5 Personality schedules (1929 edition) and related exams: Schwartz-Stein, undated
- 6 Personality schedules (1929 edition) and related exams: Steinberg-Zuckerman, undated
- 7 Teacher's applications: elementary and high school, 1931, 1938-1939
- 8 University of Chicago: scholarship exam, 1936-1937
- 9 University of Chicago: transcripts (re: students), 1936-1941
- 10 Nursery school pupil, 1951-1953 **Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2023**
- 11 Misc. clippings, 1934, 1938 & undated

**Series 1. Jewish Peoples' Institute high school & Junior College, ca. 1927-1971 (box 1-27b) continued:**

**Subseries 2. Junior College student files (alphabetical), ca. 1930-1950s (box 3-15):**

***RESTRICTION:* In order to consult the student and faculty records, researchers are required to sign a confidentiality agreement. The confidentiality agreement does not apply to former students consulting their own records.**

box 3

Junior College student records: A-Binder, 94 folders

box 4

Junior College student records: Bittenfeld-Crane, 100 folders

box 5

Junior College student records: Cremer-Fisher, Edward J., 109 folders

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Junior College student records: Fisher, Louis-Goodson, Daniel, 99 folders

box 7

Junior College student records: Goodson, Morris-Iushewitz, 82 folders

box 8

Junior College student records: Jacobs-Komaiko, 76 folders

box 9

Junior College student records: Kominitzky-Lotman, 100 folders

box 10

Junior College student records: M, Magnus-Ostrar, 82 folders

box 11

Junior College student records: P, Palast-Robin, Leah, 83 folders

box 12

Junior College student records: Robin, Mary-Schulman, 83 folders

box 13

Junior College student records: Schultz-Small, 74 folders

box 14

Junior College student records: Smaller-Tycher, 82 folders

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Junior College student records: Utay-Zuckerman, 95 folders

**Series 1. Jewish Peoples' Institute high school & Junior College, ca. 1927-1971 (box 1-27b) continued:**

**Subseries 3. Junior College faculty & administration, ca. 1930-1950s (box 16-17):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Junior College faculty & administration correspondence, 1932-1936, chiefly 1934
- 2 Junior College faculty & administration correspondence, 1935-1936
- 3 Junior College graduates, summer 1934
- 4 Teacher's applications: Adler-Pfanner, 1936
- 5 Teacher's applications: B-W, 1933-1934
- 6 Teacher's applications: B-Z, 1933-1936
- 7 Teacher's applications: E-S, 1933-1935
- 8 Teacher's applications: Ross-Werlin, 1934
- 9 Teacher's materials [i.e. not applications]: Misc.

box 17

*folders:*

- 1 Accrediting & possible dissolution of People's Junior College, 1933-1936, undated Folder missing
- 2 Annual reports: 1933-1934, 1934-1935, 1935-1936
- 3 Correspondence, Sept. 1933-March 1934
- 4 Correspondence, April 1934-Feb. & Oct. 1935
- 5 Correspondence, 1936 & 1944, incl. corres. with Paul Douglas, 17 June 1936 & after
- 6 Correspondence, accrediting and North Central Association & clippings, undated

**Series 1. Jewish Peoples' Institute high school & Junior College, ca. 1927-1971 (box 1-27b ) continued:**

**Subseries 4. JPI high school administration & student records, ca. 1927-1971 (box 18-27b):**

box 18

High School materials, 1927-1929

High School records, plus an index to the cards in this box, 1927-1929

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*folders:*

- 1 High school materials: Alumni association, various materials, 1928-1941

- 2 High school materials: Closing of the evening high school, 1939-1940
- 3 High school materials: Closing of the evening high school, 1939-1942
- 4 High school materials: Curriculum materials, 1932 & undated
- 5 High school materials: Summer high school staff information, 1932-1934
- 6 High school materials: Summer high school staff information, 1932-1940
- 7 High school materials: Tuition records, 1940
- 8 High school materials: Miscellaneous

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Summer school student records, 1930-1945, chiefly 1932-1940: A-E

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Summer school student records, 1930-1945, chiefly 1932-1940: F-J

box 22

Summer school student records, 1930-1945, chiefly 1932-1940: K-N

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Summer school student records, 1930-1945, chiefly 1932-1940: O-Sm

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Summer school student records, 1930-1945, chiefly 1932-1940: Sn-Z

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Misc. student records: A-B, 1920s-1940s, 1967 and 1970

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Misc. student records: C-Fe, 1920s-1940s, 1968, 1972-1973

box 27

Misc. student records: Fi-G, 1920s-1940s, 1969 and 1971

box 27a (oversize box)

Misc. student records: H-Re, 1920s-1940s, 1969 and 1971

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Misc. student records: Ri-Z, misc., 1920s-1940s, 1969 and 1971

**Series 2: CHI/JPI/JCC minutes and historical information, 1907-1972 (box 28-46):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Historical material concerning the CHI/JPI/JCC
- 2 Historical material concerning the CHI/JPI/JCC
- 3 Historical material concerning the CHI/JPI/JCC

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*folders:*

- 1 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1907-1911 (minute book)
- 2 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1907-1909 (typescript)
- 3 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1909-1911 (typescript)
- 4 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1912-1914
- 5 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1915-1918
- 6 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1919-1921
- 7 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1922-1923, file 1 of 2
- 8 Board of directors meetings minutes, 1922-1923, file 2 of 2

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*folders:*

- 1 Board of directors meetings, 1924-1926
- 2 Board of directors meetings, 1927-1930
- 3 Board of directors meetings, 1931-1932
- 4 Board of directors meetings, 1933
- 5 Board of directors meetings, 1934-1935

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*folders:*

- 1 Board of directors meetings, 1936-1937
- 2 Board of directors meetings, 1938
- 3 Board of directors meetings, 1939-1940
- 4 Board of directors meetings, 1941-1942
- 5 Board of directors meetings, 1943-1944

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- 1 Board of directors meetings, 1945
- 2 Board of directors meetings, 1946
- 3 Board of directors meetings, January-June 1947
- 4 Board of directors meetings, July-December 1947
- 5 Board of directors meetings, 1948
- 6 Board of directors meetings, 1949

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*folders:*

- 1 Board of directors meetings, 1950
- 2 Board of directors meetings, 1951
- 3 Board of directors meetings, 1952
- 4 Board of directors meetings, 1953

box 34

*folders:*

- 1 Board of directors meetings, 1954
- 2 Board of directors meetings, 1955
- 3 Board of directors meetings, 1956
- 4-5 Board of directors meetings, 1957

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- 1-2 Board of directors meetings, 1958
- 3-4 Board of directors meetings, 1959
- 5-6 Board of directors meetings, 1960
- 7-8 Board of directors meetings, 1961

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*folders:*

- 1-2 Board of directors meetings, 1962
- 3-4 Board of directors meetings, 1963
- 5-6 Board of directors meetings, 1964
- 7-8 Board of directors meetings, 1965

box 37

*folders:*

- 1-2 Board of directors meetings, 1966
- 3-4 Board of directors meetings, 1967
- 5-6 Board of directors meetings, 1968

