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Hadassah (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records
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Collection Summary

Title	Hadassah (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records
Dates	1921-1991
Collection Number	MS-652
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Cincinnati Chapter
Extent	12.6 linear feet (24 Hollinger boxes, 2 record cartons, 1 oversize box)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

The Cincinnati Hadassah Group organized in December 1921 and applied to the national group for a charter, which was granted in February 1921. Objectives of the organization included "1. To assist Israel in the absorption and integration of all Jews. . . 2. To provide and promote in Israel a broad program of Health Activities, Social Services and Youth Welfare Work, 3. To foster Zionist ideals in America; further Jewish Educational work and to encourage its membership to study Hebrew, Jewish History, Literature, etc. . . ." The first president was Mrs. Bessie Polansky who remained active in the chapter for the next quarter century. The vice-president was Miss Nan Berman and the secretary was Mrs. Mitchell Miller.

The activities of Cincinnati Hadassah closely paralleled the goals of their national organization. They were extremely active in fundraising for medical facilities in Israel including the Hadassah Medical School on Mount Scopus, the Rothschild-Hadassah University Hospital and vocational schools. They also supported the Youth Aliyah program and helped to educate Jewish youth through junior memberships and groups such as Young Judea. In later years, they were part of the tree-planting movement in Israel and supported the Jewish National Fund.

Cincinnati Hadassah membership continued to grow. A Chapter board for Cincinnati was formed, and a number of offshoot groups developed. The Avondale Group was the earliest, founded in 1921, and a Business and Professional Group emerged in 1936. By 1965, the Deborah, Szold, and Kadima Groups had all become part of the chapter.

A typical group of the Cincinnati Hadassah Chapter had its own slate of officers, a monthly group meeting and a monthly board meeting. Meetings featured a speaker, such as a local physician or an official at Hebrew Union College, who spoke on a topic relevant to the group's mission. Much time and effort was expended in maintaining and increasing membership and fundraising for National Hadassah. The Chapter board coordinated the groups and acted as the administrative center for the region.

Scope and Content

Organizational activities of the Cincinnati Hadassah Chapter including minutes, membership lists, newsclippings, photographs, programs, correspondence and conferences. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Arrangement

Organized into seven (7) series: A. Administrative Records; B. Presidential Records; C. Committees/Special Projects; D. Conferences; E. Young Judea; F. Photographs; G. Publicity.

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Series A. Administrative Records, 1921-1988

Extent 4.2 linear feet (8 Hollinger boxes, 1 oversize box)

Arrangement

The series is organized into three (3) subseries: 1. Constitutions; 2. Groups; 3. Membership Rosters.

Subseries 1. Constitutions, 1955-1979

Extent 0.7 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box, 0.5 oversize box)

Arrangement The subseries is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Constitutions, 1955-1979

Box 1. Folder 2. Model constitutions/bylaws from National Hadassah, 1961

Box X-412. Folder 1. Group certificates. Szold Group and Young Matrons Group, 1978, undated

Subseries 2. Groups, 1921-1988

Extent 2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains chapter board minutes followed by individual group minutes and miscellaneous files.

Arrangement The subseries is arranged alphabetically. Material is arranged chronologically within each folder.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 3. Chapter board minutes, 1955-1959

