

## **Guide to the Miriam "Mimi" Katz Papers**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Katz, Mimi (Miriam)   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Miriam "Mimi" Katz Papers   |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | MS-00721  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1940s-2015  |
| <b>Date [bulk]:</b>              | 2002-2014   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 2.4 Linear Feet (3 boxes)   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 3 Digital Files   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | The Miriam "Mimi" Katz Papers are mainly comprised of materials documenting Katz's involvement with community organizations in Las Vegas, Nevada from the 1940s to 2015 (the bulk of the materials date from 2002 to 2014). A large portion of the collection consists of planning documents, correspondence, event programs, newsletters, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, photographs, and other records related to Katz's involvement in the Brandeis National Committee Las Vegas Chapter and the Temple Beth Sholom Women's League. The collection also includes similar types of materials that document Katz's work with other community groups such as the Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada and the League of Women Voters, and her work on the political campaigns of Democratic state and federal politicians. |

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## Biographical Note

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Miriam "Mimi" Katz (1926-2015) was a convention sales and community relations representative and community activist in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born Miriam Goldberg on April 25, 1926 in Boston, Massachusetts, she married George Katz and moved to Las Vegas in 1957. She worked for Clark County

School District briefly before leaving to raise her family. After her three daughters grew older, Katz worked in convention sales for the Las Vegas Hilton, Sands, and Sahara hotels. During the 1980s she handled community relations for the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas and worked with Edythe Katz-Yarchever to develop and manage the Federation's Holocaust education program, which later became the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center. Katz also volunteered many hours to numerous charitable, community, civic, educational, Jewish, and Democratic organizations and causes. Temple Beth Sholom, Easter Seals, Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary, Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Brandeis National Committee Las Vegas Chapter, and Volunteers in Medicine are some of the organizations with which she was involved. She also worked on both of Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns and organized candidate nights at Temple Beth Sholom during elections. Mimi Katz passed away on April 11, 2015.

Sources:

"In Memory of Mimi Katz." *Dignity Memorial*. Accessed June 18, 2015. <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Mimi-Katz&lc=1006&pid=174618530&uuid=f5b9915d-4418-43bc-afee-de4601e084dc>.

Juhl, Wesley. "Mimi Katz, 88, remembered for life of service." *Las Vegas Review Journal*. April 14, 2015. <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas/mimi-katz-88-remembered-life-service>.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Miriam "Mimi" Katz papers are mainly comprised of materials documenting Katz's involvement with community organizations in Las Vegas, Nevada from the 1940s to 2015 (the bulk of the materials date from 2002 to 2014). A large portion of the collection consists of planning documents, correspondence, event programs, newsletters, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, photographs, and other records related to Katz's involvement in the Brandeis National Committee Las Vegas Chapter and the Temple Beth Sholom Women's League. The collection also includes similar types of materials that document Katz's work with other community groups such as the Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada and the League of Women Voters, and her work on the political campaigns of Democratic state and federal politicians. The personal papers within the collection include photographs and certificates of appreciation, and the history of the Las Vegas Jewish community is described in compositions by Jerome D. Countess and George Katz.

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## Arrangement

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These papers are organized into three series:

Series I. Brandeis National Committee Las Vegas Chapter records, 2006-2012;

Series II. Temple Beth Sholom Women's League records, 2001-2006;

Series III. Other community involvement records and personal papers, 1940s-2015.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research. Portions of this collection are digital and available online at <http://d.library.unlv.edu/cdm/search/searchterm/MS-00721>

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 by Miriam Katz's daughter, Nancy Katz; accession number 2015-095.

### Processing Note

Materials were processed and described at the series level by Emily Lapworth in 2015.

### Existence and Location of Originals

Some items in this collection are digital surrogates. The donor retained the original items.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Jews -- Societies, etc.
- Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Political campaigns
- Women -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Community organization -- Nevada -- Clark County -- History
- Photographs

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## Collection Inventory

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### **Brandeis National Committee Las Vegas Chapter records, 2006-2012**

box 01

Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: The "Brandeis National Committee Las Vegas Chapter records" series mainly consists of planning documents, correspondence (including emails), event programs, newspaper clippings, reports, and newsletters created or collected by Miriam "Mimi" Katz in the course of her work for the chapter from 2006 to 2012. Materials document events and activities such as general meetings, the installation of officers, and Book and Author Luncheons.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

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### **Temple Beth Sholom Women's League records, 2001-2006**

box  
01-02

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: The "Temple Beth Sholom Women's League records" series mainly consists of by-laws, correspondence, invitations, newsletters, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, profit and loss statements, photographs, and event planning documents created or collected by Miriam "Mimi" Katz in the course of her work for the league from 2001 to 2006.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

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### **Other community involvement records and personal papers, 1940s-2015**

box  
02-03

Physical Description: 0.9 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (Transferred electronically; no physical carrier)

Scope and Contents Note: The "Other community involvement records and personal papers" series mainly consists of materials created and collected by Miriam "Mimi" Katz from the 1940s to 2015 that document her involvement in the Las Vegas, Nevada community. This series contains a substantial amount of political campaign materials documenting Katz's volunteer work for state and federal candidates such as John Kerry, Dina Titus, Bill Clinton, and Al Gore. Katz was involved in the League of Women Voters and Temple Beth Sholom's Meet the Candidates nights, which is reflected in records and planning documents in this series. Records of other special events that Katz helped to plan for Temple Beth Sholom and its Active Adults program, as well as the Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada, are also included in this series. The history of the local Jewish

community is described in compositions by George Katz and Jerome D. Countess. Finally, this series includes some personal items documenting Katz's life, including photographs, certificates of recognition, and her obituary and memorial service program.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

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