

Guide to the Burt and Wilma Bass Photographs and Programs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Bass, Burt (Burton)
Contributor:	Bass, Wilma
Title:	Burt and Wilma Bass Photographs and Programs
ID:	MS-00716
Date [inclusive]:	1976-1987 and undated
Physical Description:	28 Digital Files (transferred electronically; no physical carrier)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Burt and Wilma Bass photographs and programs mainly document the Bass' involvement in the Jewish community of Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as their personal and professional lives. Images date from 1976 to 1987 and are entirely digital.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note for Burt Bass

Burton Bass (1932-) is a photographer and owner of Burton Studio in Las Vegas, Nevada. He grew up in Brooklyn, New York and practiced photography from the time he was a child. Bass opened his first professional photography studio in 1962, shortly after he married Wilma Frank in 1960. In 1974 the couple moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where Bass worked for his brother-in-law Ed Frank's check cashing businesses. In 1979 Bass opened his own photography business, Burton Studio. He later added services such as fingerprinting, background checks, and photographs for identification cards. His business partner, Larry Burton, became manager of the business after Bass retired.

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Biographical Note for Wilma Bass

Wilma (Frank) Bass (1939-) is a retired Las Vegas, Nevada jewelry salesperson. Born and raised in New York, New York, Bass graduated from high school around 1958. She married Burt Bass in 1960 and the family moved to Las Vegas in the 1974. Wilma Bass was involved in theater from the time she was ten years old, and when she moved to Las Vegas she put her talents to use writing, directing, and producing shows for the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom and ORT (a Jewish education and vocational training organization founded in Russia in 1880, originally named Obshestvo Remeslennogo zemledelcheskogo Truda).

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Scope and Contents Note

The Burt and Wilma Bass photographs and programs (1976-1987 and undated) mainly document Burt Bass' work as a photographer and Wilma Bass' involvement with the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom. The collection includes undated photographs taken by Burt Bass depicting Moe Dalitz and awards given to Moe Dalitz. Also present are two photographs and two programs from the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom 1976 annual fashion show luncheon, which included the original musical comedy "Ladies In Politics: If We Ruled The World," written, produced, and directed by Wilma Bass, Judy Frank, and Jean Weinberger. Other photographs depict Burt Bass and Rita Rudner (undated) and a Mountain Region convention of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (approximately 1977). Materials are entirely digital.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research. Collection is available at: <http://d.library.unlv.edu/cdm/search/searchterm/MS-00716>

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Acquisition Note

In 2015, Burt and Wilma Bass donated digital surrogates, but retained the original items; accession number 2015-032.

Existence and Location of Originals

This collection is comprised exclusively of digital surrogates. The donor retained the original items.

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Names and Subjects

- History -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Jews -- Societies, etc.
- Dalitz, Morris

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Programs and photographs of Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom presents "Ladies In Politics: If We Ruled The World" annual fashion show luncheon and original musical comedy, 1976	
Photograph of Mountain Region Convention of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, approximately 1977	
Photograph of Shelley Berkley and Al Gore at an event for Gore's 1988 presidential campaign, probably 1987	

Photograph of Moe Dalitz, undated

Photographs of awards presented to Moe Dalitz, undated

Photograph of Burt Bass and Rita Rudner, undated