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## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Women of Reform Judaism Records
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<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Founded in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1913 as the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS), Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) is a national organization representing 100,000 women in 600 local Sisterhoods throughout the United States, Canada, and thirteen other countries. It is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the central body of Reform Judaism in North America.

Largely at the instigation of Mrs. Abram (Carrie) Simon of Washington D.C. and Rabbi George Zepin, the director of Synagogue and School Extension of the UAHC, the sisterhoods of the Reform congregations of America were federated in 1913. The first meeting of the NFTS brought together 156 delegates from 49 sisterhoods. Mrs. Simon was elected temporary chair and later served as the NFTS's first president. Rabbi Zepin was elected executive secretary of the new organization.

Initially, the NFTS emphasized its religious role as an auxiliary and support to the synagogue and various institutions of Reform Jewry. Committees were set up on religious education, museums and Jewish ceremonial objects, scholarships for the Hebrew Union College (HUC), cooperation, and public relations. Within a few years, however, the NFTS set the pattern for taking stands on issues of national and international importance by passing a resolution protesting the passage of an immigration bill stipulating literacy tests for all immigrants entering the U.S.

By the end of World War I, NFTS membership reached 36,000, representing 258 Sisterhood groups. In 1921, a committee was organized to raise funds to build the Sisterhood Dormitory at the Hebrew Union College. NFTS raised \$345,000 and the project was completed in 1925. The aftermath of the war also stimulated work for peace. At the 6th Biennial Assembly in St. Louis (1925) a National Committee of Peace was established, and resolutions passed at the time reflect the growing concern of Sisterhood women for peace, justice, and the amelioration of suffering throughout the world.

Rapid growth throughout the 1920's saw the membership climb to 55,000, representing 342 temples by 1930. The format of the NFTS reflected many of the religious and secular organizations of the period. With the growth of cities, the middle class, and improved communications, businesses as well as civic and religious groups were increasingly forming national networks.

Delegates from each member Sisterhood met every two years in a national Biennial Assembly. At the Biennial Assembly, an Executive Board and Executive Committee were elected, and the work of the organization was carried out through national standing committees such as: Scholarships and Religious Education, Child Study and Parent Education, Committee on Hebrew Union College, Uniongrams, Youth Activities, Aid to Refugees, and Peace and World Relations.

In the 1930's, NFTS was instrumental in helping form the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) and the Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc. Efforts for world peace intensified and resolutions were passed on humanitarian aims in the fields of health, child labor, and work with immigrants and refugees. In 1933, Dr. Jane Evans was appointed executive secretary of NFTS, a post she held for over 50 years.

The post World War II period was marked by an era of rapid expansion in both membership and activities. In the mid-1990's, the NFTS changed its name to Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). With a membership nearing 100,000, it has become a major arm of the Reform movement, on the cutting edge of many important social and religious causes such as improving relations between Christians and Jews, efforts for world peace, and the struggle against poverty and racism in America.

Women of Reform Judaism is represented on the Board of Trustees of the UAHC, the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Executive Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the Commission on Social Action for Reform Judaism and other committees and commissions of Reform Judaism.

WRJ maintains a website: [wrj.org](http://wrj.org), publishes a newsletter, program guides, and materials relating to Jewish women's role in facing vital issues of the day in the home, congregation, and community. Other services include religious education aids, leadership training, and family education. WRJ's national office is in New York City.

#### Presidents

1913—1919 Carrie O. Simon

1919—1923 Hattie Wiesenfeld

1923—1929 Stella Freiberg

1929—1934 Martha L. Steinfeld

1934—1941 Gertrude W. Watters

1941—1946 Reina Hartmann

1946—1953 Frieda Rosett

1953—1957 Helen M. Dalsheimer

1957—1961 Daisy Monsky

1961—1965 Beatrice Hollobow

1965—1967 Marjorie Rukeyser

1967—1973 Norma U. Levitt

1973—1977 Betty Benjamin

1977—1981 Lillian Maltzer

1981—1985 Constance Kreshtool

1985—1989 Dolores Wilkenfeld

1989—1993 Judith M. Hertz

1993—1997 Judith O. Rosenkranz

1997—2001 Judith Silverman

2001—2005 Helene H. Waranch

2005—2009 Rosanne M. Selfon

2009— Lynn Magid Lazar

#### Executive Directors

1933—1976 Jane Evans

1976—1992 Eleanor R. Schwartz

1992—2003 Ellen Y. Rosenberg

2004—2011 Shelley Lindauer

2012- Marla J. Feldman

## Scope and Content

The Women of Reform Judaism is a major organization in American Jewry. Though affiliated with the Reform movement of Judaism, its influence reaches many areas of the Jewish and non-Jewish world through their programs, publications, and social welfare activities. The records of the WRJ document mostly the affairs of the national and upper administrative councils of the organization, being minutes, proceedings, and publications of the major boards and committees.