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*folders:*

- 1 Meetings of centers: Henry N. Hart JCC board meetings, 1967-1968
- 2 Meetings of centers: Henry N. Hart JCC board meetings, 1971-1973 (rcd. 1984-4)
- 3 Meetings of centers: Bernard Horwich JCC board meetings, 1960-1964
- 4-5 Meetings of centers: Bernard Horwich JCC board meetings, 1965-1968 (1971-1973)
- 6 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: advisory board meetings, 1951
- 7 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: board of directors meetings, 1950-1954
- 8 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: board of directors meetings, 1955-1957
- 9 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: board of directors meetings, 1958-1960

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*folders:*

- 1 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: nursery school admission committee, 1946-1949
- 2 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: board of directors meetings, 1961-1965
- 3 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: staff meetings, 1946-1949
- 4 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center Nursery School staff meetings 1947-1949, 1951-1953
- 5 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: staff meetings, 1952-1955; 1958; 1960
- 6 Meetings of centers: JPI/West Side Center: miscellaneous meetings, 1955; 1963-1964
- 7 Meetings of centers: Mayer Kaplan board meetings, 1971-1973 (rcd. Apr. 1984)
- 8 Meetings of centers: Niles Township JCC: board meetings, 1957-1960
- 9 Meetings of centers: Niles Township JCC: board meetings, 1961-1964
- 10 Meetings of centers: Niles Township JCC: board meetings, 1965-1968
- 11 Meetings of centers: Rogers Park JCC: board of directors meetings, 1952-1958
- 12 Meetings of centers: Rogers Park JCC: board of directors meetings, 1959-1965

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*folders:*

- 1 Meetings of centers: Rogers Park JCC: board of directors meetings, 1966-1968

- 2 Meetings of centers: Rogers Park JCC: Ways & Means Committee meetings, 1947
- 3 Meetings of centers: South Side JCC: board meetings, 1949-1958
- 4 Meetings of centers: South Side JCC: board meetings, 1959-1961
- 5 Meetings of centers: South Side JCC: board meetings, 1962-1963
- 6 Meetings of centers: South Side JCC: board meetings, 1964-1966
- 7 Meetings of centers: Max Straus JCC: board meetings, 1955-1958
- 8 Meetings of centers: Max Straus JCC: board meetings, 1959-1961
- 9 Meetings of centers: Max Straus JCC: board meetings, 1962-1965
- 10 Meetings of centers: Max Straus JCC: board meetings, 1966-1968
- 11 Meetings of centers: combined Max Straus and Hyde Park board of directors, 1971-1972  
(rcd. Apr. 1984)

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- 1 Committee meetings: adult education committee, 1946
- 2 Committee meetings: adult council, 1946
- 3 Committee meetings: annual meeting committee, 1954; 1957-1959; 1961-1967
- 4 Committee meetings: architectural selection committee, 1968
- 5 Committee meetings: benefit committee, 1965-1968, 1971-1973
- 6 Committee meetings: branch presidents meeting, 1956
- 7 Committee meetings: budget review & finance committee, 1951; 1956; 1958
- 8 Committee meetings: building & grounds, building projects, building & construction committee, 1946; 1951-1953; 1955-1968
- 9 Committee meetings: Camp Chi committee, 1948; 1951-1963
- 10 Committee meetings: Camp Chi committee, 1964-1968, 1971-1973
- 11 Committee meetings: capital funds committee, 1951-1952
- 12 Committee meetings: Chicago Council on Jewish Population Studies, 1946
- 13 Committee meetings: Chicago Jewish Youth Council, 1967-1968
- 14 Committee meetings: day camp, 1952
- 15 Committee meetings: Executive Committee, 1953-1957
- 16 Committee meetings: Executive Committee, 1958-1961

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- 1 Committee meetings: Executive Committee, 1962-1964, 1971-1973
- 2 Committee meetings: Executive Committee, 1965-1967
- 3 Committee meetings: Executive Committee, 1968
- 4 Committee meetings: fee study committee minutes, 1949, 1954
- 5 Committee meetings: finance, investment, real estate & insurance, budget, review & finance, finance & investment committee, 1938; 1942; 1948; 1952-1968, 1971-1973
- 6 Committee meetings: fund raising committee, 1964
- 7 Committee meetings: future plans committee, 1968
- 8 Committee meetings: golden age committee, 1951-1960
- 9 Committee meetings: Committee For the Study of Group Work & Case Work in Homes For the Aged, 1949-1952
- 10 Committee meetings: health & physical education committee, 1947; 1951-1953; 1955
- 11 Committee meetings: health & welfare benefits committee, 1968
- 12 Committee meetings: in-service training committee, 1967-1968
- 13 Committee meetings: subcommittee on insurance, 1964

- 14 Committee meetings: committees on internal income, 1956; 1961; 1965
- 15 Committee meetings: committee on interpretation, 1961
- 16 Committee meetings: Israel affairs, 1973

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- 1 Committee meetings: committee on becoming an affiliate of Jewish charities, 1938-1939
- 2 Committee meetings: legal committee, 1964, 1966
- 3 Committee meetings: liaison committee, 1960
- 4 Committee meetings: Loop forum luncheon committee, 1967-1968
- 5 Committee meetings: new services, 1972
- 6 Committee meetings: nominating committee, 1951-1968
- 7 Committee meetings: North Side committee, 1948-1951
- 8 Committee meetings: North Side self study, 1953
- 9 Committee meetings: North Suburban board of directors, 1972-1973
- 10 Committee meetings: nursery school committee, 1946-1952; 1955; 1966-1968
- 11 Committee meetings: nursery school parents' council, 1948-1949; 1951-1952
- 12 Committee meetings: personnel practices committee, 1940-1944; 1950-1963
- 13 Committee meetings: personnel practices committee, 1964-1968
- 14 Committee meetings: plan & scope committee, 1959
- 15 Committee meetings: policy committee, 1951-1952
- 16 Committee meetings: professional planning committee for the aged, 1951-1952
- 17 Committee meetings: psychiatric council, Jewish Federation, 1950; 1952-1954
- 18 Committee meetings: public affairs committee, 1964-1966; 1968
- 19 Committee meetings: public information & interpretation, publicity, public relations committee, 1947; 1951-1956; 1959-1963; 1965-1966; 1968
- 20 Committee meetings: Rogers Park JCC (meetings with), 1947-1948

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- 1 Committee meetings: Sabbath opening committee, 1960
- 2 Committee meetings: scholarship. 1955
- 3 Committee meetings: self-study committee on history, 1953
- 4 Committee meetings: self-study committee on other services, 1953
- 5 Committee meetings: senior adult committee, 1968
- 6 Committee meetings: senior adult camp committee, 1961-1968, 1971-1973
- 7 Committee meetings: services & fees committee, 1961
- 8 Committee meetings: South Side study committee, 1944
- 9 Committee meetings: statistical review committee, 1958-1959
- 10 Committee meetings: study committee on JCC organization & structure, 1966
- 11 Committee meetings: synagogue-center relations committee, 1946; 1950-1960  
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- 12 Committee meetings: teen committee, 1968
- 13 Committee meetings: teenage fund raising subcommittee, 1957
- 14 Committee meetings: United Drive Committee, 1922-1932; 1935
- 15 Committee meetings: Women's Division of Jewish Federation volunteer committee meetings, 1949-1950
- 16 Committee meetings: young adult board committee, 1957; 1959
- 17 Committee meetings: Young Men's Jewish Council (meeting with), 1948-1949; 1952; 1954
- 18 Committee meetings: miscellaneous meetings, 1933-1950

