

Jewish Community Centers of Chicago collection of visual materials, 1909-1965
By Jewish Community Centers of Chicago

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Main entry: Jewish Community Centers of Chicago

Title: Jewish Community Centers of Chicago collection of visual materials [graphic]

Inclusive dates: 1909-1965, bulk 1920s

Size:

Call #: 1980.0175 PPL:

876 photographic prints : b&w ; 39 x 25 cm. (15 x 9 3/4 in.) or smaller.

78 photomechanical prints : b&w ; 11 x 14 in. or smaller.

27 photographic prints : postcard, silver gelatin ; 9 x 14 cm. (3 3/4 x 5 1/2 in.)

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13 transparencies : lantern slide ; 9 x 11 cm. (3 3/4 x 4 1/2 in.)

Call #: 1980.0175 PPN0071:

14 negatives : b&w ; 8 x 10 in. or smaller.

Call #: 1980.0175 PGN0034:

9 negatives : glass ; 4 x 5 in.

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1 folder of non-graphic material.

Accession #: 1980.0175

Restriction: To consult lantern slides or glass negatives in the Research Center it is necessary to make an advance appointment (email: Research@chicagohistory.org).

Description of the collection:

Primarily includes views of activities of JCC at various locations: Chicago Hebrew Institute at Taylor & Lytle (1914), Jewish People's Institute in Lawndale (1922), and Max Straus Center (1946). Subjects include adult, junior college, secondary, elementary and nursery education; art, crafts, drama, music activities for all ages; Camp Chi for girls and a boys camp; sports activities through the physical education department; the (Orthodox) Jewish Home for Aged; and lectures, banquets and parties pertaining to the various activities. Includes interior and exterior views of buildings.

Organization: Alphabetical by topic.

Some prints match original negatives (flexible and glass) and lantern slides.

Some photographs also available as copy negatives ICHi 17305-17322, 17665-17670, 16353, 18849-18853, 03865.

Gift of Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, 1979 (1980.0175).

List of online catalog headings:

Chicago Hebrew Institute

Jewish Community Centers of Chicago.
Jewish People's Institute of Chicago
Bernard Horwich Center (Chicago, Ill.)
Max Straus Center (Chicago, Ill.)
Jewish Home for the Aged (Chicago, Ill.)
People's Junior College (Chicago, Ill.)
Physical education -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Students -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Schools -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Nurseries -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Day care -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Gardens -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Music ensembles -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Dance parties -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Playgrounds -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Classrooms -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Lobbies -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Board games -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Billiards -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Music rooms -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Community service -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Jews -- Societies, etc. -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Children -- Organizations -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Men -- Organizations -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Women -- Organizations -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Women -- Clothing & dress -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Sports -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Theatrical productions -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Adult education -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Arts & crafts -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Banquets -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Infants -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Contests -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Organizations' buildings -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Camps -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Kitchens -- Illinois -- Chicago.
Chicago (Ill.) -- Social life and customs.
Postcards.
Snapshots.
Group portraits.
Portrait photographs.
Dry plate negatives.
Halftone photomechanical prints.
Lantern slides.
Silver gelatin prints.

Container list of box and folder numbers and titles:

Box Lot: (6 boxes, 8x10 in.; 1 box, 11x14 in.), Negatives (1 folder unit #71), Lantern Slides (1 box, 4x5 in., unit #51), Glass Negatives (1 box, 4x5 in., unit #34)

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Box 1

- 1 Activities--Clubs
- 2 Activities--Outings (18853)
- 3 Adult education--graduates (17668)
- 4 Adult education & training (possibly some images of Peoples Junior College, 1933-1936 (17306, 17307)
- 5 Adult education & training--Peoples Junior College, 1933-1936
- 6 Art
- 7 Art classes
- 8 Art exhibit booth
- 9 Art exhibition & artists (17669)
- 10 Assemblies
- 11 Assemblies--Northwest Branch Club Council in Deliberative Assembly
- 12 Baby contest, 1915 (17312)
- 13 Banquets
- 14 Banquets--Athletics
- 15 Biography--Portraits
- 16 Boy Scouts

Box 2

- 1 Buildings--Bernard Horwich Center
- 2 Buildings--Chicago Hebrew Institute Gymnasium (Taylor & Lytle), 1916
- 3 Buildings--Max Strauss Center (3715 W. Wilson), 1941 (18852)
- 4 Buildings--Jewish Peoples Institute (Lawndale), 1926 (18850)
- 5 Buildings, Clubs--Albany Park Girls Club, Hyde Park Club, Rogers Park Club
- 6 Cafeteria (Blintz Inn), interior
- 7 Camp--Camp Wooster, Illinois?--boys
- 8 Camp Chi, Loon Lake, Antioch, Illinois--girls, 1920s
- 9 Camp Chi, Loon Lake, Antioch, Illinois--girls, 1920s
- 10 Camp Chi, 1948
- 11 Children at zoo or park (with goat cart & mini train)
- 12 Conventions
- 13 Cooking class for girls (17309)
- 14 Crafts--children at work (17308)
- 15 Crafts--display