The bulk of the material covers the years 1930-1970 and does include scattered records of local committees and sisterhoods, as well as a few files of individual members, particularly Jane Evans.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in thirteen (13) series: A. Proceedings of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1913-1955; B. Biennial Assembly Records, 1913-1997; C. Administrative Records, 1931-1992; D. State and District Presidents' Council, 1948-1951; E. Circular Files, 1914-1963; F. Monthly Folios, 1940-1952; G. Board Folios, 1953-1970; H. President's Packets, 1956-1970; I. District President's Packets, 1956-1970; J. Local Sisterhood Reports, 1958-1961; K. Publications, 1930-2013; L. Audio-Visual Materials, 1983-2011; M. Miscellaneous, 1918-1999.

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**Series A. Proceedings of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1913-1955**

**Extent** 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of five published volumes that include annual reports, extensive committee reports, membership records, full-text addresses to biennial assemblies, minutes of the executive board and assemblies, revised constitutions and by-laws, and financial records. The Proceedings are an accessible and concise record of the activities and involvements of NFTS from its inception in 1913 until 1955.

**Arrangement**

The volumes of the Proceedings are arranged chronologically and each two-year segment contains an index.

**Box and Folder Listing**

- Box A-1. Folder 1. Volume I, 1913-1923
- Box A-1. Folder 2-3. Volume II, 1925-1930
- Box A-1. Folder 4-5. Volume III, 1931-1939

Box A-2. Folder 1. Volume III [continued], 1931-1939

Box A-2. Folder 2-3. Volume IV, 1942-1947

Box A-2. Folder 4-6. Volume V, 1947-1955

## **Series B. Biennial Assembly Records, 1913-1997**

**Extent** 4.4 linear feet (11 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Contains primarily full-text transcripts of the NFTS's national biennial assembly meetings. The transcripts, starting in 1921 and running through 1983, are a verbatim record of the reports, addresses, and discussions that occurred at the biennials. From 1957-1983 there are ancillary materials including memos, correspondence, working papers, and nearprint to accompany the transcripts. For the years 1985-1995 there are only biennial assembly programs which list speakers and sessions. Also included in Series B. are resolutions generated by the assemblies from the years 1913-1997.

**Arrangement** The transcripts are arranged chronologically, followed by the resolutions which are also arranged chronologically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box B-1. Folder 1. Transcript of proceedings, 4th biennial assembly, 1921

Box B-1. Folder 2. Transcript of proceedings, 6th biennial assembly, 1925

Box B-1. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 8th biennial assembly, 1929

Box B-1. Folder 4. Transcript of proceedings, 9th biennial assembly, 1931

Box B-1. Folder 5. Transcript of proceedings, 11th biennial assembly, 1935

Box B-2. Folder 1. Transcript of proceedings, 12th biennial assembly, 1937

Box B-2. Folder 2. Transcript of proceedings, 13th biennial assembly, 1939

Box B-2. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 14th biennial assembly, 1941

Box B-2. Folder 4. Transcript of proceedings, 15th biennial assembly, 1943

Box B-3. Folder 1. Transcript of proceedings, 16th biennial assembly, 1946

Box B-3. Folder 2. Transcript of proceedings, 17th biennial assembly, 1948

Box B-3. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 18th biennial assembly, 1950

Box B-4. Folder 1. Transcript of proceedings, 19th biennial assembly, 1953

Box B-4. Folder 2. Highlights of 40th anniversary biennial assembly, 1953

Box B-4. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 20th biennial assembly, 1955

Box B-4. Folder 4. Transcript of proceedings, 21st biennial assembly, 1957

Box B-4. Folder 5. Highlights of 21st biennial assembly, 1957

Box B-5. Folder 1. Transcript of proceedings, 22nd biennial assembly, 1959

Box B-5. Folder 2. Post-convention advanced leadership training, 1959

Box B-5. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 23rd biennial assembly, 1961

