

## **Guide to the Jewish Family Service Agency Records**

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Jewish Family Service Agency of Clark County, Nevada
<b>Contributor:</b>	Levinson, Bea
<b>Title:</b>	Jewish Family Service Agency Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00386
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1954, 1977-2013
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.6 Linear Feet (2 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	128 Digital Files (0.168 GB) PUB, JPG, XML
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Jewish Family Service Agency (JFSA) records (1954, 1979-1993) contain organizational records, minutes, committee information, planning documents, newspaper clippings, newsletters, photographs, and volunteer information collected by Bea Levinson. There are also two folders of material about Bea Levinson, who was chairperson of the JFSA Long Range Planning Committee.

### Citation Note

Jewish Family Service Agency Records, 1954, 1977-2013. MS-00386. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Organizational History

The Jewish Family Service Agency of Clark County, Nevada (JFSA), founded in 1977, provides professional social services to clients in need, including counseling, senior services, adoption, a food pantry, and emergency financial aid. Its focus is on the Jewish community, but the JFSA serves families and individuals regardless of their religion, race, age, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin. Services are provided in a confidential setting, and many are offered free of charge or on a sliding scale. The JFSA is inspired by the Jewish principle "Tikkun Olam," or "repairing the world one life at a time."

During the tenure of director Mitchell Gilbert (2003-2006), the JFSA split from the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas, fearing a loss of autonomy after the federation affiliated with the United Jewish Communities. As of 2015, the JFSA is once again a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation, and the President of the Board is Barbara Raben.

Sources:

"About Us." *Jewish Family Service Agency*. Accessed February 5, 2015. <http://www.jfsalv.org/about/>.  
Marschall, John P. *Jews in Nevada: a history*. Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2008.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The collection is mainly comprised of records (1954, 1977-2013) created by the Jewish Family Service Agency of Clark County, Nevada and includes organizational records, meeting minutes, planning documents, newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs, and volunteer information. There are two folders of material about Bea Levinson, who was chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

Collection is open for research. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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### Acquisition Note

Material was donated in 1997 by Bea Levinson; accession number 97-02. Additional material was donated in 2015 by the Jewish Family Service Agency; accession number 2015-083.

## Processing Note

In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2015, as part of the Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project, Emily Lapworth revised the arrangement and description of the collection.

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## Related Materials

### Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:  
 Barbara Raben Collection on the Las Vegas Jewish Community, 1976-2015. MS-00655. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

- Jews -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Societies
- Photographs
- Jews -- Societies, etc.

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## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Bea Levinson awards, photograph, and correspondence, 1954, 1993	box 1
Scrapbook pages (mostly newspaper clippings), 1977-1990	box 1
Bea Levinson report, Displaced Homemaker, 1979	box 1
Fliers, 1980s-1990s	box 1
Mission statement and by-laws, 1984	box 1
Orientation manual, 1989	box 1
Meeting minutes and supporting documents, 1990	box 1

Long Range Planning Committee minutes and supporting documents, 1990	box 1
Newsletters, 1990	box 1
Newspaper clippings and photographs of JFSA picnic, 1990-1991	box 1
Volunteer information, 1990s	box 1
Chai on News JFSA newsletter volume 1, issues 1 and 2, 1998	box 2
Newspaper clippings, 1998-2004	box 2
"Jewish Family Service Agency helping Holocaust survivors" news segment, 2000 February 16 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 2
Photographs of events; articles and advertisements, 2004-2010 Physical Description: 8 Optical Discs Digital photographs, Microsoft Word and Publisher documents, and NPP files. Files have been ingested into the digital repository.	box 2
Food pantry photographs and newspaper articles, 2007-2008 and undated	box 2
9th Annual Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival program, 2010	box 2
Tzedakah event planning documents and speeches, 2013	box 2
Digital files, approximately 2000 to 2005	digital file 00