Box 1. Folder 4. Chapter board minutes, 1959-1962

Box 1. Folder 5. Chapter board minutes, 1963-1964

Box 1. Folder 6. Chapter board minutes, 1964-1965

Box 1. Folder 7. Chapter board minutes, 1966-1971

Box 1. Folder 8. Chapter board minutes, 1972-1973

Box 2. Folder 1. Chapter board minutes, 1974-1979

Box 2. Folder 2. Chapter board minutes, 1980-1981

Box 2. Folder 3. Chapter board minutes, 1982-1985

Box 2. Folder 4. Chapter board minutes, 1986-1988

Box 2. Folder 5. Avondale minutes, 1921-1933

Box 2. Folder 6. Avondale minutes, 1933-1952 May

Box 3. Folder 1. Avondale board minutes, 1936-1946
Box 3. Folder 2. Avondale minutes, 1952-1961
Box 4. Folder 1. Business and Professional [B&P] Group minutes, 1936-1941
Box 4. Folder 2. B&P minutes, 1942-1949 July
Box 4. Folder 3. B&P minutes, 1949 August-1951 July
Box 4. Folder 4. B&P minutes, 1951 September-1953
Box 5. Folder 1. B&P minutes, 1954-1961
Box 5. Folder 2. B&P minutes, 1962-1965
Box 5. Folder 3. B&P minutes, 1966-1968
Box 5. Folder 4. B&P minutes, 1969
Box 5. Folder 5. B&P minutes, 1970-1971
Box 6. Folder 1. B&P minutes, 1972-1974
Box 6. Folder 2. B&P minutes, 1975-1980
Box 6. Folder 3. B&P presidential correspondence, 1969-1971
Box 6. Folder 4. B&P rosters, 1949-1978
Box 6. Folder 5. Deborah minutes, 1973-1981
Box 6. Folder 6. Deborah miscellaneous records, 1977-1981
Box 6. Folder 7. Esther minutes, 1950-1951
Box 7. Folder 1. Esther minutes, 1952-1953
Box 7. Folder 2. Esther minutes, 1954-1956
Box 7. Folder 3. Esther minutes, 1957-1959
Box 7. Folder 4. Esther minutes, 1960-1964
Box 7. Folder 5. Esther rosters, 1959-1961

Subseries 3. Membership Rosters, 1959-1983

Extent 1.1 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes, 0.5 oversize box)

Arrangement The subseries is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 7. Folder 6. Membership rosters, 1960-1961
Box 7. Folder 7. Membership rosters, 1962-1964
Box 7. Folder 8. Membership rosters, 1964-1965
Box 8. Folder 1. Membership rosters, 1965-1966
Box 8. Folder 2. Membership rosters, 1966-1967
Box 8. Folder 3. Membership rosters, 1967-1968
Box 8. Folder 4. Membership rosters, 1968-1969
Box 8. Folder 5. Membership rosters, 1969-1970
Box 8. Folder 6. Membership rosters, 1970-1971

Box 8. Folder 7. Membership rosters, 1974-1975
Box 8. Folder 8. Membership rosters, 1983
Box 8. Folder 9. Membership rosters, undated
Box 8. Folder 10. Officer lists, 1970-1982
Box 8. Folder 11. Attendance books, 1961-1965
Box X-412. Folder 2. Lifetime membership book, undated

Series B. Presidential Records, 1928-1982

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Common types of material found in these records are annotated agendas, speeches given by the president, and correspondence. Of special note is a partial journal of a trip to Israel in 1967.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically by the name of the president.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 9. Folder 1. Benet, Esther. Annotated agendas, 1948-1951, undated
Box 9. Folder 2. Benet, Esther. Correspondence, 1946-1951
Box 9. Folder 3. Benet, Esther. Speeches, 1948-1951, undated
Box 9. Folder 4. Bluestein, Mrs. Richard. Notes, 1956-1957
Box 9. Folder 5. Reports to the President, 1965-1969
Box 9. Folder 6. Slavney, Betty. Notes, 1978-1980
Box 9. Folder 7. Freeman, Barb. Notes, 1980-1982
Box 9. Folder 8. Fox, Debbie. Record book, 1982 May-August
Box 9. Folder 9. Fox, Debbie. Record book, 1982 September-December
Box 9. Folder 10. Fox, Debbie. Record book, 1983 January-May
Box 10. Folder 1. Fox, Debbie. Record book/lists, 1983 June-July
Box 10. Folder 2. Fox, Debbie. Record book, 1983 August-September
Box 10. Folder 3. Fox, Debbie. Record book, 1983 October-1984 February
Box 10. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1928-1982
Box 10. Folder 5. Presidential speeches, undated
Box 10. Folder 6. Trip to Israel, 1967