- 19 Committee meetings: miscellaneous meetings, 1951-1964
- 20 By-laws, 1934-1952

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- 1 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of Anshe Emet, 1954-1959
- 2 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of Chicago Sinai Congregation, 1950-1957
- 3 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of Congregation B'nai Israel (Austin community), 1951-1955
- 4 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of Congregation B'nai Zion, 1949-1957
- 5 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of Congregation K.I.N.S. in West Rogers Park community, 1957-1959
- 6 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of Congregation Rodfei Zedek, 1949-1959
- 7 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of Congregation Shoare Tikvah, 1950-1953
- 8 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of North Shore Congregation Israel, 1950-1955; 1957-1959
- 9 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program meetings of West Suburban Temple Har Zion, 1954-1957; 1959-1963
- 10 Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program staff meetings, 1955-1957

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*folders:*

- 1 Staff meetings: overall staff meetings, 1949-1951
- 2 Staff meetings: overall staff meetings, 1952-1957; 1959; 1964
- 3 Staff meetings: supervisory staff meetings, 1949-1953
- 4 Staff meetings: administrative staff meetings, 1954-1957; 1959-1962; 1964-1972
- 5 Staff meetings: administrative & supervisory staff meetings, 1954-1966
- 6 Staff meetings: administrative & supervisory staff meetings, 1967-1970
- 7 Staff meetings: golden age staff meetings, 1949-1950

**Series 3: CHI/JPI/JCC membership records, 1950-1960 (box 47):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Membership statistics, March 1950-June 1951
- 2 Membership statistics, July 1951-May 1952
- 3 Membership statistics, June 1952-March 1953
- 4 Membership statistics, April 1953-February 1954
- 5 Membership statistics, March 1954-February 1955
- 6 Comparative membership reports, 1955-1960

**Series 4: CHI/JPI/JCC staff memoranda, 1942-1964 (box 48):**

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- 1 Staff memos, 1942-1956
- 2 Staff memos, 1957-1958

- 3 Staff memos, 1959-1960
- 4 Staff memos, 1961-1962
- 5 Staff memos, 1963-1964

**Series 5: CHI/JPI/JCC financial material, 1922-1969 (box 49-53):**

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- 1 Bank correspondence, 1922-1951
- 2 Bank correspondence, 1952-1955
- 3 Investments, portfolio papers, 1933-1934; 1949-1956
- 4 Portfolios only, 1946-1952
- 5 U.S. government bonds held by the JCC, 1942-1954
- 6 Assorted budgets, 1932; 1945; 1952; 1959

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- 1 Finance & investment committee, 1921-1937
- 2 Finance & investment committee, 1938-1951
- 3 5% Municipal trust certificates, Series W, 1948; 1956
- 4 Cowlitz County, Washington, bonds, 1933-1954
- 5 Ashland, Kentucky, bonds, 1929-1948
- 6 Saint Louis, Missouri, Municipal Trust, 1931-1957

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*folders:*

- 1 City of Chicago tax exemptions, 1925-1939
- 2 City of Chicago tax exemptions, 1940-1967
- 3 Legal committee with information re. financial endowments, 1919-1922; 1931-1937; 1956; 1958; 1960-1963; 1966-1968; 1971; 1973
- 4 Real estate tax exemptions, 1958-1965; 1968-1973

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- 1 Aaron Alper bequest, 1924
- 2 Lottie Foreman bequest, 1951-1952; 1962
- 3 Henry Hart bequest, 1962-1967
- 4 Mayer Kaplan gifts, 1966-1969
- 5 Emil Schwarzhaupt bequest, 1945-1951
- 6 Laura Straus bequest, 1930-1959
- 7 Gertrude Younker bequest, 1946-1954
- 8 Appraisals of paintings donated to the JCC, 1964-1969
- 9 JPI Art School wood block New Year cards, 1920-1925

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*folders:*

- 1 Henry Schwab bequest, 1942
- 2 Goaldia Beryl Schwab bequest, 1960-1963
- 3 Goaldia Beryl Schwab bequest, 1964-1968

**Series 6: CHI/JPI/JCC surveys and studies, 1931-1970 (box 54-61):**

**Subseries 1: Community surveys and studies, 1944-1969 (box 54):**

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- 1 Survey of the South Side Jewish community prepared by a technical advisory committee under the auspices of the Jewish Charities of Chicago and the Jewish People's Institute of Chicago, May 1944; community surveys and studies, revision of this study, 1949
- 2 Survey of the Jewish population of Chicago under the direction of Professor Louis Wirth, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, prepared by Erich Rosenthal, Young Men's Jewish Council, Chicago, October 1946
- 3 Survey of the North Side Jewish community--a study of population shifts and group work needs, prepared by the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, February 1947
- 4 Hyde Park survey of 1948, by Dr. Samuel C. Kincheloe, 1948
- 5 North Lawndale area survey, 1949
- 6 1950 survey of Rogers Park, West Ridge, West Rogers Park, and Uptown, prepared by Erich Rosenthal, Young Men's Jewish Council, Chicago, August 1950
- 7 South Side survey of 1951--report on South Shore and Jeffery Manor and other South Side areas, prepared by Erich Rosenthal, Young Men's Jewish Council, Chicago, August 1951
- 8 Bernard Horwich JCC community study, 1969
- 9 Study of new residents in Albany Park occupying homes from which Max Straus Center members recently moved, January 1957; 1966
- 10 Introduction to the Western-Polk neighborhood study, 1964
- 11 Miscellaneous community studies, 1946-1957
- 12 Jewish People's Institute-Jewish Community Centers community-type studies, 1955-1967

**Series 6: CHI/JPI/JCC surveys and studies, 1931-1970 - continued**

**Subseries 2: Internal surveys and studies, 1931-1970 (box 55-59):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Maxwell Abbell's financial study of the JPI, 1931-1933
- 2 Manuscript report of study of JPI by Jewish Welfare Board of New York City, 1937
- 3 Correspondence on study of JPI by Jewish Welfare Board of New York City, 1937-1938
- 4 Study of membership and an analysis of program and facilities by the group work activities staff, 1940?
- 5 Janowsky report, 1947; 1948
- 6 Janowsky report, 1947-1949

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*folders:*

- 1 Limited procedural study of JCC, prepared by Lennon/Ross Co., Chicago, 1963-1964
- 2 Reports, gerontology program for the JCC, 1967-1970
- 3 JCC report prepared for Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, 1958
- 4 Progress report on study of JCC's centers, to Jewish Federation research committee at meeting of May 12, 1967, 1967-1970
- 5 New perspectives on staff organization in the JCC, by Sanford Soldender, 1968
- 6 Survey of Jewish college students, 1966

