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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections Division. |
| Compiler: | Barkan, Mary Flynn |
| Title: | Collection on the Las Vegas Jewish Community |
| ID: | MS-00426 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1964-2006 |
| Physical Description: | 6.85 Linear Feet 11 boxes |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Collection on the Las Vegas (Nevada) Jewish Community spans from 1964 to 2006 and is mainly comprised of scrapbooks, genealogies, ephemera, and other material produced by or for the community. The Hadassah scrapbooks date from 1964 through 1971 and contain invitations, photographs, and records of events and fundraising efforts. Material related to various congregations includes bulletins, fliers, correspondence (form letters), photographs, newspaper clippings, and recorded media. The Jewish Genealogy Society records include bulletins, newsletters, and meeting agendas. Also included is a family genealogy. |

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Biographical note on Mary Flynn Barkan

Genealogist and former teacher Mary Flynn Barkan (1949-) is an active member of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada (JGSSN) and a past president of the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries. She moved to Las Vegas, Nevada with her husband Barry Barkan in 1977. She taught at Cashman Junior High School before leaving the Clark County School District in 1981 to work at her husband's company DeBarry Packaging. Mary Barkan became a member of the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries in the early 1980s and joined the Board of Directors in 1983. She also served as

president of the organization and managed the warehouse of books that the Friends sold to raise money for library projects. As a member of JGSSN, Barkan conducts genealogical research and teaches others how to document their family histories. For nine years she was editor of JGSSN's quarterly bulletin *Family Legacies*. She was honored by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) in February 2007 for her dedication to preserving historical records.

Barkan was born in Quantico, Virginia on March 3, 1949. She was raised in Yuma, Arizona and graduated from Yuma High School in 1967. Barkan earned her degree in Secondary Education from the University of Arizona and taught English at her former high school, during which time she met her future husband Barry Barkan. The couple lived in Tucson, Arizona while Barry completed his doctorate and Mary finished her masters. They were married in Yuma on January 29, 1977 and moved to Las Vegas in the summer of 1977.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Collection on the Las Vegas Jewish Community is comprised mainly of records of Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish organizations from 1964 to 2006. The organizations documented by the collection include local congregations, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southern Nevada, the Las Vegas/Southern Nevada chapter of Hadassah, and the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada. Newsletters from various Las Vegas Jewish organizations from 1998 to 2006 make up a large part of the collection. The Las Vegas/Southern Nevada chapter of Hadassah is also well-documented by scrapbooks from the 1960s and 1970s, as well as meeting minutes, budgets, and bylaws from 1993 to 1997. The collection also contains genealogical research materials, including name indexes of the newsletters and scrapbooks in the collection. It also contains genealogical information assembled by Mary Barkan, including family histories related to Barry Barkan, her husband.

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Arrangement

These records are organized into three series:
Series I. Las Vegas Jewish community records, 1988-2004;
Series II. Genealogical materials, 1998-2006;
Series III. Hadassah records and scrapbooks, 1964-2001.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research. Portions of this collection have been digitized and are available online at <http://d.library.unlv.edu/cdm/search/searchterm/MS-00426>

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Acquisition Note

Multiple individuals contributed to this collection before its donation to UNLV. Mary Flynn Barkan was the lead volunteer in compiling the materials that were donated as accession number 2001-06. Related materials from various persons were added to the collection from 2001 to 2007.

Additions

Further additions are anticipated.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore in 2013-2014. In 2014 Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2015 further processing work was performed on the collection and the finding aid was revised by Emily Lapworth as part of the Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Joyce Moore in 2014 to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. It was revised again by Emily Lapworth to reflect further processing as part of the Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project. June 2015

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Controlled Access Headings

- Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History

- Women--Nevada--Clark County--Societies and clubs
- Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Southern Nevada Chapter
- Temple Beth Sholom (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada
- Barkan, Mary Flynn

