A Finding Aid to
The Wexner Foundation Records

Manuscript Collection No. 872
Collection Summary

Title: The Wexner Foundation Records
Dates: 1986-2006
Collection Number: MS-872
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator: Wexner Foundation
Extent: 31 linear feet (31 record cartons)
Language of the Material: English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch
The Wexner Foundation and the Wexner Heritage Foundation (now part of The Wexner Foundation) were established by Leslie Wexner in 1984. The Wexner Heritage program was designed to provide young North American Jewish volunteer leaders with a two-year intensive Jewish learning program, thus deepening their understanding of Jewish history, values, and texts and enriching their leadership skills.

The Wexner Foundation appeared early on the scene of Jewish private philanthropy and in many ways played a special role in pioneering a new field that has grown to include dozens of private foundations that devote themselves on a national and international scale to the needs of the Jewish people. The Wexner Foundation has never wavered from its focus upon Jewish leadership, and its professionalism, standards of program excellence, and strong relationships with Jewish communities and organizations have created a model of practice for Jewish private philanthropy.


Scope and Content
The Wexner Foundation Records consist primarily of the records of the Wexner Heritage Program. These include syllabi and readings for seminars and institutes held in various cities through the United States with a yearly summer session in Jerusalem, along with evaluations of these seminars and institutes by the participants. Also included in the records are general files of correspondence, budgets, and meeting minutes.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged in two (2) series: A. Wexner Heritage Program; B. The Wexner Foundation Newsletters.

Access Restrictions
Some restrictions apply to this collection. Folders marked restricted are unavailable for public access until 2020.

Preferred Citation
Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to The Wexner Foundation Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-872. The Wexner Foundation Records. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Index Terms

Subjects: Charities / Jerusalem / Jewish leadership / Jewish learning and scholarship / Jewish philanthropists
Personal Names: Wexner, Leslie H., 1937-
Corporate Names: Wexner Foundation / Wexner Heritage Foundation
Series A. Wexner Heritage Program, 1986-2006

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1-31. Chronological files [Restricted until 2020], 1986
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Box 17. Folder 1-94. Summer Institute. Syllabi and readings, 1999
Box 24. Folder 1-17. Seminars and Institutes. Syllabi and readings, 2002-2004
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Box 31. Folder 1-17. Seminars and Institutes. Evaluations [Restricted until 2020], 2001-2005

Scope and Content Note  Weekly newsletter of The Wexner Foundation.

Box and Folder Listing

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