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**A Finding Aid to the
Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations
(Cincinnati, Ohio) Records**

Manuscript Collection No. 52



Collection Summary

Title	Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records
Dates	1920-1977
Collection Number	MS-52
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Extent	1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

The Cincinnati, Ohio--Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations was founded in February 1923 as a federation of thirteen Jewish women's organizations. The first meeting was called by Mrs. Belle Lowenstein, and Mrs. Charles Iglauer was elected the first president. Among the initial thirteen organizations were: the Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, Plum Street Sisterhood, Prospect Place Sisterhood, Jewish Consumptive Relief Society, the Sick Poor Society, Big Sisters, Branch #5, Ruth Lodge, Jewish Ladies Sewing Society, and the Jewish Social Service Bureau.

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations was developed as a Council of presidents and appointed representatives of various Jewish organizations with a goal of creating better understanding and co-operation between the various organizations. The three areas of their work have included philanthropy, education, and religion. The essential function of the Federation was to coordinate activities among the various women's groups and to share more equitably the responsibilities, both financial and moral, which the women of Cincinnati saw as their commitment to the Jewish community.

Another function of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations was to develop conferences and educational programs, parliamentary procedure courses, to act as an agent for the membership in the collection of Red Cross funds, and to participate in the sale of UNICEF cards. Yearly they sent representatives to the United Nations' Council and the Council of World Affairs.

By 1970 the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations contained thirty constituent organizations and was a member of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.

Scope and Content

The collection reflects the activities and the membership of the Federation, as well as the various organizations involved with the Federation. The bulk of the collection includes the agenda and minutes of meetings, 1923-1948 and 1959-1977, and includes pamphlets, brochures, and letters describing their activities and concerns.

Arrangement

Organized into seven (7) series: A. By-laws; B. General Correspondence; C. Agendas, Calendars, and Prayers of the Meetings; D. Rosters; E. Presidential Reports; F. Financial Records; G. Organizations.

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Provenance

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Index Terms

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Corporate Names Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Media By-laws / Minutes

Series A. By-laws, 1923-1977

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. By-laws, 1923-1977

Series B. General Correspondence, 1949-1977

Scope and Content Note Includes various letters to organizations within the Jewish community and the community at large.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1949-1952

Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1962-1977

Series C. Agendas, Calendars, and Prayers of the Meetings, 1920-1977, undated

Extent 0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note The series marks the various activities and concerns of the Federation.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 4. Agendas and minutes, 1920-1949

Box 1. Folder 5. Agendas and minutes, 1958-1970

Box 1. Folder 6. Agendas and minutes, 1971-1977

Box 1. Folder 7. Calendars, 1961-1977

Box 1. Folder 8. Prayers, undated

Series D. Rosters, 1959-1977

Scope and Content Note Includes two folders, one which catalogs the membership of the Federation itself, and another that delineates the membership of the various organizations within the Federation.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 9. Rosters of Federal Councils, 1959-1977

Box 2. Folder 1-2. Rosters of various societies, 1959-1977

Series E. Presidential Reports, 1969-1976

Scope and Content Note Consists of handwritten reports of the presidents of the Federation.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 3. Presidential reports, 1969-1976

Series F. Financial Records, 1950-1977

Scope and Content Note Includes two ledgers which cover the activities of the Federation and a series of cancelled checks.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 4. Reports and ledgers, 1950-1977

Series G. Organizations, 1947-1977

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Includes correspondence with various groups such as the Cincinnati Council of World Affairs, the International Visitors Center, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Jewish Federation, the Red Cross, the United Nations, and the Women's Groups to save Soviet Jewry.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 3. Folder 1. Cincinnati Council on World Affairs, 1972-1977

Box 3. Folder 2. International Visitors Center, 1967-1969

Box 3. Folder 3. Jewish Community Center, 1975-1976

Box 3. Folder 4. Jewish Community Relations Council, 1970-1977

Box 3. Folder 5. Jewish Federation, 1962, 1969-1977

Box 3. Folder 6. Red Cross--Operation Helpmate, 1967-1970

Box 3. Folder 7. United Nation/UNICEF, 1947-1948, 1950-1952, 1967-1977

Box 3. Folder 8. Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry, 1971-1974