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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Walter P. Reuther Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
<b>Title:</b>	JCA: Jewish Apartments and Services Records
<b>ID:</b>	UR002345
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1966-1999
<b>Physical Description:</b>	13 Linear Feet (14 MB, 3 OS)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>The Jewish Apartments and Services Records spans the years 1966 through 1999. It reflects the growth and development of the agency that provides residential services for senior adults in seven facilities in the Detroit area. The Prentis and Teitel Apartments are located in Oak Park and the Hechtman and Meer Apartments in West Bloomfield, adjacent to the facilities of the then-extant Jewish Community Centers. The Apartments serve the Jewish community, primarily. However, they are non-sectarian. Various funding sources were utilized in the construction and in on-going operations. Several buildings utilized HUD financing, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and private donors provided additional funding. Both subsidized and market-rate apartments are available. Through the years, there has been a name change from the original Jewish Federation Apartments to the Jewish Apartments and Services (JAS). In 2010, JAS merged with the Jewish Home and Aging Services, an agency that also provides residential services, to become Jewish Senior Life. The collection includes annual reports, board and committee minutes and reports, construction and design plans, correspondence and financial information, and documents on residents' activities and recruitment. There is a strong emphasis on the three phases of construction that include architects' plans, design and funding information.</p>

## Citation Style

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

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## History

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The Jewish Apartments and Services Records spans the years 1966 through 1999. It reflects the growth and development of the agency that provides residential services for senior adults in seven facilities in the Detroit area. The apartments are located in Oak Park and West Bloomfield, Michigan, adjacent to the facilities of the then-extant Jewish Community Centers. The Prentis and Teitel Apartments are located in Oak Park and the Hechtman and Meer Apartments in West Bloomfield.

The Apartments serve the Jewish community, primarily. However, they are non-sectarian and have a small, diverse population. Various funding sources were utilized in the construction and ongoing operations. Several buildings utilized HUD financing, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and private donors provided additional funding. Both subsidized and market-rate apartments are made available. Through the years, there has been a name change from the original Jewish Federation Apartments to the Jewish Apartments and Services (JAS). In 2010, JAS merged with the Jewish Home and Aging Services, an agency that also provides residential services, to become the Jewish Senior Life.

Jewish Apartments and Services (Jewish Senior Life) Properties: Phase 1: Anna and Meyer Prentis Jewish Apartments, Phase I, opened in 1972, 132 apartments. 15100 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, MI.

Phase 2: Anna and Meyer Prentis Apartments, Phase II, opened in 1979, 100 apartments. 15100 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, MI.

Phase 3: Lillian and Samuel Hechtman Jewish Apartments, Phase I, opened in 1983, 102 apartments. 6690 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI.

Phase 4: Harriett and Ben Teitel Jewish Apartments, opened in 1989, 150 apartments. 15106 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, MI.

Phase 5: Lillian and Samuel Hechtman Apartments, Phase II, opened in 1992, 98 apartments. 6690 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI.

Phase 6: Norma Jean and Edward Meer Jewish Apartments, opened in 2001, 100 apartments. 6760 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI.

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## Scope and Content

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These records include annual reports, board and committee minutes and reports, construction and design plans, correspondence and financial information, and documents of residents' activities and recruitment. There is a strong emphasis on the three phases of construction, which includes architects' plans, design and funding information.

Important Subjects: Community Service. Detroit (Mich.). Housing. Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. Jews--Charities. Philanthropy. Senior centers.

Important Names: William Avrunin. Lea Rubel. Leonard N. Simons.

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## Arrangement

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Finding aid revised by Gavin Strassel. Finding aid revised and part 2 added by Aimee Ergas. Finding aid proofread and updated by Aimee Ergas. 2014-09-17 2015-12-21 2020-07-10

## Acquisition

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

## Processing History

Collection arranged by Dorothy Kaufman, Ariella Young, and Jewish Apartments and Services staff in 2003. Finding aid revised by Gavin Strassel on September 17, 2014; further revised and Part 2 added by Aimee Ergas, December 21, 2015. The finding aid was proofread and updated by Aimee Ergas, July 2020.

## Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Collections in the Jewish Community Archives at the Reuther Library, particularly Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Records, Jewish Home for the Aged Records, and Auxiliary for Jewish Home and Aging Services Records. Personal papers: Leonard N. Simons Papers, Robert Aronson Papers.

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- Community service

- Detroit (Mich.)
- Older people
- Senior centers
- Social service
- Housing
- Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives

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