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*folders:*

- 1 "The Avowed and Operating Purposes of the Contemporary Jewish Community Center Movement," by Carl Urbont, 1966
- 2 "Jewish Identification of Chicago Jewish Community Center Members and Non-Members," by Bernard Lazerwitz, 1968
- 3 "Research Design for the Religion and Family Living," by Bernard Lazerwitz (report and outline), 1965
- 4 Lazerwitz research studies, correspondence, 1964-1967
- 5 "The Analysis of the Religious Living Survey," by Bernard Lazerwitz, 1966
- 6 Lazerwitz survey forms
- 7 Lazerwitz survey forms

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*folders:*

- 1 North Town survey, "The Image of the Jewish Community Center and the Young Men's Christian Association in the Rogers Park Area," by Dr. Irving Canter, 1964
- 2 North Town survey, completed interview forms, 1963-1964
- 3 Canter Memorial volume, correspondence, 1965-1966
- 4 Canter Memorial volume, "Research Readings in Jewish Communal Service," 1967
- 5 Canter Memorial volume, "Research Readings in Jewish Communal Service," 1967

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- 1 Correspondence, Dr. Irving Canter, 1960-1964
- 2 Correspondence, Dr. Irving Canter, 1965
- 3 Correspondence concerning Dr. Canter (posthumous), 1965-1967
- 4 *Trends and issues in Jewish social welfare in the United States 1899-1952*, book pub. 1966

**Series 6: CHI/JPI/JCC surveys and studies, 1931-1970 - continued**

**Subseries 3: Self Study Committee, 1952-1956 (box 60):**

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- 1 Correspondence, 1952-1953
- 2 Correspondence, 1954
- 3 Correspondence, 1954
- 4 Correspondence, 1955
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**Series 5: CHI/JPI/JCC surveys and studies, 1931-1970 - continued**

**Subseries 4: Regional surveys and studies, 1941-1966 (box 61):**

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*folders:*

- 1 "The Language of Adolescence: An Anthropological Approach to the Youth Culture," by Gary Schwartz and Don Merten, Institute for Juvenile Research, 1966
- 2 "Study of the Neighborhood Centre-Philadelphia," by Samuel Levine, 1941
- 3 "Social Facts Concerning Four Areas Served by the Irene Kaufmann Settlement with Pittsburgh," prepared by Federation of Social Agencies, Pittsburgh, 1942
- 4 "Strawberry Mansion Area," by William Riback, Federation of Jewish Charities, Philadelphia, 1947
- 5 "The Jewish Center Meets Its Responsibility to Jewish Youth," by the National Jewish Welfare Board, Midwest Section, 1951
- 6 Miscellaneous reports:
  - A. "The Bayville Survey" (Dade County, Florida), 1961
  - B. "Selected Articles, JCC Relationships with Synagogues," issued by the National Jewish Welfare Board, 1956
  - C. "Personnel Policies, Practices and Codes in Jewish Community Centers," issued by the National Jewish Welfare Board, 1960
  - D. "Self-Image Distorted" (Essex County JCC), 1964
  - E. "Study of Children's Activities in Midwest Jewish Community Centers," issued by the National Jewish Welfare Board, Midwest Section, 1955

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 (box 62-95):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Programs for older people: general papers, 1934-1945
- 2 Programs for older people: general papers, 1946
- 3 Programs for older people: general papers, 1947
- 4 Programs for older people: general papers, 1948
- 5 Programs for older people: general papers, 1949

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- 1 Programs for older people: general papers, 1950
- 2 Programs for older people: general papers, 1951
- 3 Programs for older people: general papers, 1952-1953
- 4 Programs for older people: general papers, 1954-1965
- 5 Programs for older people: "Golden Age Outlook," JCC newsletter, 1946-1949; 1951-1954
- 6 Programs for older people: Home for Aged Jews annual reports, 1945-1947; 1950; 1952
- 7 Programs for older people: Home for Aged Jews, later Drexel Home for the Aged newsletters, 1943; 1945; 1948; 1950; 1958



**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 2: Chicago Jewish Youth Council, 1968 (box 64):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Chicago Jewish Youth Council: general papers, January 1968-April 1968
- 2 Chicago Jewish Youth Council: general papers, May 1968-December 1968

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 3: Day camps, 1945-1955 (box 65):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Day camps: general papers, 1945-May 1946
- 2 Day camps: general papers, June 1946-December 1946
- 3 Day camps: general papers, 1947-1950
- 4 Day camps: general papers, 1951-1955
- 5 Day camps: employment / leadership applications, 1946; 1948; 1952-1953
- 6 Day camps: scholarship reference forms, 1945-1946

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 4: Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, 1963-1967; 1977 (box 66):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Bernard Horwich JCC: manual for board members, 1977
- 2 Bernard Horwich JCC: material for board members, 1977
- 3 Bernard Horwich JCC: North Town community council bylaws, minutes, etc., 1963-1967

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 5: Jewish People's Institute/West Side Center, 1955-1965 (box 67-68):**

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*folders:*

- 1 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: general papers, 1955-1957
- 2 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: general papers, 1958
- 3 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: general papers, 1959
- 4 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: general papers, 1960
- 5 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: general papers, 1961-1962

box 68

*folders:*

- 1 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: general papers, 1963-1965
- 2 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: J.P.I. highlights, 1952-1963
- 3 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: tween program applications, 1960
- 4 Jewish Peoples' Institute/West Side Center: tween program applications, 1961

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 6: Jewish People's Institute building (3500 West Douglas Blvd.), 1925-1956 (box 69-71):**

box 69

*folders:*

- 1 Jewish People's Institute building: construction, financing, fixtures, 1925

- 2 Jewish People's Institute building: construction, financing, fixtures, 1926
- 3 Jewish People's Institute building: construction, financing, fixtures, January-May 1927
- 4 Jewish People's Institute building: construction, financing, fixtures, June-December 1927
- 5 Jewish People's Institute building: construction, financing, fixtures, 1928-1931

box 70

*folders:*

- 1 Jewish People's Institute building: construction contracts, 1925-1926
- 2 Jewish People's Institute building: construction contracts, 1926
- 3 Jewish People's Institute building: schedule of equipment for building, 1926

box 71

*folders:*

- 1 Jewish People's Institute building: maintenance of building, 1931-1944
- 2 Jewish People's Institute building: modernization (United Jewish Building Fund), 1945
- 3 Jewish People's Institute building: modernization (United Jewish Building Fund), 1946
- 4 Jewish People's Institute building: modernization (United Jewish Building Fund), 1947-1949
- 5 Jewish People's Institute building: inventory of equipment, 1939; 1941; 1955-1956
- 6 Jewish People's Institute building: sale of building, 1953-1956

