

**A Finding Aid to the Jewish Community  
Center (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records. 1951-2001.**

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## Introduction

<b>Repository:</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio)
<b>Title:</b>	Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records
<b>Dates:</b>	1951-2001
<b>Quantity:</b>	3.0 linear feet (3 record cartons)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Jewish Community Center Records consist primarily of correspondence, meeting minutes, nearprint, and publicity materials.
<b>Collection Number:</b>	MS-879
<b>Language:</b>	Collection material in English.

## Institutional Sketch

Before the turn of the century, the Jewish Community Center began as a small settlement house in Cincinnati's West End. By 1932, that house had developed into a full-service family agency with a constitution and far-reaching cultural, educational, recreational, and social services. For nearly three decades, the Center's programs were housed in several Avondale locations. By 1960, the Center moved to a new location in Roselawn--into facilities specifically designed to accommodate its unique services and growing membership. In 2008, the Center moved into the Manuel D. & Rhoda Mayerson JCC, located on The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati Campus in Amberley.

The Jewish Community Center provides the Jewish and secular communities of Greater Cincinnati with resources, facilities and programs which enhance their physical, intellectual and social lives. One of the JCC's most popular programs was The Forum, founded by Clarence E. "Mike" Israel in 1934. The Forum was a year-round lecture series that promoted civil rights and civil liberties, notable because of the high caliber speakers that it was able to bring to Cincinnati. Throughout its nearly 40 year history, The Forum hosted such speakers as Justice Thurgood Marshall of the Supreme Court, author and lecturer Norman Cousins, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and two-time Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling.

## Scope and Content Note

The Jewish Community Center records consist primarily of correspondence, meeting minutes, nearprint, and publicity materials. Included are general records of the JCC; minutes and awards of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee in conjunction with the Association of Jewish Libraries; and records of The Forum lecture series. These records provide insight into the many facets of the role the Jewish Community Center plays in the Jewish community of Cincinnati, as well as the wider Cincinnati community, as reflected in the programming activities of the JCC.

## Arrangement Note

This collection is arranged in two (2) series:

Series A. Records. 1985-2001.

Series B. Forum Series. 1951-1988.

## Restrictions

### Terms of Access

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## Related Material

### Related Collections

Clarence E. Israel Papers. 1957-1985. MS-662.

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School (Cincinnati, Ohio). Scrapbook. 1991-2000. X-505.

Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio). Constitution. May 27, 1946. SC-1970.

Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio). Forum Series. 1970-1977. C-1540 to C-1541; TR-1501 to TR-1530.

Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio). Annual Meetings. [videorecordings] 1991-1993. VT-641 to VT-643.

Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio). TACapades. [videorecording]. 2000. VT-644.

Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio). Photographs. PC-717A.

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-879. Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Provenance

The Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records were received from the Jewish Community Center, Cincinnati, Ohio in August, 1992. Additional records were received in January, 2005.

### Processing Information

Processed by Michelle Wirth Detroit, December, 2012.

This collection was arranged and described according to minimal-processing standards. Funding, in part, for the arrangement and description of this collection was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

### Accruals and Additions

Accruals are expected to this collection.

## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the AJA Online Catalog.

## The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

Israel, Clarence E., 1909-1991.

Jewish Community Center (Cincinnati, Ohio).

Jewish community centers.

Jews -- Books -- Awards.

Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati.

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## Box Folder Listing

### Series A. Records. 1985-2001. [1 record carton]

Scope and Content Note: Series A. Records consists of general records of the JCC, including meeting minutes, membership services, activities, and publicity materials. Also included in this series are records of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee. The Sydney Taylor Book Award is presented annually to outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience. Presented by the Association of Jewish Libraries since 1968, the award encourages the publication and widespread use of quality Judaic literature.

- 1 1-6 General records. 1992-2001.
- 1 7-29 Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee Records. 1985-1996.

### Series B. Forum Series. 1951-1988. [2 record cartons]

Scope and Content Note: Series B. Forum Series consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, suggested speakers, publicity, brochures, and news clippings.

- 2 Forum Series general records. 1951-1978. [24 folders]
- 3 Forum Series and Civil Rights (Clarence E. "Mike" Israel Files). 1955-1988. [22 folders]