

**A Finding Aid to the Association of Jewish
Center Workers Records. 1918-1988.**

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Introduction

Repository:	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator:	Association of Jewish Center Workers (U.S.)
Title:	Association of Jewish Center Workers Records
Dates:	1918-1988
Quantity:	9.4 linear feet (20 Hollinger boxes and 1 oversize box)
Abstract:	Records consisting of executive committee minutes, educational program information, membership rules, conference papers, regional and national reports, publications, and photographs.
Collection Number:	MS-654
Language:	Collection material in English.

Institutional Sketch

The Association of Jewish Center Workers is an organization of Jewish center and other Jewish communal service professionals committed to the development of Jewish purposes, social group work practice, recreation, and informal educational objectives. The organization brings together professionals devoted to implementing social work and educational services that enhance the creative development of the Jewish person, the Jewish group, and the Jewish community as a whole.

The Association of Jewish Center Workers began in mid-July of 1918 when Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Social Research, called together the heads of local Young Men's Hebrew Associations to meet at the 92nd Street "Y" to discuss problems common to all professionals working in Jewish community centers. The group was originally founded as the Association of Young Men's Hebrew and Kindred Secretaries, with Rabbi Aaron Robison, of Newark, N.J., elected as its first president. After their initial meeting, the fledgling group decided to hold a joint conference with the National Conference of Jewish Social Work in 1919 in Atlantic City. At that conference it was decided that the Association should become a permanent body, with Philip L. Semen, of Chicago, as president.

The organization was later renamed the National Association of Jewish Center Workers. In 1970, its name was changed to the Association of Jewish Center Workers, to reflect the increasingly international scope and function of the Association. In 1989, the organization underwent another name change to become known as the Association of Jewish Center Professionals.

Scope and Content Note

These records consist of executive committee minutes, educational program information, membership rules, conference papers, regional and national reports, publications, and photographs.

Arrangement Note

This collection is arranged in five (5) series:

- Series A. Committees. 1951-1986.
- Series B. Alphabetical files. 1929-1986.
- Series C. Conferences. 1926-1988.
- Series D. Chapters. 1962-1987.

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Series E. Photographs and oversize material. 1918-1985.

Restrictions

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Related Material

Related Material

An earlier arrangement of this collection is available on microfilm, MF-3416 to MF-3424.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donor information for the Association of Jewish Center Workers Records is not available.

Processing Information

Processed by American Jewish Archives staff; re-processing by Michelle Smith, February 2016.

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's online catalog.

Association of Jewish Center Workers

Berger, Graenum

Jewish community centers

Jewish Welfare Board

Kraft, Louis

National Association of Jewish Center Workers (U.S.)

Social service

Box and Folder Listing

Series A. Committees. 1951-1986. [4.25 Hollinger boxes]

Scope and Content Note: This series consists primarily of executive committee minutes from 1951 to 1986. Also included are files of other committees mainly from the 1960s through the 1980s.

Arrangement Note: This series is arranged topically by committee and then chronologically.

- 1 1 Executive committee minutes. 1951-1960.
- 1 2 Executive committee minutes. 1961-1962.
- 1 3 Executive committee minutes. 1963.
- 1 4 Executive committee minutes. 1964.
- 1 5 Executive committee minutes. 1965.
- 1 6 Executive committee minutes. 1966.
- 1 7 Executive committee minutes. 1967.
- 1 8 Executive committee minutes. 1968-1969.
- 1 9 Executive committee minutes. 1970.
- 1 10 Executive committee minutes. 1971.
- 2 1 Executive committee minutes. 1972.
- 2 2 Executive committee minutes. 1973.
- 2 3 Executive committee minutes. 1974.
- 2 4 Executive committee minutes. 1975.
- 2 5 Executive committee minutes. 1976.
- 2 6 Executive committee minutes. 1977.
- 2 7 Executive committee minutes. 1978.
- 2 8 Executive committee minutes. 1979.
- 3 1 Executive committee minutes. 1980.
- 3 2 Executive committee minutes. 1981.
- 3 3 Executive committee minutes. 1982.
- 3 4 Executive committee minutes. 1983.
- 3 5 Executive committee minutes. 1984.
- 3 6 Executive committee minutes. 1981-1985.
- 3 7 Executive committee minutes. 1985-1986.
- 3 8 Executive salary committee. 1967-1971.
- 4 1 Israel committee. 1968-1985.
- 4 2 Membership committee. 1964-1965.
- 4 3 Miscellaneous committees. 1952-1959.
- 4 4 Miscellaneous committees. 1970-1986.
- 4 5 Multi-disciplines committee. 1964-1965.
- 4 6 New workers committee. 1969-1974.
- 4 7 Nominations committee. 1968-1986.
- 4 8 Personnel grievances committee. Policy development on handling grievances. 1973-1983.
- 5 1 Public affairs committee. 1963-1973.
- 5 2 Special committees. Newark, Cleveland, and AJCW reorganization. 1943-1951.