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 7: J.P.I. Museum of Jewish Antiquities, Ceremonial Objects, and Rare Manuscripts, 1926-1955 (box 72):**

box 72

*folders:*

- 1 J.P.I. Museum: history
- 2 J.P.I. Museum: museum acquisitions, correspondence, 1926-1933
- 3 J.P.I. Museum: museum acquisitions, correspondence, 1934-1955
- 4 J.P.I. Museum: museum inventories, insurance, correspondence, 1928-1937
- 5 J.P.I. Museum: museum inventories, insurance, correspondence, 1938-1955
- 6 J.P.I. Museum: undated museum material

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 8: National Jewish Welfare Board, 1946-1966 (box 73-75):**

box 73

*folders:*

- 1 National Jewish Welfare Board: assorted minutes, 1955-1963
- 2 National Jewish Welfare Board: Building Bureau, construction, 1955-1961
- 3 National Jewish Welfare Board: JCC day camp reports to board, 1963
- 4 National Jewish Welfare Board: JCC financial records submitted to board, 1956; 1961-1963
- 5 National Jewish Welfare Board: movie projects, 1958-1962
- 6 National Jewish Welfare Board: "Personnel Reporter," newsletter, 1956-1963
- 7 National Jewish Welfare Board: general papers, 1946-1951
- 8 National Jewish Welfare Board: general papers, 1952-1953

box 74

*folders:*

- 1 National Jewish Welfare Board: general papers, 1954-1956
- 2 National Jewish Welfare Board: general papers, 1957-1958

- 3 National Jewish Welfare Board: general papers, 1959-1960
- 4 National Jewish Welfare Board: general papers, 1961-1962
- 5 National Jewish Welfare Board: general papers, 1963-1966

box 75

*folders:*

- 1 National Jewish Welfare Board: Lecture Bureau, 1953-1958
- 2 National Jewish Welfare Board: Lecture Bureau, 1959-1964
- 3 National Jewish Welfare Board: relations, JCC and Jewish Federation, 1954-1965

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 9: National Jewish Welfare Board, Midwest Section, 1923-1966 (box 76-77):**

box 76

*folders:*

- 1 NJWB, Midwest Section: assorted minutes, 1952-1966
- 2 NJWB, Midwest Section: general papers, 1948-1953
- 3 NJWB, Midwest Section: general papers, 1954-1956
- 4 NJWB, Midwest Section: general papers, 1957-1958
- 5 NJWB, Midwest Section: general papers, 1959-1967
- 6 NJWB, Midwest Section: Board of Governors proceedings, 1954-1956; 1962

box 77

*folders:*

- 1 NJWB, Midwest Section: annual meetings, 1949
- 2 NJWB, Midwest Section: biennial meetings, 1955
- 3 NJWB, Midwest Section: biennial meetings, 1957
- 4 NJWB, Midwest Section: biennial meetings, 1959
- 5 NJWB, Midwest Section: biennial meetings, 1961
- 6 NJWB, Midwest Section: biennial meetings, 1963
- 7 NJWB, Midwest Section: United Jewish Campaign, 1923-1925
- 8 NJWB, Midwest Section: United Jewish Campaign, 1926-1936

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 10: Nursery school, 1943-1955 (box 78-79):**

box 78

*folders:*

- 1 Nursery school: history, 1953, 1954
- 2 Nursery school: general papers, May 1943-July 1946
- 3 Nursery school: general papers, August-December 1946
- 4 Nursery school: general papers, January-August 1947
- 5 Nursery school: general papers, September-December 1947
- 6 Nursery school: general papers, 1948

box 79

*folders:*

- 1 Nursery school: general papers, January-December 1949
- 2 Nursery school: general papers, 1941-1950, undated
- 3 Nursery school: general papers, 1951
- 4 Nursery school: general papers, 1952

- 5 Nursery school: general papers, 1953
- 6 Nursery school: general papers, 1954-1955; undated items

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 11: Nursery school topical papers, 1943-1969 (box 80-81):**

box 80

*folders:*

- 1 Nursery school: attendance records, 1952-August 1955
- 2 Nursery school: bibliographies, March 1945-April 1947
- 3 Nursery school: child's individual record specimens, 1946?
- 4 Nursery school: counselor's appointment sheets, 1946-1949
- 5 Nursery school: counselor's appointment sheets, 1950-1953
- 6 Nursery school: day care service records prepared for Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, 1946-1952
- 7 Nursery school: dental care, 1946-1953
- 8 Nursery school: educational program material, 1950
- 9 Nursery school: employment applications, 1948-1955
- 10 Nursery school: menus, 1943-1948

box 81

*folders:*

- 1 Nursery school: menus, 1949-1954
- 2 Nursery school: personnel vacation schedules, 1946-1952
- 3 Nursery school: schedules, 1941-1953
- 4 Nursery school: scholarships, 1946-1952
- 5 Nursery school: school lunch programs, claims for state reimbursement, 1947-1955
- 6 Nursery school: song sheets, undated
- 7 Nursery school: songs and games, undated
- 8 Nursery school: teachers' work schedules, 1946-1948
- 9 Nursery school: teachers' work schedules, 1949-1952
- 10 Nursery school: weight and height records, 1946-1954

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 12: Personnel, 1936-1973 (box 82-85):**

box 82

*folders:*

- 1 Personnel Practices Committee & Social Services Employees Union, 1936-1943
- 2 Personnel Practices Committee & Social Services Employees Union, 1944-1952
- 3 Personnel Practices Committee & Social Services Employees Union, 1953-1958
- 4 Personnel Practices Committee & Social Services Employees Union, 1959-1961

box 83

*folders:*

- 1 Personnel Practices Committee & Social Services Employees Union, 1962-1968
- 2 Grievances filed with the Social Services Employees Union, 1948-1951
- 3 Union contract negotiations, 1949-1950
- 4 Salary negotiations, 1941-1953

box 84

*folders:*

- 1 Employment applications, 1942-1953
- 2 Employment applications, 1954-1957
- 3 Employment applications, 1963-1966--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2036**
- 4 Professional staff recruitment, 1946-1955
- 5 Professional staff recruitment, 1956-1962
- 6 Staff training & development, 1956-1958
- 7 Joint board and staff meetings, 1946-1951
- 8 Administrative & supervisory staff organization charts & employee lists, 1955-1957; 1969-1973
- 9 Administrative bulletins, 1972

box 85

*folders:*

- 1 Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago annuity plans for JCC employees, 1937-1959
- 2 Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago pension plan for JCC employees, 1960-1966; 1971
- 3 JCC employee enrollment in Blue Cross & Blue Shield health plan, 1955-1972
- 4 JCC Blue Cross & Blue Shield receipts, 1953-1955--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2025**

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 13: Psychiatric consultations, 1963-1969 (box 86):**

box 86

*folders:*

- 1 Consultations with teen staff, conducted by Dr. Daniel Offer, 1963-1964--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2034**
- 2 Psychiatric consultations, 1963-1965 1964--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2035**
- 3 Psychiatric consultations, 1965-1969
- 4 Psychological study forms

