Helen Dushkin Papers
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1912-1984, bulk 1947-1948

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Creator: Helen Dushkin, 1896-

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Abstract
Helen Dushkin, maiden name Sachse, was born in Aranac County in 1896. Her family moved to Bay City and then to Detroit, where she would remain. Helen Sachse first attended Cass School (later Cass High School and then Cass Technical High School) and then Central High School. At Central High School, she earned top grades and gave speeches, including a commencement toast in 1914. This collection contains her written recollections from Central High School, as well as her report cards, student essays, a commencement program, and copies of her speeches.

Helen Dushkin was an outside correspondent for the Detroit News and the Jewish Chronicle. She also served as the President of the Women’s Division of the American Jewish Congress. Additionally, she participated in the Council of Jewish Women, the Committee on Interracial and Intercultural Understanding in the Schools, the Women’s Auxiliary of the United Hebrew Schools, the League of Women Voters, the Torch Fund, and the Speakers Bureau.

In addition to the papers regarding Central High School, this collection also contains the meeting minutes, correspondence, and reports from the Committee on Interracial and Intercultural Understanding in the Schools. The committee’s goal was to promote interracial and intercultural education in Metro Detroit Schools through calculated curriculum, trained school personnel, and active parent-teacher organizations.

Important Subjects:
Equality, Racial
Judaism and culture
Schools -- Michigan

Important Names:
Central High School
Detroit, Michigan
Dushkin, Helen, 1896-
Jewish Community Center

Arrangement
The original order of the collection has been preserved.

Box 1
1. Report cards and commencement materials, 1912-1914
2. Recollections of Central High School, 1984
3. Speeches given by Helen Dushkin at Central High School, n.d.
5. Committee on Interracial and Intercultural Understanding in the Schools, 1947-1948
6. Contact notecards and name vote for Intercultural Committee, circa 1947