



WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY

Walter P. Reuther Library

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on July 14, 2020.

Description is in English

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Walter P. Reuther Library

5401 Cass Avenue

Detroit, MI 48202

URL: <https://reuther.wayne.edu>

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
History	4
Scope and Content	4
Arrangement of the Records	4
Administrative Information	5
Related Materials	6
Controlled Access Headings	6
Collection Inventory	6

Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
Title:	JCA: Neighborhood Project Records
ID:	UR002348
Date [inclusive]:	1980-2003
Physical Description:	5 Linear Feet (4 SB, 2 MB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>The Neighborhood Project was established by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit in 1986. Its purpose was to retain a Jewish presence in the communities of Oak Park and Southfield, which were threatened by the construction of Interstate 696 and by demographic shifts. Interest-free loans were granted, and a revolving fund was established to assist in home purchases and, later, to provide home improvement loans. The project was completed in 2003 when it was deemed that the neighborhoods were stabilized and property values had increased. The Hebrew Free Loan Association continued to oversee the remaining loan program. The Neighborhood Project Records chronicle the development of the organization and its effect on the neighborhoods. It includes brochures, clippings, correspondence, minutes and program reports. The Neighborhood Project was headquartered in the Jewish Community Center's 10 Mile Road campus in Oak Park. Its close relationships with other agencies, synagogues and the civic and business communities are evident in this collection.</p>

Citation Style

"Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives, Neighborhood Project Records, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

History

The Neighborhood Project was established by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit in 1986. Its purpose was to retain a Jewish presence in the communities of Oak Park and Southfield, which were threatened by the construction of Interstate 696 and demographic shifts. Interest-free loans were granted, and a revolving fund was established to assist in home purchases and, later, to provide home improvement loans. The project was completed in 2003 when it was deemed that the neighborhoods were stabilized and property values had increased. The Hebrew Free Loan Association continued to oversee the remaining loan program.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Content

The Neighborhood Project Records chronicle the development of the organization and its effect on the neighborhoods. It includes brochures, clippings, correspondence, minutes and program reports. The Neighborhood Project was headquartered in the Jewish Community Center's 10 Mile Road campus in Oak Park. Its close relationships with other agencies, synagogues and the civic and business communities are evident in this collection.

Important Subjects: Community development Detroit (Mich.) Economic development Home improvement loans Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Heritage Week Jews -- Charities Loans Oak Park (Mich.) Philanthropy Southfield (Mich.) Synagogues

Important Names: Hebrew Free Loan Association, Detroit

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement of the Records

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Walter P. Reuther Library

5401 Cass Avenue

Detroit, MI 48202

URL: <https://reuther.wayne.edu>

Revision Description

Revised by Gavin Strassel. Revised and updated by Aimee Ergas. 2014-09-19 2020-07-14

Acquisition

Deposited at the Reuther Library on July 27, 2012, by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit as part of the Jewish Community Archives.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Dorothy Kaufman on July 27, 2012. Revised by Gavin Strassel on September 19, 2014. Revised and updated by Aimee Ergas, July 2020.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

Access

Collection is open for research.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Related Materials

Related Material

Jewish Community Archives collections at the Reuther Library, including the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Records, Jewish Community Center Records, Jewish Apartments and Services Records.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

- Detroit (Mich.)
- Neighborhoods
- Economic development
- Community development
- Home improvement loans

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
ABP Reports, Patty Becker home surveys, 1994-2000	1	folder 1
Advertisements, 1986-1999	1	folder 2
Advisory Board, campaign requests, 2000-2003	1	folder 3
Advisory Board, 2002-2003	1	folder 4
Advisory Board, New Members, 1996-2003	1	folder 5
Advisory Board Minutes, 2000-2001	1	folder 6
Advisory Board, Committees, 1997-1999	1	folder 7
Advisory Board Minutes, 1995-1996	1	folder 8
Advisory Board Minutes, 1986-1994	1	folder 9
Advisory Board Minutes, 1988-1989	1	folder 10
Advisory Rosters, 1994-2002	1	folder 11
Annual Reports, 1986-1999	1	folder 12

