

JCA: Sholem Aleichem Institute Records

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1926-2000, bulk 1950s-1980s

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Creator: Sholem Aleichem Institute

Acquisition: The records of the Sholem Aleichem Institute were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1996 and opened for research in August 1997.

Language: Material is mostly in English, some materials in Yiddish.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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

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History

In 1926, a group of dedicated people who felt the need for an independent, nonpartisan Jewish school in Detroit founded the Sholem Aleichem Institute. This group evolved into an adult organization that has engaged in numerous educational, cultural and social activities over the decades. The Sholem Aleichem Institute is a secular, cultural Jewish organization that holds Jewish holiday observances, Onegai Shabbat on topics of general Jewish interest, and many cultural and social activities. One of its major aims is to perpetuate the use of the Yiddish language. It strives to provide for its members a sense of belonging to the Jewish people through meaningful Jewish activities.

Important Subjects

- Jewish culture: arts, media and heritage
- Jews--Education
- Yiddish language

Scope and Content:

These records contain board minutes, newsletters, activity information packets and mailings, and memorabilia from the organization, its women's reading circle and the school during its 70-year existence. Some of the materials are in Yiddish. Box 9 contains photographs.

Arrangement

Arranged in a single series. Folders are arranged chronologically for groupings of the newsletters, board minutes, and activities and mailings.

Box 1

1. Sholem Aleichem News, 1954 June-1955 March
2. Sholem Aleichem News, 1955 April-1956 March
3. Sholem Aleichem News, 1956 April-December
4. Sholem Aleichem News, 1957 January-September
5. Sholem Aleichem News, 1957 October-1958 March
6. Sholem Aleichem News, 1958 April-December
7. Sholem Aleichem News, 1959 January-June
8. Sholem Aleichem News, 1959 September-1960 January
9. Sholem Aleichem News, 1960 February-June
10. Sholem Aleichem News, 1960 September-December

Box 2

1. "Sai-So" newsletters, undated, probably 1960s
2. Sholem Aleichem News, 1961 January-June
3. Sholem Aleichem News, 1961 September-December
4. Sholem Aleichem News, 1962 January-May
5. Sholem Aleichem News, 1962 June-December
6. Sholem Aleichem News, 1963 January-June
7. Sholem Aleichem News, 1963 September-December
8. Sholem Aleichem News, 1964 February-1965 May
9. "emphasis" newsletter, 1965 October-November
10. "emphasis" newsletter, 1966 January-December
11. "emphasis" newsletter, 1967 January-1968 April
12. Sholem Aleichem News, 1972 December-1974 September
13. "Kasrilevke Korner" newsletter, 1974-1977
14. "Kasrilevke Korner" newsletter, 1977 October-1981 June

Box 3

1. Board minutes, Yiddish, 1942
2. Board minutes, Yiddish, 1943-1944
3. Board minutes, Yiddish, 1945-1946
4. Board minutes, Yiddish, 1949
5. Board minutes, Yiddish, 1950-1951
6. Board minutes, bylaws, 1953-1958
7. Board minutes, 1959-1960
8. Board minutes, 1961-1963
9. Board minutes, 1964-1965
10. Board minutes, 1966-1967
11. Board minutes, 1968-1973

Box 4

1. Board minutes, 1974
2. Board minutes, 1975
3. Board minutes, 1976
4. Board minutes, 1977
5. Board minutes, 1978
6. Board minutes, 1979
7. Board minutes, 1980
8. Board minutes, 1981
9. Board minutes, 1982
10. Board minutes, 1983
11. Board minutes, 1984
12. Board minutes, 1985
13. Board minutes, 1987
14. Board minutes, 1988

Box 5

1. Board minutes, 1989 November-December
2. Board minutes, 1990
3. Board minutes, 1991
4. Board minutes, 1992
5. Board minutes, 1993
6. Board minutes, 1994
7. Board minutes, 1995

Box 6

1. Activities and mailings, 1940s-1960s
2. Activities and mailings, 1971, 1972
3. Activities and mailings, 1973
4. Activities and mailings, 1974
5. Activities and mailings, 1975
6. Activities and mailings, 1976
7. Activities and mailings, 1977
8. Activities and mailings, 1978
9. Activities and mailings, 1979
10. Activities and mailings, 1980
11. Activities and mailings, 1981
12. Activities and mailings, 1982
13. Activities and mailings, 1983
14. Activities and mailings, 1984-1985
15. Activities and mailings, 1991-1995

Box 7

1. Membership brochures, 1950s-1960s
2. Mortgage, 1958
3. Holiday books, 1950s

4. Holiday books, 1960s, 1970s
5. Year books, 1960-1966
6. Newspaper articles, 1980s
7. Frances Driker, memoirs, 1990
8. 70th anniversary celebration, 1996

Box 8

1. Women's Reading Circle, minutes, Yiddish, 1936-1937
2. Women's Reading Circle, minutes, Yiddish, 1937-1938
3. Women's Reading Circle, minutes, Yiddish, 1940
4. Women's Reading Circle, minutes, Yiddish, 1954-1956
5. Women's Reading Circle, minutes, Yiddish, 1957-1968
6. Women's Reading Circle, minutes, Yiddish, 1969-1976
7. Cultural committee, minutes, 1952-1953, 1965
8. Mittleschul, minutes, Yiddish, 1946, 1947, 1951
9. School curriculum, undated
10. Phyllis Robb, observations, undated

Box 9

1. Photographs, general, 1950s-1970s
2. Class photographs, 1928-1930s
3. Nursery photographs, 1947-1948
4. Memorial plaques, Yiddish and English, undated
5. Book on Sholem Aleichem, Yiddish, undated
6. Mailing list, 1991
7. Committee address book, 1963-1964
8. Early history, financial reports, 1926
9. Various documents, 1942-1944
10. Correspondence, 1947-1948
11. Speeches, correspondence, various documents, 1950s-1960
12. Yiddish (Hebrew?) materials, various dates
13. Photographs, 1985
14. "Join Us in Remembering Moishe Haar," booklet, 2000