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Women of Reform Judaism Northeast District
Records**

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Collection Summary

Title	Women of Reform Judaism Northeast District Records
Dates	1924-2008
Collection Number	MS-689
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Women of Reform Judaism (U.S.). Northeast DistrictNational Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
Extent	7.6 linear feet (19 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	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.

The District 3 Sisterhood was formed in 1922. It encompasses Batavia, Buffalo, Chappaqua, New York City, Niagara Falls, Plattsburgh, Rochester, Schenectady, Westchester, and many other areas in the state of New York.

In 2006, WRJ began merging some districts and renaming them by their geographical location. The WRJ Northeast District was formed through a consolidation of District 1 (New England Region) and District 3 (New York, Eastern Canada, and the Virgin Islands) in 2008. The Northeast District is one of eight districts of Women of Reform Judaism. It is composed of 79 affiliate Sisterhoods representing approximately 11,000 women that come from New York and New England in the United States and Ontario and Quebec in Canada.

Scope and Content The Women of Reform Judaism, Northeast District Records (1924-2008) contain Biennial convention programs, executive board minutes, reports and recommendations to the executive board, newsletters and other material related to the Women of Reform Judaism, Northeast District.

Arrangement This collection is arranged in four (4) series: A. Correspondence; B. Biennial Conventions; C. Minutes and Reports; D. Miscellaneous.

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Index Terms

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Media	Minutes / Newsletters

Series A. Correspondence, 1936-2000

Extent 3.6 linear feet (9 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

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Series B. Biennial Conventions, 1929-2006

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

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Box B-1. Folder 12. Convention materials, 1940

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Box B-2. Folder 2. Form letters, 1942

Box B-2. Folder 3. Roster, 1942 April 14-15

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Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

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Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

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