Series C. Committees/Special Projects, 1931-1991

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Most of the material in this series is related to the annual donor luncheon. Common types of material include committee minutes, correspondence, and publicity-related material.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by topic. Folders are arranged chronologically within topic.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 10. Folder 7. An Exhibit on Israel, 1958
Box 10. Folder 8. Donor luncheon, 1935-1936
Box 10. Folder 9. Donor luncheon, 1959-1961
Box 11. Folder 1. Donor luncheon, 1962-1963
Box 11. Folder 2. Donor luncheon, 1964
Box 11. Folder 3. Donor luncheon, 1965
Box 11. Folder 4. Donor luncheon, 1966
Box 11. Folder 5. Donor luncheon, 1971-1976
Box 12. Folder 1. Donor luncheon programs, 1931-1939
Box 12. Folder 2. Donor luncheon programs, 1946-1949
Box 12. Folder 3. Donor luncheon programs, 1950-1959
Box 12. Folder 4. Donor luncheon programs, 1960-1969
Box 12. Folder 5. Donor luncheon programs, 1970-1979
Box 12. Folder 6. Donor luncheon programs, 1980-1989
Box 12. Folder 7. Donor luncheon programs, 1990-1991
Box 13. Folder 1. Financial secretaries, 1956-1963
Box 13. Folder 2. Fund raising, 1956, 1970-1972
Box 13. Folder 3. Fund raising, 1978-1979
Box 13. Folder 4. Fund raising. Anne Frank benefit, 1979
Box 13. Folder 5. Jaffe Orange Sale, 1981-1982
Box 13. Folder 6. Mount Scopus dedication dance, 1975
Box 13. Folder 7. Zionist Council, 1963-1967

Series D. Conferences, 1928-1988

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains material relating to the regional and national conferences with an emphasis on regional conferences in years where they were held in Cincinnati.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically and alphabetically within years.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 13. Folder 8. National/regional conference, 1928
Box 13. Folder 9. Regional conference, 1963
Box 13. Folder 10. Regional conference, 1967
Box 13. Folder 11. National conference, 1970
Box 13. Folder 12. Regional conference, 1970
Box 13. Folder 13. Regional conference, 1978

- Box 14. Folder 1. Regional conference, 1979
- Box 14. Folder 2. Regional conference chairman's notebook, 1979
- Box 14. Folder 3. Regional conference planning, 1988
- Box 14. Folder 4. Regional conference program, 1988

Series E. Young Judea, 1938-1970

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Materials include information about conferences, nearprint, and a variety of educational materials used for group meetings.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by subject. Folders are arranged chronologically within topics.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 15. Folder 1. Central States Conference, 1968
- Box 15. Folder 2. National conference, 1969
- Box 15. Folder 3. National conference, 1970
- Box 15. Folder 4. Central States Conference, undated
- Box 15. Folder 5. Hasacher, 1968-1986
- Box 15. Folder 6. Miscellaneous educational materials, 1968-1970
- Box 15. Folder 7. Miscellaneous educational materials, undated
- Box 16. Folder 1. Notebook, 1938-1941
- Box 16. Folder 2. Nearprint, undated
- Box 16. Folder 3. Periodicals. Judaeen Leaves, 1968-1969
- Box 16. Folder 4. Periodicals. Young Judaeen, 1967-1968
- Box 16. Folder 5. Songbooks, undated

Series F. Photographs, 1940-1987

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Most photographs are undated and unlabeled. Approximately half of the photographs have been removed from the historian's scrapbooks from series G. These photographs are in the order that they were removed from the scrapbooks.

Arrangement Photographs are arranged loosely into subject categories and arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 16. Folder 6. Boat ride, 1967 July
- Box 16. Folder 7. Donor luncheon.
- Box 16. Folder 8. Events (unidentified).
- Box 16. Folder 9. From Bloomers to Bikinis, undated