Collection Inventory

Las Vegas Jewish community records, 1988-2004

Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet 5 boxes

Scope and Contents Note

This series is comprised of records created by congregations and other organizations in the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish community from 1988 to 2004. In addition to newsletters from various congregations in the Las Vegas Valley and the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada, the series also includes form letters, fliers, programs, invitations, photographs, audiovisual materials, and other ephemera documenting the events and activities of the Jewish community.

| Title/Description | Containers | |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| Temple Beth Sholom form letters to congregants, 1999-2003 | Box 1 | Folder 1 |
| Temple Beth Sholom form letters to congregants, 2003-2004 | Box 1 | Folder 2 |
| Fliers for various events in the Jewish community, 2003 | Box 1 | Folder 3 |
| Guides for ceremonies and celebrations, undated | Box 1 | Folder 4 |
| Invitations to events in the Jewish Community, 1997-2004 | Box 1 | Folder 5-6 |
| Tashlich photographs, 2000 | Box 1 | Folder 7 |
| Temple Beth Sholom dedication program and yarmulke, 2000 | Oversized box 11 | |
| Future Chabad Center of Summerlin/Desert Shores program calendars, 2002-2004 | Box 02 | |
| Booklets | | |
| Temple Beth Sholom Books of Memory, 1988-1999 | Box 2 | Folder 1 |
| Happy New Year booklets, 2000-2004 | Box 2 | Folder 2 |
| Kol Nidre Appeal, 1998-2003 | Box 2 | Folder 3 |
| Various booklets, undated | Box 2 | Folder 4 |
| Temple Beth Sholom Women's League newsletter Vision, 2001-2003 | Box 2 | Folder 5 |
| Newsletters, 2000-2004 | | |
| Ahavat Torah newsletter, 2000 | Box 3 | Folder 1 |
| Bet Knesset Bamidbar, 2000 | Box 3 | Folder 2 |
| Chabad Times, 2000-2002 | Box 3 | Folder 3 |

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| Chabad Times, 2003-2004 | Box 3 | Folder 4 |
| Congregation Ner Tamid, 2000 | Box 3 | Folder 5 |
| Midbar Kodesh newsletter Kol Bamidbar, 2001-2002 | Box 3 | Folder 6 |
| Adat Ari El newsletter Kol Ari El, 2000 | Box 3 | Folder 7 |
| Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada newsletter Survivors' Chronicle, 1998-2001 | Box 4 | Folder 1 |
| Temple Beth Sholom newsletter The Bulletin, 2000-2004 | Box 4 | Folder 2-5 |
| Temple Beth Am newsletter The Shofar, 2000-2001 | Box 4 | Folder 6 |
| Audiovisual recordings, 1998-2004 | | |
| Midbar Kodesh remarriage of converts to Judaism: Chrissy and David Krasin, Maxine and Roland Muse, 1998 June 18 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 VHS tapes | Box 5 | |
| Here and Now, 2004 March 22 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 CDs | Box 5 | |
| "Meet Me at Brooklyn and Soto," celebrating the Jewish community of East L.A., undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 VHS tapes | Box 5 | |
| Temple Beth Sholom, The Torah of Life, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 CDs | Box 5 | |

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Genealogical materials, 1998-2006

Physical Description: 0.8 Linear Feet 2 boxes

Scope and Contents Note

This series is comprised of materials from 1998 to 2006 that document the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southern Nevada (JGSSN) and genealogical research done by Mary Barkan. JGSSN records include newsletters, meeting announcements, an index of the newsletters, an index of names from the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and an index of names from Las Vegas synagogue bulletins. Mary Barkan's genealogical research materials, created around the year 2000, include an autobiographical account of living in Las Vegas from 1977 to 2000 and family histories related to her husband, Barry Barkan.

| Title/Description | Containers | |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada newsletter Family Legacies index of surnames and articles, 2000 | Box 6 | Folder 1 |
| Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada meeting announcements, 1998-1999 | Box 6 | Folder 2 |
| Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada newsletter Family Legacies, 1998-2006 | Box 6 | Folder 3 |
| Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada certificates, 1999 | Box 8 | Folder 5 |
| Family Histories | | |