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

Apples and Honey Sukkot Celebration, Oak Park, 1994	1	folder 13
Baseball Bonanza, 1991-1992	1	folder 14
Basketball Bonanza, 1994-1995	1	folder 15
Berkley Community Schools, Advisory Committee, 1989-2000	1	folder 16
Berkley Schools, Bond Issues, 1990-2001	1	folder 17
Berkley Schools, Strategic Plan, 1990-1993	1	folder 18
Berkley Yeshiva Project, 1990-1995	1	folder 19
Birmingham-Bloomfield Task Force on Race Relations and Ethnic Diversity, 1990-1992	1	folder 20
Book Drives, 1999-2000	1	folder 21
Brochures, 1997-2003	1	folder 22
Budget Reports, 2000-2001	1	folder 23
Budget Reports, 1998-2000	1	folder 24
Budget Reports, 1987-1997	1	folder 25
Camp Smoklerville, 1990	1	folder 26
Car Seat Safety Program, 1999-2002	1	folder 27
Center for Advanced Studies in Arts, 1989-1991	1	folder 28
Harriet Cooper, correspondence, 1986-1987	1	folder 29
Marion Freedman, thank you letters, correspondence, 1988-2000	1	folder 30
Marion Freedman, correspondence, 1999-2000	1	folder 31
Marion Freedman, correspondence, 1997-1998	1	folder 32
Marion Freedman, correspondence, 1995-1996	1	folder 33
Scott Leemaster, correspondence, 2000	1	folder 34
Rhoda Raderman, correspondence, 1993-1995	1	folder 35
Rhoda Raderman, correspondence, 1991-1992	1	folder 36
Rhoda Raderman, correspondence, 1989-1990	1	folder 37
Mark Schlusel, correspondence, 1988	1	folder 38
Norma Silver, correspondence, 1987-1989	1	folder 39
Gary Tobin, correspondence, 1985-1987	1	folder 40
Larry Ziffer, correspondence, 1985	1	folder 41
Covenant Credit Union, Credit Union 1, 1986-1984	1	folder 42
Culture Group Services, 2001-2003	1	folder 43
Culture Group Services, 1996-1998		

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

	1	folder 44
Demographic Data Information, 1986-2001	1	folder 45
Detroit Coalition for Literacy, 1999-2001	1	folder 46
Detroit Population Study, 1986-1989	2	folder 1
Ervs - Oak Park Southfield, undated	2	folder 2
Essay Contests: "Let Me Introduce You to My Neighbor," 1997	2	folder 3
Executive Job Descriptions, 2001-2002	2	folder 4
Finance, 1999	2	folder 5
Helmet Campaign, 1993	2	folder 6
History, 1986	2	folder 7
History, 1987	2	folder 8
History, 1987	2	folder 9
History, 1988-1990	2	folder 10
Homebuyers: Hanukah Parties, Hanukah Commemorative Stamp, 1988-1989, 1996	2	folder 11
Homebuyers: Occupations, 1988-1999	2	folder 12
Homebuyers: Reception, 1989	2	folder 13
Homebuyers: Sales Tallies, 1986-2003	2	folder 14
Homebuyers: Southfield Association, 1990-1991	2	folder 15
Homebuyers: Southfield Chamber of Commerce Guidebook, 1990	2	folder 16
Homebuyers: Streets, 1995-2000	2	folder 17
Homebuyers: Streets, 1989-1994	2	folder 18
Homebuyers: Welcome Packet, 2000	2	folder 19
Homebuyers: Workshops, 2002	2	folder 20
Homebuyers: Workshops, 2000	2	folder 21
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1999	2	folder 22
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1998	2	folder 23
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1997	2	folder 24
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1996	2	folder 25
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1995	2	folder 26
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1994	2	folder 27
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1994	2	folder 28
Homebuyers: Workshops, 1993	2	folder 29