Box 16. Folder 10. Israel.
Box 16. Folder 11. Meetings.
Box 17. Folder 1. Membership.
Box 17. Folder 2. Membership snapshots, circa 1961
Box 17. Folder 3. Men.
Box 17. Folder 4. Miscellaneous groups of women.
Box 17. Folder 5. Officers of Hadassah.
Box 17. Folder 6. Orientation. Amberley House, 1970
Box 17. Folder 7. Scrapbook, 1962-1967
Box 17. Folder 8. Scrapbook, 1973-1975
Box 17. Folder 9. Scrapbook, 1975-1976
Box 17. Folder 10. Scrapbook, 1976-1977
Box 17. Folder 11. Scrapbook, 1977-1978
Box 17. Folder 12. Scrapbook, 1978-1979
Box 17. Folder 13. Scrapbook, 1982-1983
Box 17. Folder 14. Scrapbook, 1983-1984
Box 17. Folder 15. Scrapbook, 1984-1985
Box 17. Folder 16. Scrapbook, 1985-1986
Box 17. Folder 17. Scrapbook, 1986-1987
Box 17. Folder 18. Slides.
Box 17. Folder 19. Stage.
Box 17. Folder 20. Women.
Box 17. Folder 21. Youth Aliyah.

Series G. Publicity, 1933-1988

Extent 4.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes, 2 record cartons)

Scope and Content Note Includes brochures, newsclippings, publications, programs and the historian's scrapbooks.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 18. Folder 1. Brochures, programs, 1953-1969
Box 18. Folder 2. Brochures, programs, 1970-1982, undated
Box 18. Folder 3. Brochures, programs, 1983
Box 18. Folder 4. Brochures, programs, 1984
Box 18. Folder 5. Brochures, programs, 1985
Box 18. Folder 6. Brochures, programs, 1986
Box 18. Folder 7. Brochures, programs, 1987-1988
Box 18. Folder 8. Kadima newsletter, 1964-1965

Box 18. Folder 9. Newsclippings, 1943-1970

Box 18. Folder 10. Publications. B&P Hadassah Bulletin, 1969-1980

Box 19. Folder 1. Publications. Hadassah, 1937, 1958-1959

Box 19. Folder 2. Publications. Hadassah, 1960-1962

Box 19. Folder 3. Publications. Hadassah, 1963-1964

Box 19. Folder 4. Publications. Hadassah, 1965-1967

Box 19. Folder 5. Publications. Hadassah, 1968-1969

Box 19. Folder 6. Publications. Hadassah, 1970-1974

Box 19. Folder 7. Publications. Hadassah Headlines, 1962-1969

Box 20. Folder 1. Publications. Hadassah Headlines, 1970-1984

Box 20. Folder 2. Proclamations.

Box 20. Folder 3. Scrapbook, 1933-1945

Box 20. Folder 4. Scrapbook, 1948-1951

Box 20. Folder 5. Scrapbook, 1957-1960

Box 20. Folder 6. Scrapbook, 1960-1962

Box 21. Folder 1. Scrapbook, 1962-1963

Box 21. Folder 2. Scrapbook, 1963-1964

Box 21. Folder 3. Scrapbook, 1964-1965

Box 21. Folder 4. Scrapbook, 1965-1966

Box 21. Folder 5. Memorial scrapbook, 1966

Box 22. Folder 1. Scrapbook, 1966-1967

Box 22. Folder 2. Scrapbook, 1968-1969

Box 22. Folder 3. Scrapbook, 1969-1970

Box 22. Folder 4. Scrapbook, 1970-1972

Box 22. Folder 5. Scrapbook, 1972-1974

Box 23. Folder 1. Scrapbook, 1973-1975

Box 23. Folder 2. Scrapbook. Part 1, 1975-1976

Box 23. Folder 3. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1975-1976

Box 23. Folder 4. Scrapbook. Part 1, 1976-1977

Box 23. Folder 5. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1976-1977

Box 24. Folder 1. Scrapbook. Part 1, 1977-1978

Box 24. Folder 2. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1977-1978

Box 24. Folder 3. Scrapbook. Part 1, 1978-1979

Box 24. Folder 4. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1978-1979

Box 25. Folder 1. Scrapbook. Part.1, 1982-1983

Box 25. Folder 2. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1982-1983

Box 25. Folder 3. Scrapbook. Part 1, 1983-1984

Box 25. Folder 4. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1983-1984

Box 25. Folder 5. Scrapbook, 1984-1985

Box 26. Folder 1. Scrapbook. Part 1, 1985-1986

Box 26. Folder 2. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1985-1986

Box 26. Folder 3. Scrapbook. Part 1, 1986-1987

Box 26. Folder 4. Scrapbook. Part 2, 1986-1987