Box B-6. Folder 1. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 23rd biennial assembly, 1961

Box B-6. Folder 2. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 23rd biennial assembly, 1961

Box B-6. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 24th biennial assembly, 1963

Box B-6. Folder 4. Transcript of proceedings, 25th biennial assembly, 1965

Box B-7. Folder 1. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 26th biennial assembly, 1967

Box B-7. Folder 2. Transcript of proceedings, 27th biennial assembly, 1969

Box B-7. Folder 3. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 27th biennial assembly, 1969

Box B-7. Folder 4. Transcript of proceedings, 28th biennial assembly, 1971

Box B-8. Folder 1. Transcript of proceedings, 29th biennial assembly, 1973

Box B-8. Folder 2. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 29th biennial assembly, 1973

Box B-8. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 30th biennial assembly, 1975

Box B-8. Folder 4. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 30th biennial assembly, 1975

Box B-9. Folder 1. Transcript of proceedings, 31st biennial assembly, 1977

Box B-9. Folder 2. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 31st biennial assembly, 1977

Box B-9. Folder 3. Transcript of proceedings, 32nd biennial assembly, 1979

Box B-9. Folder 4. Transcript of proceedings, 33rd biennial assembly, 1981

Box B-10. Folder 1-2. Transcript of proceedings, 34th biennial assembly, 1983

Box B-10. Folder 3-5. Correspondence, programs, memos, circulars, working papers, 34th biennial assembly, 1983

Box B-10. Folder 6. Programs, 35th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th biennial assemblies, 1985-1995

Box B-11. Folder 1. Biennial assembly resolutions, 1913-1939

Box B-11. Folder 2. Biennial assembly resolutions, 1940-1959

Box B-11. Folder 3. Biennial assembly resolutions, 1963-1970

Box B-11. Folder 4. Biennial assembly resolutions and policy statements, 1921-1997

## **Series C. Administrative Records, 1931-1992**

**Extent** 4 linear feet (10 Hollinger boxes)

### **Arrangement**

Arranged into three (3) subseries: 1. Executive Board and Executive Committee Meetings, 1939-1981; 2. Institutes and Committees, 1940-1947; 3. Financial Statements, 1931-1992.

### **Subseries 1. Executive Board and Executive Committee Meetings, 1939-1981**

**Extent** 3.2 linear feet (8 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists largely of full-text transcripts of NFTS executive board meetings spanning the years 1939-1969 and 1977. There are scattered minutes from the executive board from 1962-1981. Transcripts for the executive committee exist for the years 1953 and 1955, and there are scattered minutes for 1962-1981. These transcripts are a verbatim record of the meetings, recording exactly what was said and by whom. A table of contents at the front of each transcript lists the meetings and agenda items. The executive board consisted of approximately 75 elected representatives from sisterhoods around the country while the executive committee was made up of NFTS elected officers.

## **Subseries 2. Institutes and Committees, 1940-1947**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Arrangement** Arranged chronologically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box C2-1. Folder 1. Speakers and Leaders Training Institute, 1940

Box C2-1. Folder 2. Re-uniting the War-time family: An Institute to Prepare the Home for the Returning Veteran and War Worker, 1945

Box C2-1. Folder 3. Post-war planning committee, 1945

Box C2-1. Folder 4. Institute on Judaism, 1946

Box C2-1. Folder 5. Steering committee: House of Living Judaism, 1947

## **Subseries 3. Financial Statements, 1931-1992**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box C3-1. Folder 1. Annual report (part 1), 1954-1955

Box C3-1. Folder 2. Annual report (part 2), 1954-1955

Box C3-1. Folder 3. Annual reports, 1955-1975

Box C3-1. Folder 4. President's reports, 1989-1992

Box C3-1. Folder 5. Financial statements, 1931-1936

Box C3-1. Folder 6. Financial statements, 1943-1964

Box C3-1. Folder 7. Financial statements, 1965-1975

## **Series D. State and District Presidents' Council, 1948-1951**

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

**Scope and Content Note** Contains transcripts of meetings of the NFTS State and District President's Council for the years 1948, 1949, and 1951. These are verbatim accounts of the meetings and include a table of contents that lists agenda items at the front.

