

JCA: Auxiliary for Jewish Home and Aging Services Records  
7.5 linear feet (1 SB, 7 MB, 4 OS)  
1930s-2007 (bulk 1950s-1990s)

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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**Accession Number:** UR002521

**Creator:** Jewish Home and Aging Services, formerly Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit

**Acquisition:** Deposited by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit in February 2014 and June 2015, as part of the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives.

**Language:** Material entirely in English.

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

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

**Notes:** Citation style: "Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives: Auxiliary for Jewish Home and Aging Services, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

**Related Material:** JCA Jewish Home for the Aged Records, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Records

PLEASE NOTE: Material in this collection has been arranged by series ONLY. Folders are not arranged within each series – we have provided an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout several boxes within any given series.

## **History**

The Auxiliary for the Jewish Home and Aging Services (formerly the Jewish Home for the Aged) was established along with the incorporation of the first Jewish Old Folks Home in Detroit in 1907. This organization has also been known as the Jewish Home for the Aged Auxiliary and is most recently known as Jewish Senior Life Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is an independent agency that receives funding from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit.

It was primarily a women's service organization until the mid-1930s, when it formally became the Auxiliary. Its mission is to render services to and enhance the lives of residents of the various senior homes and facilities of the Jewish community. Volunteers have always played an important role in the Auxiliary, being actively involved in programming and fundraising to support the services of the Jewish Home and Aging Services.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection, which dates from the 1930s, is divided into three series. Series 1 includes administrative proceedings of the officers, various documents and correspondence, individual presidents' record books, memorabilia of various programs and events, as well as photographs of residents and activities. Series 2 includes photographs and two scrapbooks. Series 3 is made up of oversize containers with scrapbooks and three quilts made by residents and staff of senior residence facilities in various years, including an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt dated from 1987. Note that several of the scrapbooks in Series 2 and 3 are in fragile condition. These records were initially arranged by a committee of the Jewish Home and Aging Services and finalized by volunteers at the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives and the Collections Archivist for Jewish Detroit at the Reuther Library.

## **Important Subjects:**

- Community-based social services
- Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
- Senior citizens
- Volunteer workers in social services

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into three series.

Series 1: Documents and scrapbooks, 1930s-2007, boxes 1-6

Series 2: Photographs, 1950s-2000, boxes 7-8

Series 3: Oversize boxes: scrapbooks and textiles, 1930s-1987, boxes 9-12

Folders in each series are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within each series.

**Series 1****Box 1**

1. Minutes and reports, 1959
2. Minutes and reports, 1958
3. Minutes and reports, 1957
4. Minutes and reports, 1956
5. Minutes and reports, 1955
6. Minutes and reports, 1954
7. Minutes and reports, 1953
8. Minutes and reports, 1952
9. Minutes and reports, 1950-1951
10. Executive Board minutes and bank statements, 1947-1948
11. Executive Board minutes and bank statements, 1946-1947
12. Minutes and reports, 1945-1949

**Box 2**

1. Minutes and reports-gift shop, constitution and bylaws, 1976
2. Minutes and reports, 1975
3. Minutes and reports, 1974
4. Minutes and reports, 1973
5. Minutes and reports, 1972
6. Minutes and reports, 1971
7. Minutes and reports, 1968, 1969
8. Minutes and reports, 1966
9. Minutes and reports-simcha and memorial fund, dues, bulletins, 1965
10. Minutes and reports, 1964
11. Minutes and reports, 1963
12. Minutes and reports, 1962
13. Minutes and reports, 1961
14. Minutes and reports, 1960

**Box 3**

1. Board meeting minutes and documents, 1984-1999
2. Minutes and reports, 1983
3. Minutes and reports, 1982
4. Grant request and Jewish Home for Aged history, 1982
5. Minutes and reports, 1981
6. Minutes and reports, 1980
7. Minutes and reports, 1979
8. Minutes and reports, 1978
9. Minutes and reports, 1979

**Box 4**

1. President's book, Evelyn Levine, 2001-2003
2. President's book, Geri Margolis, 1999-2001
3. President's book, Sandy Boykansky, 1997-1999

4. President's book, Joanne Zuroff, 1996-1997
5. President's book, Joanne Zuroff, 1995-1996
6. President's book, Hannah Moss, 1994-1995
7. President's book, Hannah Moss, 1993-1994
8. President's book, Pearlina Bodzin, 1992-1993
9. President's book, Pearlina Bodzin, 1991-1992
10. President's book, Bea Breiner, 1990-1991

### **Box 5**

1. Documents on history of Jewish Home for Aged, various years
2. Jewish Home for Aged, J.H. and Aging Services, bylaws, 1959-1991
3. Golden Age Cookbook, undated
4. Borman Hall renovation update, undated
5. Donor luncheon program, 1933
6. Brochure and documents, 1938-1949
7. Scrapbook, 1950s
8. Scrapbook, 1957
- 9-10. Scrapbook, 1958-1966
- 11-12. Scrapbook, 1968-1970
13. Welcome booklet, 1977
14. Various documents and clippings, 1980-1987
15. Prentis Manor activities, 1978-1980
16. Board and volunteer recognition, 1980
17. Installation luncheon, 1980
18. Event with Senator Doug Ross, 1981
19. Volunteer recognition and membership tea, 1981
20. Sophie Shifrin, poetry, 1981
21. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1982
22. Fleischman gift shop repair, 1994
23. Auxiliary bulletins, 1960s-1990s
24. Fleischman Residence event, 1999
25. Tribute dinner for past presidents, 2000
26. Program book, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2007

### **Box 6** unfolded

- Scrapbook, 1976-1977
- Scrapbook, 1982-1984

### **Series 2**

#### **Box 7**

1. Photos: Borman Hall, 1966-1980s
2. Photos: Borman Hall, 1983-1992
3. Photos: Borman Hall, entertainment, undated
4. Photos: Borman Hall, residents, 1980
5. Photos: Butzel Camp, 1983, 1984
6. Photos: Fleischman Residence, 1980s-1990s

7. Photos: Leadership, 1966, 1979
8. Photos: Membership tea, 2000
9. Photos: Petoskey Avenue Home, residents and events, various years
10. Photos: Prentis Manor residents, undated
11. Photos: Prentis Manor, 1978

**Box 8**

1. Photos: Prentis Manor, 1979-1980
2. Photos: Prentis Manor, 1980s
3. Photos: Prentis Manor, 1990s
4. Photos: Prentis Manor, 1990-1992
5. Photos: Various, 1950s
6. Photos: Various, 1980-1982
7. Photos: Volunteer project for muscular dystrophy, 1980

**Series 3** Oversize boxes

**Box 9** unfolded

- Quilt, possibly linen, embroidered in brown thread, probably with names of residents and families, undated
- Quilt, possibly linen, embroidered in blue, yellow and red thread, probably with names of residents and families, undated
- Small box of membership and leadership pins

**Box 10** unfolded

- Two quilts, possibly linen, embroidered in brown thread, probably with names of residents and families, undated

**Box 11** unfolded

- Quilt, honoring 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jewish Home for the Aged. Cotton fabrics, multi-colored fabric and thread, many decorations glued on including small trinkets.
- Metal dedication plaque, 1987

**Box 12** unfolded

- Scrapbook, 1938-1963
- Scrapbook, 1967-1976