Box 3

- 1 Drama Department--Children's Theater
- 2 Drama Department--Children's Theater "In Defense of Country" (17305)
- 3 Drama Department--Children's Theater -patriotic pageant & parade
- 4 Drama Department--director & others
- 5 Drama Department--Institute Players
- 6 Drama Department--Institute Players
- 7 Drama Department--Institute Players, Junior Players
- 8 Drama Department, 1940s-1950s
- 9 Elementary education
- 10 Gardens--food exhibit from victory gardens

- 11 Gardens--Victory gardens at CHI (03865, 16353)
- 12 Girl Scouts
- 13 Groups of unidentified adults
- 14 Groups of unidentified adults, probably students
- 15 Home Service Department
- 16 Lectures
- 17 Library

Box 4

- 1 Lounges--Games (billards, chess, etc.) and Study areas & classrooms
- 2 Max Straus Center--Albany Park, 1941-1969
- 3 Milk Station (17311, 17666)
- 4 Miscellaneous, 1960
- 5 Museum
- 6 Music Department (17665, 17666)
- 7 Music Department, Concerts
- 8 Music Department, Dance
- 9 Nursery School--Day Camp for Children--CHI Roof Garden (18851)
- 10 Nursery School--probably Day Camp for Children
- 11 Orthodox Home for Jewish Aged--B.M.Z.
- 12 Orthodox Home for Jewish Aged--Buildings and grounds
- 13 Orthodox Home for Jewish Aged--Staff

Box 5

- 1 Parties & dances (17667)
- 2 Parties--Purim Party
- 3 Physical Education Department--Baseball
- 4 Physical Education Department--Basketball, men
- 5 Physical Education Department--Basketball, women
- 6 Physical Education Department--Boxing (17310, 17315)
- 7 Physical Education Department--Calisthenics
- 8 Physical Education Department--Fencing (17316)
- 9 Physical Education Department--Groups, men (17317)
- 10 Physical Education Department--Groups, women (17320)
- 11 Physical Education Department--Gymnastics & weight training
- 12 Physical Education Department--Handball
- 13 Physical Education Department--Lobby & locker rooms
- 14 Physical Education Department--Miscellaneous
- 15 Physical Education Department--Physical exams
- 16 Physical Education Department--Swimming, men (17318)
- 17 Physical Education Department--Swimming, women

Box 6

- 1 Physical Education Department--Track, men (18849)
- 2 Physical Education Department--Track, women
- 3 Physical Education Department--Trophies
- 4 Physical Education Department--Turkish Bath Department (massage, electric cabinet, etc.)
- 5 Physical Education Department--Volleyball
- 6 Physical Education Department--Wrestling (17314)

- 7 Playground at C.H.I.
- 8 Playground (swimming & wading), 1909
- 9 Service Club
- 10 Staff--JPI/CHI
- 11 World War I, II--Institute members in the Armed Forces

Box 7

- 1 Adult education (17313)
- 2 Biography--portraits
- 3 Crafts on display (17670)
- 4 Drama Department--Children's Theater
- 5 Gardening
- 6 Museum
- 7 Music Department (17322)
- 8 Nursery School
- 9 Orthodox Home for Jewish Aged
- 10 Physical Education Department--Boxing
- 11 School groups
- 12 WWI, Institute members in Armed Forces
- 13 Halftones

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Box 8 Lantern Slides (have matching glass negatives & prints unless noted)

- 1 Children on outing
- 2 Children on "jungl gym" (no print)
- 3 Children in nursery classroom
- 4 Youth art class
- 5 Children working in garden
- 6 Children & adults at school exhibit
- 7 Youths looking at Lincoln statue (no print or glass negative)
- 8 JCC building (no print)
- 9 C.H.I. group

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Box 9 Glass Negatives (have matching prints & lantern slides unless noted)

- 1 Children on outing
- 2 Children on "jungle gym" (no print)
- 3 Children in nursery classroom
- 4 Youth art class
- 5 Children working in garden
- 6 Children & adults at school exhibit
- 7 JCC building (no print)
- 8 C.H.I. group
- 9 Portraits of WWI Institute members in armed forces (print, no lantern slide)
- 10 "All sports developed at Hebrew Institute" (no print or lantern slide)

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