**Arrangement** Arranged chronologically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box D-1. Folder 1. Transcript of District President's Council meeting (p. 1-200), 1948

Box D-1. Folder 2. Transcript of District President's Council meeting (p. 200-end), 1948

Box D-1. Folder 3. Transcript of District President's Council meeting (p. 1-199), 1949

Box D-1. Folder 4. Transcript of District President's Council meeting (p. 200-end), 1949

Box D-1. Folder 5. Transcript of District President's Council meeting (p. 1-194), 1951

## **Series E. Circular Files, 1914-1963**

**Extent** 10 linear feet (25 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of 50 bound volumes of the files of NFTS's various committees, departments, and projects. The volumes contain a great variety of materials including correspondence, nearprint, memos, circulars, and reports. At the beginning of each volume is a brief typed index listing its contents, and the volumes are titled by the department, program, or project that the papers reflect. This series is a rich resource documenting the daily work and interests of the NFTS over nearly 50 years.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box E-1. Folder 1-2. Scholarships, 1914-1932

Box E-1. Folder 3. Isaac Mayer Wise Memorial Fund, 1927-1932

Box E-2. Folder 1. Hebrew Union College. Sisterhood dormitory, 1920-1925

Box E-2. Folder 2. Comm. Co-operative [Also includes, Programs, 1915-1932 and Extension, 1914-1932.], 1914-1932

Box E-3. Folder 1. Religion, 1914-1932

Box E-3. Folder 2. Union Museum, 1916-1932

Box E-3. Folder 3. Religious schools [Also includes, Child study, 1923-1932.], 1914-1932

Box E-4. Folder 1. Uniongrams, 1915-1932

Box E-4. Folder 2. Student activities [Also includes, State federations, 1921-1932.], 1916-1932

Box E-4. Folder 3. Young folks [Also includes, Peace, 1923-1932 and Braille, 1917-1932.], 1927-1932

Box E-5. Folder 1. Executive board, 1914-1932

Box E-5. Folder 2. Convention, 1914-1931

Box E-6. Folder 1. Miscellaneous A, 1914-1932

Box E-6. Folder 2. Miscellaneous B, 1914-1932

Box E-7. Folder 1. Peace [Also includes, Braille, 1933-1941 and Religious education, 1933-1941.], 1933-1941

Box E-7. Folder 2. Miscellaneous, 1932-1937

Box E-8. Folder 1. Uniongrams [Also includes, Aid to refugees, 1933-1941 and Revision of by-laws, 1933-1941.], 1933-1941

Box E-8. Folder 2. Hebrew Union College Scholarship and religious education fund, 1933-1941

Box E-8. Folder 3. Religious schools, 1933-1941

Box E-9. Folder 1. Child study and parent education, 1933-1941

Box E-9. Folder 2. Convention, 1932-1941

Box E-9. Folder 3. Monthly folders, 1937-1938

Box E-9. Folder 4. Monthly folders, 1939

Box E-10. Folder 1. Youth activities [Also includes, State federations, 1933-1941 and Jewish ceremonials and art, 1933-1941.], 1933-1941



Box E-10. Folder 2. Programs, 1933-1941

Box E-10. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, 1938-1941

Box E-11. Folder 1. Braille [Also includes, Emergency services, 1942-1952.], 1942-1952

Box E-11. Folder 2. Executive board, 1942-1952

Box E-11. Folder 3. Family education, 1942-1952

Box E-12. Folder 1. Interfaith [Also includes, Jewish ceremonials and art, 1942-1952.], 1942-1952

Box E-12. Folder 2. Peace and world relations, 1942-1952

Box E-13. Folder 1. Programs, 1942-1952

Box E-13. Folder 2. Youth activities [Also includes, Revision of by-laws, 1942-1952; Religions extension, 1942-1952; and Religious schools, 1942-1952.], 1941-1952

Box E-13. Folder 3. Hebrew Union College Scholarship and religious education fund, 1935-1945

Box E-14. Folder 1. News releases [Also includes, Uniongrams, 1942-1952 and World Union, 1951-1952.], 1942-1952

Box E-14. Folder 2. Hebrew Union College Scholarships and religious education fund, 1942-1952