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 14: Rogers Park Jewish Community Center, 1946-1970 (box 87):**

box 87

*folders:*

- 1 Rogers Park JCC: general papers, 1946-1948
- 2 Rogers Park JCC: Golden Age Club, 1950-1951
- 3 Rogers Park JCC: meeting notices, administration, 1955-1970

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 15: Scholarships, 1925-1968 (box 88-90):**

box 88

*folders:*

- 1 Rosa Raise Scholarship Fund formation, correspondence, 1927-1933; 1937; 1968
- 2 Rosa Raise Scholarship applications, 1928-1933; 1953
- 3 Rosa Raise Scholarship successful applications, 1927-1938; 1952
- 4 Rosa Raise Scholarship unsuccessful applications, 1928-November 1929
- 5 Rosa Raise Scholarship unsuccessful applications, December 1929-1931

6 Rosa Raise Scholarship instructions to judges, undated

box 89

*folders:*

- 1 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1925-1926
- 2 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1927
- 3 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1928
- 4 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1929-1930
- 5 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1931-1934
- 6 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1935-1938
- 7 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1939-1940
- 8 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1941-1944

box 90

*folders:*

- 1 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1945
- 2 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1946-1947
- 3 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1948-1955
- 4 Albert Stein Scholarship Fund general papers, 1962-1966
- 5 Philip Seman Scholarship Fund, 1943-1947
- 6 Philip Seman Scholarship Fund, 1945-1947
- 7 Scholarship application, 1964--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2024**
- 8 Scholarship material, 1952-1953

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 16: Synagogue Center Joint Relations Program, 1946-1966 (box 91-93):**

*See also:* Minutes in box 98

box 91

*folders:*

- 1 History of the joint program, 1945, 1951, 1952, 1956, 1958
- 2 General papers, 1949-1951
- 3 General papers, 1952-1954
- 4 General papers, 1955-1966
- 5 Joint program financial procedure, 1955-1956; 1958
- 6 JCC self-study report, submitted to the Jewish Federation of Chicago, 1953  
JCC relationships with synagogues, issued by National Jewish Welfare Board, volume 1, 1956; volume 2, 1959, 1956; 1959
- 7 Synagogue-center program survey, 1952
- 8 Anshe Emet Synagogue, 1952-1961

box 92

*folders:*

- 1 Chicago Sinai Congregation, 1949-1958
- 2 Congregation B'nai Israel, 1951; 1954-1958
- 3 Congregation B'nai Zion, 1950-1957
- 4 Congregation Rodfei Zedek, 1946-1952; 1955; 1962-1965
- 5 Congregation Share Tikvah, 1950-1953
- 6 Lawn Manor Hebrew Congregation, 1958; 1960

box 93

*folders:*

- 1 North Shore Congregation Israel, 1950-1954
- 2 North Shore Congregation Israel, 1955-1960; 1965
- 3 North Shore Congregation Israel program reports, 1957; 1959; budget material, 1957-1960
- 4 Oak Park Temple, 1954; 1957
- 5 Skokie Valley Traditional, 1962; 1965
- 6 Temple Menorah, 1962; 1965
- 7 Temple Sholom, 1956
- 8 West Rogers Park Congregation K.I.N.S., 1956-1959; 1962-1964
- 9 West Suburban Temple Har Zion, 1953-1965

**Series 7: CHI/JPI/JCC working files, 1925-1977 - continued**

**Subseries 17: Miscellaneous, 1928-1968 (box 94-95):**

box 94

*folders:*

- 1 Dr. Philip Seman correspondence with the JCC after his retirement, 1945-1952
- 2 Dr. Philip Seman correspondence with the JCC after his retirement, 1953-1955
- 3 Blintzes Inn (J.P.I. Restaurant), 1930-1943
- 4 "Fanatics", 1943-1962
- 5 Film rental, 1951, undated
- 6 New Years cards, 1928-1968
- 7 Statistics, 1953-1954
- 8 Undated items

box 95

*folders:*

- 1 "Jewish Experience," 1953-1955
- 2 "Jewish Experience," 1956-1957
- 3 *Observer* (correspondence), 1951-1962
- 4 JCC mailing lists

**Series 8: CHI/JPI/JCC general papers of the JCC, 1904-1966 (box 96-103):**

box 96

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, 1904-1921
- 2 General papers, 1922-1923
- 3 General papers, 1924-1926
- 4 General papers, 1927
- 5 General papers, 1928-1929
- 6 General papers, 1930-1931
- 7 General papers, 1932-1933

box 97

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, 1934
- 2 General papers, 1935
- 3 General papers, 1936
- 4 General papers, 1937

- 5 General papers, 1938
- 6 General papers, January-July 1939

box 98

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, August-December 1939
- 2 General papers, 1940-1941
- 3 General papers, 1942
- 4 General papers, 1943
- 5 General papers, 1944
- 6 General papers, 1945

box 99

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, January-June 1946
- 2 General papers, July-December 1946
- 3 General papers, January-February 1947
- 4 General papers, March-May 1947
- 5 General papers, June-December 1947
- 6 General papers, 1948

box 100

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, January-August 1949
- 2 General papers, September-December 1949
- 3 General papers, January-June 1950
- 4 General papers, July-December 1950
- 5 General papers, January-April 1951
- 6 General papers, May-June 1951

box 101

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, July-December 1951
- 2 General papers, January-April 1952
- 3 General papers, May-December 1952
- 4 General papers, January-May 1953
- 5 General papers, June-October 1953

box 102

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, November-December 1953
- 2 General papers, January-September 1954
- 3 General papers, October-December 1954
- 4 General papers, 1955
- 5 General papers, 1956

box 103

*folders:*

- 1 General papers, 1957



- 2 General papers, 1958-1959
- 3 General papers, 1960-1966

**Series 9. CHI/JPI/JCC various historical documents, 1930s-1960s (box 104-107):**

box 104

*folders:*

- 1 Jewish People's Institute promissory note: amount 60,000 dollars marked "Paid in Full"
- 2 Documents pertaining to the sale of the Wood Street property
- 3 Documents pertaining to the property of Des Moines, Iowa
- 4 Documents pertaining to the Taylor Street property
- 5 Documents pertaining to the purchase and sale of 5200 South University Avenue

box 105

*folders*

- 1 Social security 1933-1937
- 2 Annual meeting 1951
- 3 Annual meeting 1958
- 4 Annual meeting 1960
- 5 Annual meeting 1961
- 6 Annual meeting 1962
- 7 Annual reports other organizations
- 8 JCC and YMCA Image in the West Rogers Park Area 1965
- 9 Skokie Valley Area Social Service Directory 1969

box 106

*contents:*

Leather-bound books (3 volumes):

