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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Sobeloff, Isidore
Creator:	Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
Title:	Jewish Community Archives: Isidore Sobeloff Papers
ID:	UP002759
Date [inclusive]:	1918-1992
Physical Description:	2 Linear Feet (2 MB, 1 SB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	Isidore "Soby" Sobeloff was born on August 30, 1894 in Baltimore, Maryland. From 1937 to 1964, Sobeloff was the Director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit. During his tenure, he made the Jewish philanthropic campaign in Detroit among the most effective in the United States. Sobeloff also served as Secretary of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal (1942), President of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare (1944), and member of the Jewish Center Division Executive Committee, National Jewish Welfare Board, amongst other positions. From 1964 through 1969, Sobeloff served as the Direction of Jewish Federation Council of Great Los Angeles.

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History

Isidore "Soby" Sobeloff was born on August 30, 1894 in Baltimore, Maryland. In his early career, Sobeloff worked as a reporter and later city editor. In 1922, Sobeloff enrolled in the Jewish Welfare Board Training School. Upon completion of the course, Sobeloff became Executive Direction of the Jewish Community Center in New Jersey.

In 1932, Sobeloff married Edith Mozorosky and the Sobeloffs had one son, Jonathan.

From 1937 to 1964, Sobeloff was the Director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit. During his tenure, he made the Jewish philanthropic campaign in Detroit among the most effective in the United States. Prior to Sobeloff coming to Detroit, the Allied Jewish Campaign had raised \$350,690 from 9,908 contributor. In 1942, Under Sobeloff's leadership, the Allied Jewish Campaign raised \$900,000 and had over 22,000 contribution. During Sobeloff's tenure in Detroit, he raised more than \$125,000,000. Sobeloff also served as Secretary of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal (1942), President of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare (1944), and member of the Jewish Center Division Executive Committee, National Jewish Welfare Board, amongst other positions.

From 1964 through 1969, Sobeloff served as the Direction of Jewish Federation Council of Great Los Angeles.

Sobeloff died in November 1995, at the age of 99.

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Scope and Content

The bulk of this collection deals with both personal and personal correspondence as well as various speeches written by Sobeloff for various organizations. The memory letters from Sobeloff's 97th birthday as well as the parody "That was the Week that Was" gives a more personal look at his legacy.

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Arrangement

Folders are mainly arranged alphabetically. Box 3 contains oversized books and posters.

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Acquisition

Papers donated to the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives by the Sobeloffs' granddaughters, Debbie and Judy Sobeloff, in November 2015.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by volunteers of the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

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

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Records

Transfers

Photographs are housed at the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives, Max M. Fisher Federation Building, Bloomfield Hills, MI.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
American Jewish Congress, c1933	Box 1	Folder 1
Articles, Sept 1942 - Aug 1969	Box 1	Folder 2
Better Times Welfare Magazine, 4 Mar 1935	Box 1	Folder 3
Biographical, 1942 - 1981	Box 1	Folder 4
Brochure - A Committee Looks to You, 1950	Box 1	Folder 5
Correspondence - Business, 1922 - 1992	Box 1	Folder 6
Correspondence - Personal, Aug, 1926 - Jan, 1997, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 7
Hebrew Union College, 1969 - 1970	Box 1	Folder 8
Lawsuit - Sobeloff vs. Slyder, 1918	Box 1	Folder 9
Ninety-Seventh Birthday - Memorial Letter, 1996	Box 1	Folder 10
Oral History (Incomplete) Conducted by Council of Jewish Federation, 5 March 1985	Box 1	Folder 11
Pamphlets, 1935 - 1966	Box 1	Folder 12
Papers, 1935 - 1966	Box 1	Folder 13
Parody "That Was the Week that Was", 10 June 1964	Box 2	Folder 1
Publication - Journal of Jewish Communal Services, 1950, 1972, 1978	Box 2	Folder 2
Simon Sobeloff - Misc, 1954 - 1992, n.d.	Box 2	Folder 3
Speeches - Misc, 1945 - 1952, n.d.	Box 2	Folder 4
Speeches - Misc, 1954 - 1976, n.d.	Box 2	Folder 5
Study - Future Development of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews, March 1937	Box 2	Folder 6
Book -Inquiry of the United Jewish Appeal by Elisha M. Friedman, 1940	Box 3	Folder 1

Book - Proceedings of the National Conference of Jewish Social Service, 1933	Box 3	Folder 2
Book -The Function of a Sectarian Welfare Program in a Multi-Group Society by Arnold Gurin, 1965	Box 3	Folder 3
Book - The Turbulent Decades, 1958 - 1978, Volume 1, by Graenum Berger	Box 3	Folder 4
Book - The Turbulent Decades, 1958 - 1978, Volume 2, by Graenum Berger	Box 3	Folder 5
The National Conference of Jewish Communal Service Certificate, 1973	Box 3	Folder 6
Poster - International Conference of Jewish Communal Service, 1985	Box 3	Folder 7
Poster - World Conference of Jewish Communal Service, 1989	Box 3	Folder 8
Poster - Family Motto, 1992	Box 3	Folder 9