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B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

Collection Summary

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Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization was created in May, 1944, having as its goal the creation of an informed, self-assured and socially responsible Jewish youth. In 1923, an attorney from Omaha, Nebraska named Sam Beber began a boys club for Jewish youth in Omaha, hoping to help strengthen their loyalty and respect for both their Jewish heritage and their American citizenship. The club was named Aleph Zadek Aleph, or AZA.

The club in Omaha was a success so Beber and some of his friends began organizing similar clubs in cities throughout the midwest. Beber envisioned a large network of chapters that would be a part of the international organization of B'nai B'rith. B'nai B'rith sponsorship would provide necessary funding and organization for the movement to grow. With this in mind, Beber sought and gained endorsement from B'nai B'rith District Number Six for his efforts and he also obtained the District's promise to present his idea of B'nai B'rith Incorporation of AZA in to the organization's Supreme Lodge.

The Supreme Lodge accepted the idea at its 1925 convention and AZA became a part of B'nai B'rith. The authority to create and run the chapters programs was given to the young members but a Supreme Advisory Council was created to oversee the operation.

With the growth of AZA a number of girls groups began to form. The first group was formed in California in 1927. Local women's chapters of B'nai B'rith began providing funding for the clubs and by 1940 the Women's Supreme Council made these groups part of B'nai B'rith, naming Mrs. Louis Perlman of Chicago national chairman of B'nai B'rith Young Women's and Young Men's groups.

It was not long until many of the older members of AZA and BBG desired their own groups, separate from the younger members. This led to the formation of B'nai B'rith Young Women's and Young Men's groups.

With four independent youth groups it became difficult for B'nai B'rith to maintain effective control, so in May, 1944 the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, having jurisdiction over all four groups, was created.

Since 1944 BBYO has had over 600,000 members. BBYO local chapters have raised money for charities, have given volunteer service to community projects and have provided a social environment of participation and interaction to many young people that they might not have had otherwise.

A statement of principles, issued shortly after the BBYO's founding, stated the goals and purpose of the new organization:

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization should strive to create in young people a synthesis of the best in the Jewish and the American heritage....Such objectives may be best achieved through a program of cultural, religious, interfaith and social welfare activities, planned and executed by the young people themselves, under the guidance of trained counselors who are equally at home in Jewish and American experience.

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence, reports, membership records, newsletters and printed materials.

Arrangement

Organized into four (4) series: A. Conventions and Meetings, 1959-1980; B. Correspondence, 1958-1981; C. KIO Local Chapters, 1963-1980; D. Printed Materials and Miscellaneous, 1962-1980.

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Media Newsletters

Series A. Conventions and Meetings, 1959-1980

Extent 5.8 linear feet (14.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of materials pertaining to International, District and Regional conventions as well as to a number of other meetings and conferences.

Arrangement The International, District and Regional convention materials are arranged first in this series followed by Spring and Fall Executive Meetings and Fall Institute materials. A number of smaller conferences and meetings are then arranged alphabetically by title at the end of the series.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1-9. International Convention, 1969-1980

Box 2. Folder 1-7. District Convention, 1968-1972

Box 3. Folder 1-6. District Convention, 1972-1974

Box 4. Folder 1-6. District Convention, 1975-1977

Box 5. Folder 1-3. District Convention, 1978-1979

Box 5. Folder 4-6. Regional Convention, 1965

Box 6. Folder 1-6. Regional Convention, 1966-1974

Box 7. Folder 1-7. Regional Convention, 1975-1978

Box 8. Folder 1-6. Regional Convention, 1978-1979

Box 9. Folder 1-3. Regional Convention, 1980

Box 9. Folder 4-7. Spring and Fall Executive meetings, 1965-1967

Box 10. Folder 1-9. Spring and Fall Executive meetings, 1968-1972

Box 11. Folder 1-8. Spring and Fall Executive meetings, 1973-1976

Box 12. Folder 1-7. Spring and Fall Executive meetings, 1977-1980, undated

Box 12. Folder 8-10. Fall Institute, 1975-1977
Box 13. Folder 1-3. Fall Institute, 1978-1979
Box 13. Folder 4-6. Advisors Training Institute, 1971, 1977-1979
Box 13. Folder 7-9. Dahlia, 1976-1977, 1979
Box 13. Folder 10-11. District Executive meeting, 1969, 1973
Box 13. Folder 12. District Youth Council meeting, 1973-1978
Box 13. Folder 13. District Youth Institute Convention, 1980
Box 14. Folder 1. Indiana Softball Tournament, 1974-1976
Box 14. Folder 2. Israel Summer Institute, 1977
Box 14. Folder 3. Kallah, 1974
Box 14. Folder 4-5. Leadership Training Institute, 1959, 1971-1976
Box 14. Folder 6. Northern Indiana Softball Tournament, 1979
Box 14. Folder 7. Regional Leadership Judaism Conference, 1973
Box 14. Folder 8-11. SOK Softball Tournament, 1972-1978
Box 15. Folder 1. SOK Softball Tournament, 1979
Box 15. Folder 2. Spring Fling, 1979

Series B. Correspondence, 1958-1981

Extent 3.2 linear feet (8 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement

The series is divided into two (2) subseries: 1. Executive Correspondence; 2. Regional Executive Board.