- 1 Jacob M. Loeb tribute book from Chicago Hebrew Institute Board of Directors, 1922
- 2 Accounting book for Lawndale branch, 1927
- 3 Jacob M. Loeb dedication book to honor his election to Board of Education president. Includes signatures of Chicago Hebrew Institute Board of Directors, undated

box 107

- 1 Assorted annual reports

**Series 10. JCC additional operating files, 1969-1984 (box 108-127)**

box 108

*folders:*

- 1 Association of Jewish Center workers, 1971-1980
- 2 Association of Jewish Center workers, spring institute, 1971
- 3 Board of directors minutes, Jan.-June 1969
- 4 Board of directors minutes, Sept.-Dec. 1969
- 5 Board of directors minutes, Jan.-June 1970
- 6 Board of directors minutes, Sept.-Dec. 1970
- 7 Board of directors minutes, Jan.-April 1971
- 8 Board of directors minutes, May-Sept. 1971
- 9 Board of directors minutes, Oct.-Dec. 1971
- 10 Board of directors minutes, Jan.-Apr. 1972
- 11 Board of directors minutes, May-Sept. 1972

12 Board of directors minutes, Oct.-Dec. 1972

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*folders:*

- 1 Board of directors minutes, Jan.-Mar 1973
- 2 Board of directors minutes, Apr-June 1973
- 3 Board of directors minutes, Sept-Dec 1973
- 4 Camp Chi, 1979
- 5 Camp Chi, 1980
- 6 Camp Chi, horseback riding 1975
- 7 Camp Chi, Israeli teens 1979-1980
- 8 Camp Chi, Israeli teens pictures, undated
- 9 Camp Chi, statistics, 1979-1980
- 10 Center directors, 1978
- 11 Centers: Bernard Horwich, 1969-1970
- 12 Centers: Henry H. Hart, 1969-1970
- 13 Centers: Max Strauss, 1969-1970
- 14 Centers: Meyer Kaplan, 1969-1980
- 15 Centers: Meyer Kaplan Day Care Center, 1980
- 16 Centers: Rogers Park, 1969-1970

box 110

*folders:*

- 1 Chicago Assn. of Commerce and Industry, 1966-1981
- 2 Chicago Community Israeli Project, 1979
- 3-5 Chicago Community Israeli Project, 1980
- 6 Chicago Women's Aid, 1970-1975
- 7 Committees: Ad Hoc Northside and Benefit, 1969-1970
- 8 Committees: Building, 1969-1970
- 9 Committees: Camp Chi, 1969-1970
- 10 Committees: Executive, 1969-1970
- 11 Committees: Finance & Jewish Purpose, 1969-1970
- 12 Committees: Nominating, Public Affairs & Relations, 1969-1970
- 13 Committees: Nursery School, 1969-1970
- 14 Committees: Senior Adult, 1969-1970
- 15 Committees: Teen Program, 1969-1970

box 111

*folders:*

- 1-4 Correspondence: D. Kleinman, 1980
- 5 Correspondence: D. Kleinman, 1981
- 6 Correspondence: D. Kleinman, 1981-1982
- 7-11 Correspondence: M. Levin, 1980

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*folders:*

- 1-2 Correspondence: M. Levin, 1981
- 3 Correspondence: M. Levin, 1982
- 4 Immigration & refugee policy, 1980

- 5 Israel scholarship applications, 1980
- 6-7 Israel summer program, 1980
- 8 Jewish Peoples Institute clippings, 1936
- 9 Leaflets and pamphlets
- 10 Maintenance housekeeping forms
- 11 Files: A-F
- 12 Files: Berkman, Ira, 1967
- 13 Files: Buxbaum, Lorraine, 1956-1963 **Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2033**
- 14 Files: Canter, Dr. Irving, 1965
- 15 Files: G-K

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*folders:*

- 1 Files: L
- 2-4 Files: Levin, Morris
- 5 Files: Levin, Morris; Levine, Samuel; Vinik, Abe
- 6 Files: M
- 7 Files: R-S
- 8-11 Files: Vinik, Abe

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*folders:*

- 1-2 Files: Vinik, Abe
- 3 Files: W
- 4 Policy, 1977
- 5 Popuch, Sylvia, 1981--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2051**
- 6 Presidents Council, 1978
- 7 Presidents Council minutes, 1978
- 8 Property matters, 1976-1977
- 9 Sabbath practices and policy, 1960-1974
- 10 Speeches
- 11 Walk with Israel, 1980-1981
- 12 College-age youth services, 1975
- 13 College-age youth services, 1978
- 14 College-age youth services, 1979

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*folders:*

- 1 Budget, 1975-1977
- 2 Budget, 1978-1980
- 3 Budget, 1980-1983
- 4 Career conference, 1979
- 5 College campaign, 1975
- 6 College outreach, 1970
- 7 Committee, 1972-1973
- 8 Committee, 1974
- 9 Committee, 1975-1979
- 10 Committee correspondence 1972-1973
- 11 Committee minutes 1973

- 12 Committee, Community Services, 1972
- 13 Correspondence, 1974-1983
- 14 Correspondence, J Wilkowsky 1980
- 15 Elijah's Cup Lease, 1979

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*folders:*

- 1 Hillel Foundation, 1972
- 2 Hillel Foundation, 1973
- 3 Hillel Foundation, 1974
- 4-5 Hillel Foundation, 1975
- 6 Hillel Foundation, 1976-1977
- 7 Hillel Foundation, 1978
- 8 Hillel Foundation, 1979
- 9 Hillel Foundation, 1980
- 10 Hillel Foundation, 1981
- 11 Hillel Foundation, 1982-1983

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- 1 Hillel Foundation, 1975-1978
- 2 Grant request 1977
- 3 History
- 4 Leaflets
- 5 National, 1980-1981
- 6 Pavpko, Yehial
- 7 Rabbi Oscar Groner, 1972-1973
- 8 Rabbi Oscar Groner, 1974
- 9 Rabbi Oscar Groner, 1975-1976, 1978
- 10 Real estate, 1981-1982
- 11 Southern Illinois University, 1976
- 12 Staff meetings, 1982
- 13 Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, 1973
- 14 Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, papers & articles
- 15 Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, special project, 1980
- 16 Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, summer intern program, 1972-1974
- 17 Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, summer intern program, 1977
- 18 Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, summer intern program, 1981-1983
- 19 Midwest Jewish Women's Conference, summer intern program, Frankel, M.B., 1975
- 20 Youth workers meeting, 1972

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*folders:*

- 1 Drug response program: 1972
- 2 Drug response program: 1973
- 3 Drug response program: budget, 1972
- 4 Drug response program: budget, 1973
- 5 Drug response program: Interagency Technical Advisory Comm., 1974
- 6 Drug response program: Lay Committee, 1973

- 7-8 Drug response program: Lay Committee, papers
- 9 Drug response program: Lay Committee, papers and report
- 10 Drug response program: Lay Committee, 1973: patients 1971-1972--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2043**
- 11 Drug response program: Lay Committee, 1973: planning committee 1973
- 12 Drug response program: Lay Committee, remodeling building 1972
- 13 Drug response program: Lay Committee, statistics 1972
- 14 Drug response program: Lay Committee, 1973: study