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| Avery, Maxine biography, undated | Box 6 | Folder 4 |
| Barkan-Avrum Hyman Putterman descendants, undated | Box 6 | Folder 5 |
| Barkan, Barry Flynn interview and family information, 2000 | Box 6 | Folder 6 |
| Barkan-Bramnick descendants, undated | Box 6 | Folder 7 |
| Barkan-Gedalje descendants, undated | Box 6 | Folder 8 |
| Barkan-Girsh Gruzin descendants, undated | Box 6 | Folder 9 |
| Barkin-Mordechai Suffis descendants, undated | Box 6 | Folder 10 |
| Barkan-Yosef Makogan descendants, undated | Box 6 | Folder 11 |
| Barkan, Hersh Veiv Schwartz descendants, undated | Box 7 | Folder 1 |
| Living in Las Vegas 1977-2000 by Mary Flynn Barkan, 2000 | Box 7 | Folder 2 |
| Barkan-Menaham Ahron Moskovics descendants, undated | Box 7 | Folder 3 |
| Barkan-Feisiel Isador Korencz descendants, undated | Box 7 | Folder 4 |
| Muse, Clyde Roland interview, 2000 | Box 7 | Folder 5 |
| Muse, Roldan Family, undated | Box 7 | Folder 7 |
| Muse, Maxine Avery interview and scanned photographs, 2000 | Box 7 | Folder 8 |
| Muse-Miller-Goldberg Family, undated | Box 7 | Folder 9 |
| Muse-Abraham Kitajchik descendants, undated | Box 7 | Folder 10 |
| Muse-Clar descendants, undated | Box 7 | Folder 11 |
| Muse-Kauffman Family, undated | Box 7 | Folder 12 |
| Las Vegas synagogue bulletins index of names, 2000 | Box 7 | Folder 13-14 |
| Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery index, 1999 | Box 7 | Folder 15 |
| Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery marked Jewish burials (digital files: Microsoft Access database), undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 CDs | Box 5 | |

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Hadassah records and scrapbooks, 1964-2001

Physical Description: 4.2 Linear Feet 2 boxes and 2 flat boxes

Scope and Contents Note

This series is comprised of records of the Las Vegas/Southern Nevada chapter of Hadassah from 1964 to 2001. Materials include awards, board meeting minutes, budgets, bylaws, calendars, and certificates. Photographs and scrapbooks from the 1960s and 1970s chronicle the many activities of the organization. The series also includes two large banners.

Title/Description

Containers

Awards, 1965-1973

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| | Oversized box 11 | |
| Awards, 1967, 1991 | Box 8 | Folder 1 |
| Board meetings, 1995-1997 | Box 8 | Folder 2 |
| Budgets, 1995-1997 | Box 8 | Folder 3 |
| Bylaws, 1993 | Box 8 | Folder 4 |
| Calendars | | |
| Las Vegas Chapter, 1974-1975 | Oversized box 11 | |
| Las Vegas Chapter, 1993-2001 | Box 02 | |
| Hadassah calendars and name index, 1993-2001 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 CDs | Box 5 | |
| Photographs, approximately 1960-1975 | Box 8 | Folder 6 |
| National Convention program, 1998 | Box 8 | Folder 7 |
| Scrapbook pages, 1972-1975 | Box 8 | Folder 8 |
| Surname indexes for 1964-1971 scrapbooks, 2000-2001 | Box 8 | Folder 9-15 |
| Hadassah-Shoshanim group meetings, 1996-1997 | Box 8 | Folder 16 |
| Scrapbook pages, 1967-1971 | Box 9 | Folder 1-5 |
| Scrapbook, 1964 | Oversized box 10 | |
| Scrapbook, 1965-1966 | Oversized box 10 | |
| Banner, undated | Oversized box 11 | |
| Proclamations and certificates, 1987-1990 | Oversized box 11 | |
| Banner, undated | Roll 1 | |

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