Box E-15. Folder 1. Miscellaneous, 1942-1948

Box E-15. Folder 2. Membership and administrative services, 1953-1955

Box E-16. Folder 1. Executive board [also includes, Executive committee, 1953-1955 and Miscellaneous, 1953-1955.], 1953-1955

Box E-16. Folder 2. Department of Religious Education, 1952-1955

Box E-16. Folder 3. Department on Advancement of Judaism, 1953-1955

Box E-17. Folder 1. Department on Human Relations, 1953-1955

Box E-17. Folder 2. Board of Directors, 1956-1961

Box E-18. Folder 1. House of Living Judaism, 1946-1952

Box E-18. Folder 2. Miscellaneous, 1949-1952

Box E-19. Folder 1. Department of Membership and Administrative Services, 1956-1961

Box E-19. Folder 2. Departments on Religion and Education, Human Relations, and District Federation, 1956-1961

Box E-19. Folder 3. President's packet, 1963

Box E-20. Folder 1. Department on Advancement of Judaism, 1956-1961

Box E-20. Folder 2. Board folio, 1963

Box E-21. Folder 1. Biennial, 1946-1950

Box E-21. Folder 2. Biennial, 1953-1955

Box E-22. Folder 1. Biennial, 1957

Box E-22. Folder 2. Biennial, 1959

Box E-23. Folder 1. Biennial, 1959

Box E-23. Folder 2. Biennial, 1961

Box E-24. Folder 1. Biennial, 1961

Box E-24. Folder 2. Biennial, 1963

Box E-25. Folder 1. Biennial, 1965

## **Series F. Monthly Folios, 1940-1952**

**Extent** 3.6 linear feet (9 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Series F through I consist of bound volumes of material sent from the NFTS headquarters to local sisterhoods. The volumes contain news of upcoming events, memos from committee chairs, copies of annual reports from other Reform organizations, information and suggestions for discussion of national and international affairs, departmental and committee reports, committee memos, fund raising materials, highlights of biennial assemblies, financial reports, and miscellaneous nearprint. The series document the frequent and close communication between the national office and its affiliated sisterhoods in local Reform congregations.

**Arrangement** Arranged chronologically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box F-1. Folder 1. Monthly folios, 1940  
Box F-1. Folder 2. Monthly folios, 1941  
Box F-1. Folder 3. Monthly folios, 1942  
Box F-2. Folder 1-2. Monthly folios, 1943  
Box F-3. Folder 1-2. Monthly folios, 1944  
Box F-4. Folder 1. Monthly folios, 1945  
Box F-4. Folder 2. Monthly folios, 1946  
Box F-4. Folder 3. Monthly folios, 1947  
Box F-5. Folder 1-2. Monthly folios, 1948  
Box F-5. Folder 3. Monthly folios, 1949  
Box F-6. Folder 1. Monthly folios, 1949  
Box F-6. Folder 2. Monthly folios, 1950  
Box F-7. Folder 1. Monthly folios, 1950  
Box F-7. Folder 2. Monthly folios, 1951  
Box F-8. Folder 1. Monthly folios, 1951  
Box F-8. Folder 2. Monthly folios, 1952  
Box F-9. Folder 1. Monthly folios, 1952

## **Series G. Board Folios, 1953-1970**

**Extent** 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Series F through I consist of bound volumes of material sent from the NFTS headquarters to local sisterhoods. The volumes contain news of upcoming events, memos from committee chairs, copies of annual reports from other Reform organizations, information and suggestions for discussion of national and international affairs, departmental and committee reports, committee memos, fund raising materials, highlights of biennial assemblies, financial reports, and miscellaneous nearprint. The series document the frequent and close communication between the national office and its affiliated sisterhoods in local Reform congregations.

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box G-1. Folder 1. Board folios, 1953  
Box G-1. Folder 2. Board folios, 1954  
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Box G-2. Folder 2. Board folios, 1957  
Box G-2. Folder 3. Board folios, 1958  
Box G-2. Folder 4. Board folios, 1959  
Box G-3. Folder 1. Board folios, 1960  
Box G-3. Folder 2. Board folios, 1961  
Box G-3. Folder 3. Board folios, 1962  
Box G-4. Folder 1. Board folios, 1964  
Box G-4. Folder 2. Board folios, 1965  
Box G-4. Folder 3. Board folios, 1966-1969  
Box G-4. Folder 4. Board folios, 1970

**Series H. President's Packets, 1956-1970**

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Series F through I consist of bound volumes of material sent from the NFTS headquarters to local sisterhoods. The volumes contain news of upcoming events, memos from committee chairs, copies of annual reports from other Reform organizations, information and suggestions for discussion of national and international affairs, departmental and committee reports, committee memos, fund raising materials, highlights of biennial assemblies, financial reports, and miscellaneous nearprint. The series document the frequent and close communication between the national office and its affiliated sisterhoods in local Reform congregations.