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*folders:*

- 1 JWB Armed Services Council, 1978-1979
- 2 JWB Armed Services Council, 1980-1981
- 3 JWB Armed Services Council, biennial program: award 1979-1980
- 4 JWB Armed Services Council, biennial program: applications
- 5 JWB Armed Services Council, community planning survey 1979
- 6 JWB Armed Services Council, correspondence 1979
- 7 JWB Armed Services Council, pamphlets
- 8 JWB Armed Services Council, papers & speech
- 9 JWB Armed Services Council, research center pamphlets
- 10 Response Center, 1975
- 11 Response Center, 1976-1977
- 12-13 Response Center, 1978

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- 1 Response Center, Jan.-Aug 1979
- 2 Response Center, Sept-Dec 1979
- 3 Response Center, Jan.-Feb. 1980
- 4 Response Center, Mar-Apr 1980
- 5 Response Center, May-Aug 1980
- 6 Response Center, Sept-Dec 1980
- 7 Response Center, Jan.-Mar 1981
- 8 Response Center, Apr-May 1981
- 9 Response Center, July-Nov 1981--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2051**
- 10 Response Center, Adolescent Growth & Development Project, 1975-1976
- 11 Response Center, Adolescent Growth & Development Project, 1977-1980
- 12 Response Center budget, 1974-1975
- 13 Response Center budget, 1976-1977
- 14 Response Center budget, 1980-1981, 1982

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*folders:*

- 1 Chernov, Marti, 1980--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2050**
- 2-3 Client analysis tracking system, 1974
- 4 Cults, 1978-1980
- 5 Flyers & leaflets
- 6-7 Grant request, 1974
- 8 Grant request, 1975

- 9 Grant request, 1976
- 10 Grant request, Wieboldt Foundation 1974

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*folders:*

- 1 History
- 2 Inter-agency Technical Advisory Committee, 1980
- 3 Medical services report, 1979
- 4 Mondschain, Bruce, 1976-1977--**Folder CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS until 2047**
- 5 Name change, 1973-1974
- 6-8 Papers
- 9 Staff meeting minutes, etc., 1975
- 10 Studies
- 11 Senior/Adult Program, Bernard Horwich Center, 1973-1980
- 12 Senior/Adult Program, Beth Israel & B'nai Zion, 1978-1980
- 13 Senior/Adult Program budget, 1978-1980
- 14 Senior/Adult Program, Camp Chi, 1967-1976
- 15 Senior/Adult Program, Camp Chi, Golden Age Village, 1963
- 16 Senior/Adult Program, Chicago Housing Authority, 1964-1978

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*folders:*

- 1 Senior/Adult Program committee, 1967-1973
- 2 Senior/Adult Program committee, 1979
- 3 Senior/Adult Program committee, 1980-1981
- 4 Senior/Adult Program committee minutes 1978-1979
- 5 Senior/Adult Program correspondence, 1973-1980
- 6 Senior/Adult Program, Council for the Jewish Elderly, 1969-1977
- 7 Senior/Adult Program day care service, 1975
- 8 Senior/Adult Program, Gertrude Enelow Fund, 1961-1967
- 9 Senior/Adult Program, Gertrude Enelow Fund, 1968-1974
- 10 Senior/Adult Program, Golden Age conference, 1958-1959
- 11 Senior/Adult Program, Grant request, 1977-1978
- 12 Senior/Adult Program, Hall of Fame, 1978
- 13 Senior/Adult Program, Hall of Fame, 1979
- 14 Senior/Adult Program, Helen M. Oppenheimer Fund, 1972-1976

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- 1 Senior/Adult Program, Jane Adams Housing, 1958-1962
- 2 Senior/Adult Program, Julia Lathrop Social Club, 1971
- 3 Senior/Adult Program lawsuits, 1976-1978
- 4 Senior/Adult Program liaison committee, 1975-1980
- 5 Senior/Adult Program nutrition program, 1975-1980
- 6 Senior/Adult Program nutrition program, Windemere Hotel, 1974-1977
- 7 Senior/Adult Program presidents council, 1969-1972
- 8 Senior/Adult Program publicity, 1978-1981
- 9 Senior/Adult Program reports, 1977-1978
- 10 Senior/Adult Program, restructuring Senior Adult Dept., 1974

- 11 Senior/Adult Program, Rodfei Zedek Senior Adult Club, 1970-1975
- 12 Senior/Adult Program, Seniors A.L.E.R.T., 1977-1979
- 13 Senior/Adult Program, South Side Program, 1974-1977
- 14 Senior/Adult Program travel committee, 1972
- 15 Women's Auxiliary annual meeting, 1958-1969
- 16 Women's Auxiliary annual meeting, 1971-1974
- 17 Women's Auxiliary annual meeting, 1975-1978
- 18 Women's Auxiliary board of directors, 1975-1982
- 19 Women's Auxiliary board of directors, lists, 1954-1984
- 20 Women's Auxiliary by-laws, 1973-1976
- 21 Women's Auxiliary, Camp Chi, 1968-1978
- 22 Women's Auxiliary, clippings & leaflets

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- 1 Women's Auxiliary committees, 1966-1982
- 2 Women's Auxiliary contributions, 1968-1983
- 3 Women's Auxiliary correspondence, 1968-1970
- 4 Women's Auxiliary correspondence, 1980-1982
- 5 Women's Auxiliary information folder, 1983
- 6 Women's Auxiliary mailings, 1968-1971
- 7 Women's Auxiliary membership, 1974
- 8 Women's Auxiliary membership, 1979
- 9 Women's Auxiliary presidents, 1975-1981
- 10 Women's Auxiliary slide presentation
- 11 Women's Auxiliary, Special Projects Fund, 1979-198
- 12 Women's Auxiliary, treasurer's report & correspondence, 1969-1970
- 13 Volunteer committee, 1970-1973
- 14 Volunteer committee, 1971-1976
- 15 Volunteer committee, clippings & leaflets
- 16 Yearbooks, 1967-1969, 1977-1979

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- 2 Scrapbook, 1928-1930
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- 4 Scrapbook, 1932-1934
- 5 Scrapbook, 1933-1935
- 6 Scrapbook, 1935-1936
- 7 Scrapbook, 1936-1937
- 8 Scrapbook, 1937-1938
- 9 Scrapbooks, 1939-1940
- 10 Scrapbooks, 1940-1941
- 11 Scrapbooks, 1941-1942

- 12 Scrapbooks, 1941-1943
- 13 Scrapbooks, 1943-1950

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*volumes:*

- 1 Scrapbooks, 1927-1930
- 2 Scrapbooks, 1930-1933 (chiefly 1930)
- 3 Scrapbooks, 1931-1934
- 4 Scrapbooks, 1934-1936
- 5 Scrapbooks, 1936-1938
- 6 Scrapbooks, 1937-1943
- 7 Scrapbooks, 1943-1950
- 8 Scrapbooks, 1953-1958
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The seventeen scrapbooks in Group B (1927-1968) contain newsclippings from city-wide and neighborhood Chicago newspapers, and occasionally national publications, concerning the activities of the JCC, individuals serving on the staff or board of directors, new buildings or programs, and the Jewish Community of Chicago in general. One volume contains clippings concerning the Chicago Recreational Commission exclusively, 1934-1938, that were kept by the JPI while Dr. Seman was chairman of the commission.

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