



Guide to the Workmen's Circle Records LR00048

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Goode, Selma
Title:	Workmen's Circle Records
ID:	LR000048
Date [inclusive]:	1984-2014
Date [bulk]:	1985-2000
Physical Description:	.25 Linear Feet (1 MB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material mostly in English, including some material in Yiddish.
Abstract:	The Workmen's Circle is a Jewish nonprofit organization based heavily in New York City, with a number of branch organizations around the country, including Detroit, Michigan. Workmen's Circle, today, focuses on social justice activism and the promotion of Yiddish culture and education.

Citation Style

"Workmen's Circle Records, Box 1, Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

The Workmen's Circle, or Der Arbeter Ring, is a Jewish nonprofit organization, which promotes social and economic justice, Jewish community and education. The Workmen's Circle began in 1900 and reached its peak in membership in the 1920s, with roughly 84,000 members nationwide. While New York City is the base location of the organization, hundreds of branches have spread across the United States, at one point reaching 700 in the U.S and Canada. Membership declined after World War II, however, and took an even greater dive after the implementation of the federal Medicare program in 1966. Today, Workmen's Circle continues to operate its summer camp, sponsor holiday and community

events, manage its branches around the country and partner with Jewish school programs. The Circle also continues to push its social justice activism. The Workmen's Circle placed itself as a front in social justice issues, such as separation of church and state, elderly and eldercare rights, union and wage labor rights, U.S.-Israeli relations, and a number of humanitarian and environmental rights.

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Scope and Content

Materials include correspondence, clippings, flyers, nursery school announcements and descriptions, meeting agenda, conference programs, reports, meeting announcements, memos, handwritten notes, newsletters, and programs for events.

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Arrangement

Folders in this series are simply listed by their location within the box.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Materials were deposited at the Walter P. Reuther Library by Selma Goode on September 16, 2015.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Mark Prindiville on March 22, 2018.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

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Julius Bernstein Papers

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Controlled Access Headings

- Labor -- History
- Jewish culture: arts, media and heritage

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
A Kumzitz, The Shmooze Cafe, 1998	Box 1 folder 1

Date: 1998

Articles, Jdaism in America, 1996-1997 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1996-1997	Box 1	folder 2
Conferences and Meetings, 1985-1988 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1985-1988	Box 1	folder 3
Convention Resolutions, 1990 <u>Date</u> : 1990	Box 1	folder 4
Correspondence, 1984, 1988, 1994-1996, 1999-200 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1984, 1988, 1994-1996, 1999-200	Box 1	folder 5
Correspondence and Newsletters, 1985-1987, 1991, 1997 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1985-1987, 1991, 1997	Box 1	folder 6
Newsletters and Programs, 1987-1988, 1991, 1999-2001, 2014 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1987-1988, 1991, 1999-2001, 2014	Box 1	folder 7
Newsletters, Shule Briefs, 1991 <u>Date</u> : 1991	Box 1	folder 8