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box H-1. Folder 1. President's packets, 1956  
Box H-1. Folder 2. President's packets, 1957  
Box H-1. Folder 3. President's packets, 1958  
Box H-2. Folder 1. President's packets, 1959  
Box H-2. Folder 2. President's packets, 1960  
Box H-2. Folder 3. President's packets, 1961  
Box H-2. Folder 4. President's packets, 1962  
Box H-3. Folder 1. President's packets, 1963  
Box H-3. Folder 2. President's packets, 1964

Box H-3. Folder 3. President's packets, 1965

Box H-3. Folder 4. President's packets, 1966-1969

Box H-3. Folder 5. President's packets, 1970

## **Series I. District President's Packets, 1956-1970**

**Extent** 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Series F through I consist of bound volumes of material sent from the NFTS headquarters to local sisterhoods. The volumes contain news of upcoming events, memos from committee chairs, copies of annual reports from other Reform organizations, information and suggestions for discussion of national and international affairs, departmental and committee reports, committee memos, fund raising materials, highlights of biennial assemblies, financial reports, and miscellaneous nearprint. The series document the frequent and close communication between the national office and its affiliated sisterhoods in local Reform congregations.

**Arrangement** Arranged chronologically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box I-1. Folder 1. District President's packets, 1956

Box I-1. Folder 2. District President's packets, 1957

Box I-1. Folder 3. District President's packets, 1958

Box I-2. Folder 1. District President's packets, 1959

Box I-2. Folder 2. District President's packets, 1960

Box I-2. Folder 3. District President's packets, 1961

Box I-3. Folder 1. District President's packets, 1962

Box I-3. Folder 2. District President's packets, 1963

Box I-3. Folder 3. District President's packets, 1964

Box I-4. Folder 1. District President's packets, 1965

Box I-4. Folder 2. District President's packets, 1966-1969

Box I-4. Folder 3. District President's packets, 1970

## **Series J. Local Sisterhood Reports, 1958-1961**

**Extent** 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of listings of officers and committee chairs in the local and district sisterhoods.

**Arrangement** Arranged chronologically, then by state and city within each year.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box J-1. Folder 1. District sisterhood reports, 1959

Box J-1. Folder 2. District sisterhood reports, 1960

Box J-2. Folder 1. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), N-O, 1958

Box J-2. Folder 2. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), O-Z, 1958

Box J-2. Folder 3. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), A-NH, 1959  
Box J-3. Folder 1. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), NJ-W, 1959  
Box J-3. Folder 2. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), A-In, 1960  
Box J-3. Folder 3. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), Iowa-NJ, 1960  
Box J-4. Folder 1. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), NY-O, 1960  
Box J-4. Folder 2. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), P-Canada, 1960  
Box J-4. Folder 3. Congregational sisterhood reports (by state), I-NJ, 1961

## **Series K. Publications, 1930-2013**

**Extent** 4.8 linear feet (12 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Publications in Series K. include runs of the newsletter, Topic and Trends (1934-1951), Notes for Now (1970-1997), Leadership Line (1983-1988), and Windows on Women of Reform Judaism (1988-1999). Also included is a complete set of art calendars (1943-2013) as well as miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint published by the NFTS (1930-1981) and president's messages (1961-1995).

