

**A Finding Aid to the North Shore Oral History Collection. 1997-2002.**

**Manuscript Collection No. 880**

**Creator: North Shore Oral History Project (Marblehead, Mass.)**



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

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## Introduction

<b>Repository:</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	North Shore Oral History Project (Marblehead, Mass.)
<b>Title:</b>	North Shore Oral History Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1997-2002
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 linear feet (2 record cartons)
<b>Abstract:</b>	A collection of interviews of Russian Jewish emigres, their American volunteers, and staff of the Jewish Federation of North Shore (Marblehead, Massachusetts), which document the experiences of individuals involved with Russian resettlement efforts in the North Shore region of Massachusetts.
<b>Collection Number:</b>	MS-880
<b>Language:</b>	Collection material in English

## Institutional Sketch

Bernice Kazis, former Director of Russian Resettlement, Jewish Family Service, initiated the oral history project to record the community effort that resulted in resettling 6,000 Russian Jewish emigres into the North Shore region of Massachusetts. She enlisted the help of Zelda Kaplan, an oral historian, and together they defined the scope of the project and conducted 110 interviews of new Americans, their American volunteers, and staff of the Jewish Federation of North Shore (Marblehead, Massachusetts). *Short Stories of a Long Journey: An Oral History of Russian Jewish Resettlement North of Boston*, based on these interviews, was published in 2002.

## Scope and Content Note

The North Shore Oral History Collection consists of interviews conducted from 1997-2002 with 110 individuals involved with the Russian Resettlement program. The interviews are recorded on cassette tapes, with transcripts and information sheets included for each interview. When a full transcript is not provided, a summary of the content of the interview is included. Interviews vary in length and detail, but most touch on the following topics: Jewish life in the former Soviet Union; the process of preparation for departure once permission was granted; the work of volunteers in readying living situations for the newcomers; the first challenges and satisfactions of settlement in Lynn; and the place of Judaism in the lives of the new Americans. A copy of *Short Stories of a Long Journey: An Oral History of Russian Jewish Resettlement North of Boston* is also included.

## Arrangement Note

This collection is arranged in one (1) series:

Series A. Oral Histories. 1997-2002.

## Restrictions

### Terms of Access

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Oral history interviews of the North Shore Oral History Project and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-880. Oral history interviews of the North Shore Oral History Project. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Provenance

The North Shore Oral History Collection was received from Zelda Kaplan, Beverly, Mass. in March, 2013.

### Processing Information

Processed by Michelle Wirth Detroit, March, 2013.

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

No further 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.

Bakal, Elaine.

Immigrants -- Russia.

Jewish Federation of North Shore (Marblehead, Mass.)

Jews -- Massachusetts -- Marblehead.

Jews -- Russia.

Kaplan, Zelda.

Kazis, Bernice.

Marblehead (Mass.)

Oral histories.

Soviet Jewry.

United States. National Historical Publications and Records Commission

## Box Folder Listing

### Series A. Oral Histories. 1997-2002. [2 Record Cartons]

Arrangement Note: Arranged alphabetically by last name of interviewee.

- 1       Audiocassettes. 1997-2002. [81 audiocassettes]
- 2       Transcripts. 1997-2002. [21 folders]