Subseries 1. Executive Correspondence, 1958-1981, undated

Extent 1.8 linear feet (4.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence of national, district and regional officers.

Arrangement

The files in this series are arranged by office. The materials within each file are arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 15. Folder 3-7. National Office, 1965-1971
Box 16. Folder 1-5. National Office, 1972-1980, undated
Box 16. Folder 6-7. District Director [Stanley W. Harris], 1958-1973
Box 17. Folder 1-6. District Director [Stanley W. Harris], 1974-1977
Box 18. Folder 1-2. District Director [Stanley W. Harris], 1978-1981, undated
Box 18. Folder 3. Regional Director [Arnold Oskin], 1972-1973
Box 18. Folder 4-7. Regional Director [Laurence Fagin], 1973-1976, undated
Box 18. Folder 8-9. Regional Director [Jeffrey R. Hoffman], 1976-1978

- Box 19. Folder 1. Regional Director [Jeffrey R. Hoffman], 1979
- Box 19. Folder 2. Regional Director [Gary Weinstein], 1979-1980
- Box 19. Folder 3. Asst. Regional Director [David Sofian], 1975-1976
- Box 19. Folder 4. Asst. Regional Director [Mark S. Kram], 1976-1978
- Box 19. Folder 5-6. Asst. Regional Director [Kerry M. Olitzky], 1978-1980, undated
- Box 19. Folder 7. SOK Field Supervisor [Michael Meyer], 1963-1965, undated
- Box 19. Folder 8. SOK Field Supervisor [Murray Weisman], 1967-1968, undated
- Box 19. Folder 9. SOK Field Supervisor [Arnold Levin], 1970-1971
- Box 19. Folder 10. SOK Field Supervisor [Mark Cartun], 1973-1974

Subseries 2. Regional Executive Board, 1965-1980, undated

Extent 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of correspondence of the Regional Executive Board, a council composed of members of the KIO local chapters.

Arrangement The subseries is arranged chronologically and the materials within each folder are also arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 19. Folder 11. Regional Executive Board, 1966-1970
- Box 20. Folder 1-7. Regional Executive Board, 1971-1973
- Box 21. Folder 1-8. Regional Executive Board, 1974-1977
- Box 22. Folder 1-7. Regional Executive Board, 1978-1980
- Box 23. Folder 1. Regional Executive Board, undated
- Box 23. Folder 2-4. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1965-1980, undated

Series C. KIO Local Chapters, 1963-1980

Extent 2 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement

The series is arranged in three (3) subseries: 1. Indiana; 2. Kentucky; 3. Ohio.

Subseries 1. Indiana, 1963-1980, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of materials for BBYO chapters in Bloomington, East Chicago, Elkhart, Ft. Wayne and Gary.

Arrangement The subseries is arranged alphabetically by city, then by chapter name. The materials within each folder are arranged chronologically. In some instances materials pertaining to a city's overall BBYO program are filed before the local chapters of that city.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 23. Folder 5. Bloomington BBYO, 1967-1972
- Box 23. Folder 6. East Chicago-Arthur Berkowitz AZA, 1964-1967
- Box 23. Folder 7. Elkart BBYO, 1963-1971
- Box 23. Folder 8. Ft. Wayne BBYO, 1963-1974
- Box 23. Folder 9. Ft. Wayne-Aishes Chayel BBG, 1969-1972
- Box 23. Folder 10. Ft. Wayne-Maumee Valley AZA, 1965-1973
- Box 23. Folder 11. Gary BBYO, 1971-1976
- Box 23. Folder 12. Gary-Paul Bassin AZA, 1971-1974
- Box 23. Folder 13. Gary-Mim Friedman BBG, 1970-1974
- Box 23. Folder 14. Gary-Sam Rayburn AZA, 1971-1974
- Box 24. Folder 1. Indianapolis-Shoshana BBG, 1964-1970
- Box 24. Folder 2. Munster-Hammond AZA, 1978-1979
- Box 24. Folder 3. Miscellaneous, 1970-1980, undated

Subseries 2. Kentucky, 1968-1980, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of materials for BBYO chapters in Louisville.

