

## **Guide to the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center Records**

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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>	Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center (Las Vegas, Nev.)
<b>Title:</b>	Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00733
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1971-2015
<b>Physical Description:</b>	18.51 Linear Feet (10 boxes, 2 oversize boxes, and 2 oversize flat files)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8.36 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection mainly consists of correspondence, event planning documents, financial records, subject files, and newspaper clippings from 1971 to 2014 created by or related to the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center and the Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust. Materials document educational conferences, remembrance events, and student field trips; curriculum planning, involvement with the Clark County School District, and educational materials about the Holocaust and other related historical events; and grant and fundraising activities. The collection also includes some photographs and proclamations.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Background of the Sterling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center

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The Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center of Las Vegas, Nevada is a lending library of books and materials related to the Holocaust, as well as "a hub for Holocaust Education activities and programs in Nevada." Free and open to the public, it was established in 1980 with an endowment from the Lloyd and Edythe Katz family in memory of Edythe's parents Gertrude and Hyman Sperling. Lillian and Henry Kronberg and Judy and Ron Mack fund a media center within the library, which also contains a collection of Holocaust artifacts. The Holocaust Resource Center provides teacher training workshops

about the Holocaust and its outreach program promotes Holocaust awareness and educational opportunities. According to founding chairperson Edythe Katz Yarchever, the Center's "main purpose is, and always has been, to educate the community through the lessons of the Holocaust, by teaching respect for human dignity and the value of cultural and ethnic differences." Its motto is: "remembering the past to preserve the future."

Katz Yarchever was formerly also the chairperson of Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust, which the Center continues to collaborate with. Other organizations that the Holocaust Resource Center works with include: the Clark County School District, the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada, the Northwest Reno Library (home to their "sister" Holocaust Collection), the Washoe County School District, the Nevada State Department of Education, and the Anti-Defamation League's "No Place for Hate" program. The Center was founded under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas but is no longer part of the Federation.

Sources:

"History." Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center. Accessed February 17, 2015. <http://www.lvresourcecenter.com/history/>.

Wexler-Margolies, Lynn. "Faces of Hope: A Tribute to Las Vegas' Holocaust Survivors." David Magazine. Accessed February 17, 2015. <http://davidlv.com/2013/04/think/FacesOfHope.php>.

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## **Historical Background of the Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust**

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The Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust was established by the Nevada Legislature in 1989 under Nevada Revised Statute 233G. The duties of the Council are to develop educational programs for children and adults on issues related to the Holocaust, to create reports, and to advise public and private bodies throughout Nevada on Holocaust education. It is also responsible for its own fundraising, although some money is allocated by the legislature. The Council consists of eleven members appointed by the governor. It works with the Clark County School District, the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada, the Anti-Defamation League, and other organizations to develop curriculum and programs for students, hold teacher education workshops, and provide funding for speakers and materials. The Council supports two research collections: the Shia Szut Holocaust Research Collection in Washoe County at the Northwest Branch Library and the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center Library and Media Center in Las Vegas. Edythe Katz-Yarchever was the first chairperson of both the Council and the Holocaust Resource Center. In 2015 Doug Unger was chairperson and Katz-Yarchever was honorary chairperson.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The collection mainly consists of correspondence, event planning documents, financial records, subject files, photos, and newspaper clippings from 1971 to 2012 created by or related to the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center and the Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust. Materials document educational conferences, remembrance events, and student field trips; curriculum planning, involvement with the Clark County School District, and educational materials about the Holocaust and other related historical events; and grant and fundraising activities. The collection also includes some photographs and proclamations.

The records are mainly related to events and activities in Las Vegas, where the Holocaust Resource Center is located, but there is also information about the Shia Szrut Holocaust Research Collection in Washoe County at the Northwest Branch Library and other Holocaust events such as a 1983 Holocaust Conference in Mesquite, Nevada; Southern Utah State College's Jewish Week in Cedar City, Utah in 1984; and the University of Nevada, Reno's Festival for Peace in 1996. Local events that are documented in the collection are mainly annual Holocaust Education Conferences held in Las Vegas from 1994 to the early 2000s but also include Yom Hashoah Days of Remembrance; traveling exhibits such as "Anne Frank in the World" (1988-1989) and "Anne Frank- a History for Today" (2006); and a visit from the Ambassador of Bulgaria, Philip Dimitrov, in 2000. Financial reports, fundraising letters, and Nevada Humanities Committee grant records and correspondence provide information about the Advisory Council's fundraising and disbursement of funds. The collection also contains subject files about Holocaust scholars, Holocaust education, second-generation Holocaust survivors, and historical events such as the Yugoslav Wars in the 1990s and Japanese internment in the U.S. during the 1940s.

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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## Processing Note

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

Sperling Kronberg and Mack Holocaust Resource Center Round Table, Interview, 2014 September 04. OH-02460. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Holocaust survivors
- Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Jews -- Societies, etc.

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
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Correspondence, event planning documents, financial records, subject files, and newspaper clippings, 1971-2012	box 01 box 02 box 03
"Voices of the Holocaust," "Nevada Youth Discover the Holocaust" DVDs, undated	box 03
Newspaper clippings, 1982-2009	box 04
Local government proclamations designating Holocaust remembrance days, 1979-2009	box 04 box 05
Poster boards of photographs, 1979-2000s	box 05
Oversize copy of The Jewish Reporter newspaper clipping about Holocaust Conference, 1991 April	box 05
Oversize photo of Edythe Katz-Yarchever, 2000s	box 05
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, photos, and correspondence related to the Holocaust and memorial and education efforts, 1995	box 05
Holocaust education conference programs, Holocaust education in Nevada clippings and communications, State of Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust meeting minutes, communication, and paperwork, thank you cards from teachers and students given to the Holocaust Resource Center, 1997-2014	box 06
Holocaust Education and Curriculum correspondence, articles about the Holocaust, Clark County School District Professional Development Education program materials relating to Holocaust education conference including the topics: "One Survivor Remembers," "Art of the Holocaust," and "Rescue and Resistance," Proclamation and correspondence about the Holocaust Remembrance Week in Nevada, 1984-2014	box 07
Photographs including: Holocaust education conferences, interior of the Holocaust Resource Center, educational displays at the Holocaust Resource Center, 1994-1997	box 08
Photograph albums including: photos of Holocaust education conference and the Holocaust Resource Center's Wall of Hope, and participants at the Wall of Hope opening, 1994-2012	box 09
Israeli flag	box 10
Tote bag signed by students and given to the Holocaust Resource Center	box 11
City of North Las Vegas "Days of Remembrance" Proclamation, educational display board with stories from Holocaust survivors, and photographs of Holocaust Remembrance Day and various unidentified events, 1990s-2014	box 12
United States Holocaust Museum educational panels, 1990s	flat file 01
Poster boards with photos of various educational events held by the Holocaust Resource Center, 1980s-1990s	flat file 02