Series B. Alphabetical files. 1929-1986. [6.25 Hollinger boxes]

Scope and Content Note: This series contains reports, studies, constitutions, publications, accreditation and membership files, anniversary materials, and educational program information. Together with topical files related to issues faced by Jewish center workers from the 1920s to the 1980s.

Arrangement Note: This series is arranged alphabetically.

- 5 3 25th anniversary. *A Quarter Century*. 1944.
- 5 4 40th anniversary. *National Association of Jewish Center Workers at 40*. 1959.
- 5 5 50th anniversary. 1969.

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- 5 6 60th anniversary. 1978.
- 5 7 Accreditation. 1971.
- 5 8 Anniversary papers and booklets. 1935-1977.
- 5 9 Anniversary papers and booklets. 1959-1969.
- 5 10 Children's section. 1981.
- 5 11 Constitution. 1955; 1962.
- 5 12 Constitution. Proposed. 1951.
- 6 1 Cultural arts. 1971-1985.
- 6 2 Early childhood education. 1968-1980.
- 6 3 Emeritus membership. 1968-1982.
- 6 4 General. 1977-1981.
- 6 5 Golden Jubilee program. 1969.
- 6 6 Health and physical education. 1970-1980.
- 6 7 Jerusalem Young Men's Hebrew Association. 1950-1971.
- 6 8 *The Jewish Center Worker*. 1939.
- 6 9 *The Jewish Center Worker*. 1940-1944.
- 7 1 *The Jewish Center Worker*. 1948.
- 7 2 *The Jewish Center Worker*. 1950.
- 7 3 Jewish Welfare Board. 1952-1977.
- 7 4 Jewish Welfare Board. *The Jewish Center*. December 1929.
- 7 5 Jewish Welfare Board. *The Jewish Center*. March 1932.
- 7 6 Jewish Welfare Board. *The Jewish Center*. September 1932.
- 7 7 Jewish Welfare Board. *The Jewish Center*. 1943.
- 7 8 Kraft, Louis. 1974-1975.
- 7 9 Kraft, Louis. Scholarship fund. 1957-1984.
- 7 10 Kraft, Louis. Volume reviews and testimonials. 1968-1969.
- 7 11 Library. Israel. 1974-1976.
- 7 12 Membership. General. 1974; 1983.
- 7 13 Membership. General. 1979-1980.
- 7 14 Membership. Directory. 1974; 1976.
- 7 15 Membership. Reports. 1961-1986.
- 7 16 Miscellaneous papers. 1970-1971.
- 7 17 Miscellaneous papers. 1979.
- 8 1 Miscellaneous publications. 1949-1978.
- 8 2 Miscellaneous publications. 1976; undated.
- 8 3 Newsletters. 1967.
- 8 4 Newsletters. 1967-1968.
- 8 5 Office audit, computer. 1982-1983.
- 8 6 Personnel practices. 1949-1983.
- 8 7 Personnel procedures for open listings. 1965-1968.
- 8 8 Personnel study. 1971.
- 8 9 Personnel study. 1974.
- 9 1 Personnel study. 1977.
- 9 2 Personnel study. 1985.
- 9 3 Personnel study. 1985.
- 9 4 Pins, Arnulf M. and Leon Ginsberg paper. 1971.
- 9 5 Play scripts. 1975.
- 9 6 Professional group study. 1981.
- 9 7 Quality of Jewish life. 1973-1976.
- 9 8 Quarter Century Club. 1956-1980.
- 10 1 Research Institute. 1956-1973.
- 10 2 Retirees. Benefits, etc. 1978-1979.
- 10 3 Shlichim. Complimentary Jewish community center membership. 1967-1974.
- 10 4 Scope and function manual. 1955.

- 10 5 Scope and function manual. 1960-1966.
- 10 6 Scope and function manuals. 1975-1976; 1984.
- 10 7 Single parent families. 1970s.
- 10 8 Social work programs and degrees. 1963-1980.
- 10 9 Studies on projects. Aging. 1972-1980.
- 10 10 Studies on projects. Camping. 1967-1980.
- 11 1 Tasgal, Max. Keynote lectures. 1985-1986.
- 11 2 Teens working in Jewish community centers. 1974-1980.
- 11 3 Think Tank. undated.
- 11 4 Workbook on the Jewish Center movement and the National Jewish Welfare Board. 1949.
- 11 5 Written items, outlines. 1946-1966.
- 11 6 Wurzweiler School. 1960-1971.
- 11 7 Yachad. The National Jewish Council for Disabilities. 1984.