Arrangement The subseries is arranged alphabetically by city, then by chapter name. The materials within each folder are arranged chronologically. In some instances materials pertaining to a city's overall BBYO program are filed before the local chapters of that city.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 24. Folder 4-7. Louisville BBYO, 1969-1980, undated
- Box 24. Folder 8. Louisville-Amitie BBG, 1968-1971, undated
- Box 24. Folder 9-10. Louisville-Louis Brandeis BBG, 1968-1972
- Box 24. Folder 11. Louisville-Gamma Kappa BBG, 1971-1973
- Box 24. Folder 12. Louisville-Modern Femmes BBG, 1968-1976
- Box 25. Folder 1. Louisville-Joseph Rauch AZA, 1968-1977, undated
- Box 25. Folder 2. Louisville-Harry Resnick AZA, 1968-1974
- Box 25. Folder 3. Louisville-Fred Vinson AZA, 1968-1970

Subseries 3. Ohio, 1963-1980, undated

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of materials pertaining to the BBYO Greater Ohio Council and local chapters in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Zanesville.

Arrangement

The subseries is arranged alphabetically by city, then by chapter name. The materials within each folder are arranged chronologically. In some instances materials pertaining to a city's overall BBYO program are filed before the local chapters of that city.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 25. Folder 4. BBYO Greater Ohio Council, 1974, 1978-1979
- Box 25. Folder 5-9. Cincinnati BBYO, 1963-1980, undated
- Box 25. Folder 10. Cincinnati BBYO [Beau Sweetheart Club], 1978-1979
- Box 25. Folder 11. Cincinnati-Chaverim AZA, 1976-1979
- Box 25. Folder 12. Cincinnati-Mishpacha AZA, 1971-1979, undated
- Box 26. Folder 1-2. Cincinnati-Queen City AZA, 1964-1979, undated
- Box 26. Folder 3. Cincinnati-Rebecca BBG, 1966
- Box 26. Folder 4-5. Cincinnati-Shalom BBG, 1968-1979, undated
- Box 26. Folder 6. Cincinnati-Simcha BBG, 1969-1980
- Box 26. Folder 7-8. Columbus BBYO, 1965-1976, undated
- Box 26. Folder 9. Columbus-B'at Shalom BBG, 1964-1974
- Box 27. Folder 1. Columbus-Capital AZA, 1964-1971, 1976
- Box 27. Folder 2. Columbus-Chaverim BBG, 1968-1974
- Box 27. Folder 3. Columbus-Disraeli AZA, 1970-1973
- Box 27. Folder 4. Columbus-Pops Dworkin AZA, 1965-1970
- Box 27. Folder 5. Columbus-Heart of Ohio AZA, 1963-1974, undated
- Box 27. Folder 6. Columbus-Emma Lazarus BBG, 1964-1971
- Box 27. Folder 7. Columbus-Taurus AZA, 1969
- Box 27. Folder 8. Columbus-Ziv BBG, 1964-1971
- Box 27. Folder 9-11. Dayton BBYO, 1964-1978, undated
- Box 28. Folder 1. Dayton-Chai BBG, 1968-1974
- Box 28. Folder 2. Dayton-Hatikvah BBG, 1969-1973
- Box 28. Folder 3. Dayton-Kadima AZA, 1968-1970
- Box 28. Folder 4. Dayton-Weprin AZA, 1968-1974
- Box 28. Folder 5. Dayton-Zachor BBG, 1973-1974
- Box 28. Folder 6. Zanesville BBYO, 1964-1974
- Box 28. Folder 7. Zanesville-Yigdal BBYO, 1965-1974

Series D. Printed Materials and Miscellaneous, 1962-1980

Extent 2.2 linear feet (5.5 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The series arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 28. Folder 8-11. Advisor material, 1963-1980
- Box 29. Folder 1. Advisor material, undated
- Box 29. Folder 2. Application forms.
- Box 29. Folder 3. Expenses, 1974-1978
- Box 29. Folder 4. International Service Fund, 1973-1975
- Box 29. Folder 5. Israel [1967 War], 1967
- Box 29. Folder 6-7. Judaism programs, 1963-1978, undated
- Box 29. Folder 8. Membership, 1973-1976
- Box 29. Folder 9-10. Monday Morning, 1975-1976
- Box 30. Folder 1-3. Monday Morning, 1977-1980
- Box 30. Folder 4-6. National Staff Association, 1969-1975
- Box 30. Folder 7. Newsletters, 1971-1980
- Box 30. Folder 8. Policies and regulations, 1962-1973
- Box 31. Folder 1. Policies and regulations, undated
- Box 31. Folder 2-5. Programming.
- Box 31. Folder 6. Publications.
- Box 31. Folder 7. Rosters.
- Box 31. Folder 8. Shofar, 1974-1975
- Box 31. Folder 9-10. Summer Leadership Program, 1967-1969
- Box 32. Folder 1-5. Summer Leadership Program, 1969-1973
- Box 33. Folder 1-2. Summer Leadership Program, 1974-1976, undated
- Box 33. Folder 3-6. Miscellaneous.