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

Homebuyers: Workshops, 1992	2	folder 30
Huntington Woods, 1987-1989	2	folder 31
Interstate 696, 1980-1991	2	folder 32
Israelfest Celebration, 1999-2000	2	folder 33
Jewish Community Council, New Leasers Projects, 1986-1989, 1991-1995	2	folder 34
Jewish Heritage Week, 1998-1999	2	folder 35
Jewish Community Center, Campus Meetings, Minutes, 1990-2002	2	folder 36
Jewish Population Studies, 1990-1992	2	folder 37
Jimmy Prentis Morris (JPM) Jewish Community Center, Assessment Study, 1989	2	folder 38
JPM, Capital Endowment Campaign, 1992	2	folder 39
JPM, Dedication, 1993	2	folder 40
JPM, Groundbreaking, 1992	2	folder 41
JPM, Partnership Presentation, 1998	2	folder 42
JPM, video script-speakers bureau outlines, 1986	2	folder 43
Jewish Welfare Federation (JWF), Fact Sheet, 1987	2	folder 44
JWF, Board Orientation, 1991	2	folder 45
JWF, Executive Minutes, 1986-2004	2	folder 46
JWF, Staff Picnic, 2002	2	folder 47
JWF, Vocational Service Strategic Planning Report, 1992	2	folder 48
Kosher Food Fairs, 1999	2	folder 49
Kosher Food Fair, 1999	3	folder 1
Kosher Food Fair, 1996	3	folder 2
Kosher Food Fair, 1996	3	folder 3
Kosher Food Fair, 1994	3	folder 4
Kosher Food Fair, 1993	3	folder 5
Kosher Food Fair, 1989	3	folder 6
Kosher Food Fair, 1988	3	folder 7
Kosher Kugel Kook Off, 1994	3	folder 8
Lending Institutions, 1986-1995	3	folder 9
Lending Institutions, 1996-2002	3	folder 10
Letters to Neighborhood Residents, 1988-2000	3	folder 11

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

Loans Applications, Screening Release formal, 1986-1989	3	folder 12
Loans, Closing Instructions, 2001	3	folder 13
Loans, Franklin Bank, 1995- 2000	3	folder 14
Loans, Hebrew Free Loan, 1994-2000	3	folder 15
Loans Incentive Committee, 1986-1996	3	folder 16
Loans, Jewish Fund, 2001	3	folder 17
Loans, Lubavich, 1997-1998	3	folder 18
Loans, Oakland County, 1993-1995	3	folder 19
Loans, Review, 2000-2003	3	folder 20
Logos-New Years Cards, undated	3	folder 21
Maps, 2001	3	folder 22
Merchants Award Program, 1990-1991	3	folder 23
Newsletters, 1987-2002	3	folder 24
Newsletter, Budget, Committee Meetings, Requests, 1995-2002	3	folder 25
Oakland County Planning Division, 1980 Census Data, 1980	3	folder 26
Oakland County Center for Open Housing, 1993	3	folder 27
Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, 1991	3	folder 28
Oak Park (OP), Adopt a Park, 1994-2001	3	folder 29
OP, Art Fair, 1996-1998	3	folder 30
OP, Baby Expo, 1997-1998	3	folder 31
OP, Baby Expo, 1998	3	folder 32
OP, Bike Cycle Program, 1997	3	folder 33
OP, Bike Safety Program, 1996	3	folder 34
OP, Bills, 1998-2002	3	folder 35
OP, Business and Education Allowance, 2000-2001	3	folder 36
OP, Business and Education Allowance, 1997-1999	3	folder 37
OP, Business and Education Allowance, 1995	3	folder 38
OP, Business and Education Allowance, 1994	3	folder 39
OP, Business and Education Allowance, 1994	3	folder 40
OP, Business and Education Allowance, 1993	3	folder 41
OP, Celebration, 1990	3	folder 42
OP, City Population Estimates, 1984-1986	3	folder 43

