The papers of Joan Israel were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in February of 1977 by Joan Israel and were opened for research in October of 1981.

JoanIsrael who was born in 1930, is a feminist psychotherapist (ACSW) currently in practice in the Detroit area. As one of the first members of the Detroit chapter of the National Organization for Women, Ms. Israel has collected papers detailing the growth of the women's movement in southeastern Michigan. The collection is not limited solely to the Detroit area, but also contains material regarding the movement elsewhere in Michigan and the United States.

Graduated with an A.B. from the University of Rochester in 1952, Ms. Israel obtained her Master's Degree in social work from Smith College in 1954. First employed by the Jewish Family and Children's Service in Detroit (1954-1957), she became Director of Operation Friendship, funded by the National Council of Jewish Women, from 1960-1968. Ms. Israel then served two years with the Merrill-Palmer Institute as the Director of the Undergraduate Practicum Program (1968-1970). From 1970 to 1974, she was the Coordinator of Special Projects for the Jewish Family and Children's Service. Since that time she has been in private practice as a psychotherapist. In addition, Ms. Israel also founded and was director of New Options, Inc., a consulting firm on affirmative action from 1974 until 1976.

Along with her professional social work, Ms. Israel was coeditor of Looking Ahead - A Woman's Guide to the Problems and Joys of Growing Older published by Prentice-Hall in 1977. As a film-maker, she has produced Women Alone, a 7 minute 16mm study of a black mother on A.D.C. assistance, and To Life, a 10 minute 16 mm. color film dealing with three older people who cope with aging.

Her interest in the need for child care by working parents prompted her to organize and chair the National Organization of Women Child Care Committee from 1968 to 1970. Ms. Israel was then appointed (1969-1970) by the Detroit Common Council to head their committee formed to study the child care needs in Detroit; the report led to the creation of the Wayne County Child Care Council.
As a member of the Women's Advisory Committee, Detroit Human Relations Commission (1970-1973), Ms. Israel was asked to head the Women's Advisory Committee for WXYZ-TV in 1973. As president of N.O.W. in Detroit, she served two terms (1970-1974) and appeared widely in the media to support the growth of the organization and the women's movement in general. While serving as a national board member (1976-1977), Ms. Israel also co-chaired workshops for the N.O.W. national conference held in Detroit in April 1977. Ms. Israel is married to Dr. Kenneth Israel, a psychiatrist, and they have three children. The material in this collection reflects Ms Israel's involvement in the women's movement and improved child care programs.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Affirmative action
- Child Care programs
- Discrimination against women in employment and education
- Discrimination by A.T.& T. and Michigan Bell
- Equal Rights Amendment
- Jewish Family and Children's Services
- National Organization of Women
- Women's Movement
Among the important correspondents are: (Index to these on the last page)

Patricia Burnett, first president of N.O.W.--Detroit and professional portrait artist Jean Findlater, Program Director of WXYZ TV
Melvin Ravitz, member of the Detroit Common Council

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Series II, the National Organization for Women, 1969-1977;
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Series III, the Women's Movement, 1966-1976; Box 6-7: Clippings, correspondence and other materials relating to the growth of the women's movement. The
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Numerous, pamphlets, booklets relating to child care and five booklets relating to the women's movement are placed in separate manuscript boxes with the collection.

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Pamphlets and journal articles relating to child care and the women's movement, listed alphabetically.

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