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box K-1. Folder --. Art calendars, 1934-1961  
Box K-2. Folder --. Art calendars, 1943-2013  
Box K-3. Folder 1. Silver jubilee, Golden jubilee, 75th anniversary, 1938, 1963, 1988  
Box K-3. Folder 2. Topics and Trends, 1934-1951  
Box K-3. Folder 3. Leadership Line, 1983-1988  
Box K-3. Folder 4-6. Notes for Now, 1970-2000  
Box K-3. Folder 7. Windows on Women of Reform Judaism, 1998-2000  
Box K-4. Folder Notes for Now, 1991-2002  
Box K-5. Folder 1-5. Miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint, 1930-1981, undated  
Box K-6. Folder --. Miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint, 1970-2002  
Box K-7. Folder --. Miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint, 1970-2002  
Box K-8. Folder --. Miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint, 1970-2002  
Box K-9. Folder --. Miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint, 1970-2002  
Box K-10. Folder --. Miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint, 1970-2002  
Box K-11. Folder --. Miscellaneous pamphlets and nearprint, 1970-2002  
Box K-12. Folder 1. Adjusting the Jewish Child to His World by Samuel Markowitz, undated  
Box K-12. Folder 2-3. Or Ami awards, 1973-1997  
Box K-12. Folder 4. President's message, 1961-1975  
Box K-12. Folder 5. President's message, 1990-1995

## **Series L. Audio-Visual Materials, 1983-2011, undated**

**Extent** 7.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes, 7 record cartons)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of video and audio recordings of WRJ Assemblies, biennials, plenary sessions, and board meetings. Also included are videos produced by WRJ.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box L-1. Folder 1. 1985 Biennial Convention [audiocassettes], 1985
- Box L-1. Folder 2. Link to Living Judaism [slide show], undated
- Box L-1. Folder 3. Women of Reform Judaism: Determination, Vision, Idealism [videocassette], 1998
- Box L-2. Folder Ellie Schwartz [8 audiocassettes, 2 reels].
- Box L-2. Folder Torat Nashim [1 videocassette].
- Box L-2. Folder Slides.
- Box L-3. Folder Parliamentary Proceedings [17 videocassettes], undated
- Box L-4. Folder Biennials, Board meetings, television programs, educational videos [43 videocassettes], 1983-2001
- Box L-5. Folder Assemblies [23 video discs], 2007-2009
- Box L-5. Folder Assemblies and meetings [10 videocassettes], 1991-2003
- Box L-5. Folder Biennial convention [34 audiocassettes], 2003
- Box L-6. Folder Plenary sessions [9 videocassettes], 1995
- Box L-6. Folder Plenary sessions [2 videocassettes], 1999
- Box L-7. Folder Plenary sessions [11 videocassettes], 1999
- Box L-8. Folder Plenary sessions [20 videocassettes], 1995-2005
- Box L-9. Folder Biennials, assemblies, and educational videos [21 videocassettes], 1983-1997
- Box L-9. Folder Biennials, assemblies, and photographs [64 compact discs], 1987-2011
- Box L-9. Folder "Covenant of the Generations: Keeping the promise" (2 sets) [306 slides], undated
- Box L-9. Folder Miscellaneous slides (numbered 45 to 132) [88 slides], undated

### **Series M. Miscellaneous, 1918-1999**

**Extent** 1.8 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes, 1 small nonstandard box)

**Scope and Content Note** Includes some early files from NFTS's War Emergency Committee and other miscellaneous items from the early 1920s and 1930s that were given to the American Jewish Archives in the late 1950s by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

**Arrangement** Arranged chronologically.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box M-1. Folder 1-2. War Emergency Committee [alphabetically by city], 1918
- Box M-1. Folder 3-4. Committee campaigns, 1922-1923
- Box M-1. Folder 5-7. Sisterhood activities, 1921, 1924-1927
- Box M-1. Folder 8-9. Committee form letters, 1930-1932

Box M-2. Folder 1. Radio project, 1937

Box M-2. Folder 2. Photographs, undated

Box M-2. Folder 3. Evans, Jane [correspondence], 1942

Box M-2. Folder 4. Hebrew Union College scholarships, 1929-1940

Box M-2. Folder 5. NFTS directories, 1981-1985

Box M-2. Folder 6. Installation services, 1983-1999

Box M-2. Folder 7. Local sisterhood histories [Includes Rodef Shalom Congregation (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and Temple Beth Zion (Buffalo, N.Y.)], 1983-1985

Box M-3. Folder --. Uniongrams, circa 1950

Box M-4. Folder --. Scrapbooks, prayer book, 1938-1965

Box M-5. Folder --. Pins [Set of ten assembly pins created by the Temple Israel (Miami, Fla.) Sisterhood along with a set of five sample Goldengram pins], 1999, undated