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

OP, Avy Schrieber, Ed Zelenka Band, Red Garter Band, 2000	3	folder 44
OP, Steve Dubow, Matt Elvis King, Rod Cohen, Beth El Kids Klez Band, Motor City Brass, Klezmer Fusion Band, 2000-2001	3	folder 45
OP, David Syme, Rod Cohen, Red Garter Band, 1998	3	folder 46
OP, Steve Dubow, Klezmer Fusion Band, Gemini, 1997	3	folder 47
OP, Debbie Friedman, 1996	4	folder 1
OP, Peter Yarrow, Steve Dubow, Big Band Express, Red Garter Band, 1999	4	folder 2
OP, Ethnic Festival, 1986-1996	4	folder 3
OP, Family Fun Day, 1988-1993	4	folder 4
OP, Future Planning, 1995-1996	4	folder 5
OP, Home insurance, 1978	4	folder 6
OP, Jewish Federation Apartments, 1989-1996	4	folder 7
OP, Millage Letter, 1997	4	folder 8
OP, Playground, 1994-1995	4	folder 9
OP, Publicity, undated	4	folder 10
OP, Recycling Program, 1994	4	folder 11
OP, Charlotte M. Rothstein Park Dedication, correspondence, 1991	4	folder 12
OP, Rothstein Park Dedication, Corporate Sponsors, 1991	4	folder 13
OP, Safety Fair, Minutes, Publicity, Contracts, 2001	4	folder 14
OP, Senior Center, 2000	4	folder 15
Oak Park and Southfield Municipalities, 1999	4	folder 16
OP, Sukkot-rama, 1992	4	folder 17
OP, Tenth Anniversary, 1997	4	folder 18
OP, Tree Planting, 1994-1995	4	folder 19
OP, White Elephant Sale, 1994-1996	4	folder 20
Office Space, 1992-1997	4	folder 21
Real Estate Outreach, 1987-1990	4	folder 22
Research, Other Cities - Baltimore, MD, 1986	4	folder 23
Research, Other Cities - Cleveland, Ohio, 1986	4	folder 24
Research, Other Cities - Columbus, Ohio, 2000	4	folder 25
Research Other Cities - Philadelphia, PA, 1996	4	folder 26
Resettlement Service, Minutes, 1989-1996	4	folder 27

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

Russian Family Lists, undated	4	folder 28
Russian Newspaper, 1995	4	folder 29
Scholarship Application Forms, 1998-1999	4	folder 30
Southfield, Concerts, 1997-2000	4	folder 31
Southfield, Concerts, 1994-1996	4	folder 32
Southfield, Concerts, 1990-1993	4	folder 33
Southfield, Ethnic Festivals, 1994-1997	4	folder 34
Southfield, Hanukah Happening Parties, 1988-1995	4	folder 35
Southfield, Home Sweet Home Show, 1993	4	folder 36
Southfield-Oak Park, Ice Cream Social, 1987	4	folder 37
Southfield-Lathrup Multi-Cultural Coalition, 1994-1995	4	folder 38
Southfield-Lathrup Multi-Cultural Coalition, 1992-1993	4	folder 39
Southfield Residents Group, Meeting Minutes, 1987-1991	4	folder 40
Southfield Residents, '60s Party, 1990	4	folder 41
Southfield Schools, Sub-Committee, 1988-1991	4	folder 42
Southfield Schools, 1979-1995	4	folder 43
Southfield, Population Statistics, 1977-1986	4	folder 44
Speakers Bureau, 1986	4	folder 45
Star Project, 1988-2001	5	folder 1
Strategic Planning, 1998-2001	5	folder 2
Strategic Planning, 1986-1995	5	folder 3
Synagogue Liaison, 1987-1991	5	folder 4
Task Force, 1987-2001	5	folder 5
Tax Assessment Information, 1995-1996	5	folder 6
Vaad-Merkaz Newsletters, 1992-1997	5	folder 7
Volunteer Draft Project, Advisory Committee, 1998-2003	5	folder 8
Volunteer Draft Project, Advisory Committee, 1995-1997	5	folder 9
Advertisements, 1986-1990	6	folder 1
Awards, undated	6	folder 2
Bulletins, N/P, Oak Park, Southfield, 1988-2003	6	folder 3
Education, Clippings and Minutes, 1980s-1990s	6	folder 4
Interstate 696, 1986-1991	6	folder 5

Guide to the JCA: Neighborhood Project Records UR002348

Kosher Food Fairs, 1989-1994	6	folder 6
Loans and Housing, Articles and Information, 1986-2001	6	folder 7
Mezuza Campaign, 1989-1990	6	folder 8
Parks, Clippings, 1994-2001	6	folder 9
Project Information, Rothstein Park, 1986-1990	6	folder 10
Synagogues, JCC, 1992-2001	6	folder 11
Workshops, Meetings and Programs, 1988-1999	6	folder 12