Guide to the Jewish Family Service Agency Records

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Summary Information


Creator: Jewish Family Service Agency of Clark County, Nevada

Contributor: Levinson, Bea

Title: Jewish Family Service Agency Records

ID: MS-00386

Date [inclusive]: 1954, 1977-2013

Physical Description: 0.6 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Abstract: 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


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:
Scope and Contents Note

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.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

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.

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.

Names and Subjects

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

Collection Inventory

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<td>Scrapbook pages (mostly newspaper clippings), 1977-1990</td>
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<td>Bea Levinson report, Displaced Homemaker, 1979</td>
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<td>Fliers, 1980s-1990s</td>
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<td>Mission statement and by-laws, 1984</td>
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