Series C. Conferences. 1926-1988. [6 Hollinger boxes]

Scope and Content Note: This series contains annual meeting and conference materials of the Association of Jewish Center Workers and the Conference of Jewish Communal Service. ACJW's annual meeting was held each year in conjunction with the annual meeting of CJCS. Annual AJCW files include minutes, proceedings, and papers. In 1945, several special regional conferences were held in lieu of the AJCW annual meeting. Papers, proceedings, and programs from annual meetings of the Conference of Jewish Communal Service are also found in this series and are filed separately.

Arrangement Note: Material is arranged topically and then chronologically.

- 11 8 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1926.
- 11 9 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1929.
- 11 10 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1934.
- 11 11 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1939.
- 11 12 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1944.
- 11 13 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Regional Conferences. 1945.
- 12 1 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1946.
- 12 2 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1947.
- 12 3 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1948.
- 12 4 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1949.
- 12 5 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1950.
- 12 6 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1959.
- 12 7 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1960-1961.
- 12 8 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1963.
- 12 9 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1964.
- 12 10 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1967.
- 12 11 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1968.
- 12 12 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1970.
- 12 13 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1978.
- 13 1 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1979-1988.
- 13 2 Association of Jewish Center Workers. Annual meeting. 1982-1983.
- 13 3 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1950; 1960-1969.
- 13 4 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Constitution, by-laws, and procedures. 1958.
- 14 1 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Executive board. 1965-1980.
- 14 2 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Conference papers. 1963-1974.
- 14 3 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Conference papers. 1964-1981.
- 14 4 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Conference papers. 1965-1981.
- 15 1 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1969.
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- 16 1 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1978.
- 16 2 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1979.
- 16 3 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1980.
- 16 4 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Relationship with Association of Jewish Center Workers. 1980.
- 16 5 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1981.
- 16 6 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1982.
- 16 7 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Local forums. 1982-1984.
- 16 8 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Membership and publications. 1982-1985.
- 16 9 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Studies research. 1982-1984.
- 16 10 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1983.
- 17 1 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1984.
- 17 2 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1985.
- 17 3 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1986.
- 17 4 Conference of Jewish Communal Service. 1988.
- 17 5 International Conference of Jewish Communal Service. Jerusalem. 1977-1978.

Series D. Chapters. 1962-1987. [1.5 Hollinger boxes]

Scope and Content Note: This series consists of files related to local chapters of the Association of Jewish Center Workers. Includes general files related to all chapters together with individual chapter files.

Arrangement Note: General chapter files are arranged first, followed by alphabetical files for each geographic area.

- 17 6 Chapter manuals. 1973-1984.
- 17 7 General chapter material. 1962-1986.
- 17 8 Chapter publications. 1968-1985.
- 17 9 Mailings to chapter presidents. 1966-1986.
- 18 1 Canada chapter. 1971-1978.
- 18 2 East Central chapter. 1973-1986.
- 18 3 Mid Atlantic chapter. 1971-1985.
- 18 4 Pennsylvania chapter. 1971-1983.
- 18 5 New England chapter. 1971-1986.
- 18 6 New Jersey chapter. 1969-1985.
- 18 7 New York chapter. 1966-1981.
- 18 8 New York State chapter. 1968-1974.
- 18 9 Southern chapters. 1971-1983.
- 18 10 West Central chapter. 1970-1983.
- 18 11 Western chapter. 1969-1987.

Series E. Photographs and oversize material. 1918-1985. [2 Hollinger boxes and 1 oversize box]

Scope and Content Note: This series contains photograph albums, loose photographs, and slides.

Arrangement Note: Material is arranged chronologically. Oversize photographs are found in box 21.

- 19 1 Photographs used for 60th anniversary celebration. 1978.
- 19 2 Identified photographs. 1979-1985; undated.
- 19 3 Unidentified photographs. undated.
- 19 4 Unidentified photographs. undated.
- 20 1 Photograph album. undated.
- 20 2 Photograph album. undated.

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20 3 Photograph album. undated.
20 4 Photograph album. undated.
21 Photographs. 1980.
21 Photographs. 1982.
21 Photographs. 1983.
21 Slides. 1918-1980.