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Jewish Federation of Cincinnati Records

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Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati traces its roots to the formation of the United Jewish Charities in 1896 from ten other Cincinnati based Jewish agencies. In 1910 United Jewish Charities raised over $117,000, which was the highest per capita contribution of any Jewish community in the United States.

By 1921 the board voted to change the name of the organization from United Jewish Charities to United Jewish Social Agencies. By taking this action, the organization believed that their new name would better describe the preventative and rehabilitative nature of its work and that they could better serve the community by aiding individuals who would not accept charity, but would accept social aid.

In 1958 United Jewish Social Agencies merged with Federation of Jewish and Associated Jewish Agencies, and the surviving organization kept the name Associated Jewish Agencies of Cincinnati. The three groups merged together so as to create a more streamlined operation and to reduce overhead expenditures, ultimately meaning that more money could be given to Cincinnati Jewish agencies.

In 1967 the organization went through a final major reorganization, as the Associated Jewish Agencies merged with the Jewish Welfare Fund to form the newly named Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. After this merge, the Jewish Federation became the organization for fund-raising and social planning for the Jewish community in Cincinnati.

Today the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati annually raises millions of dollars from the Cincinnati community, making up an important part of the nearly one billion dollars raised annually by the more than one hundred and eighty Jewish Federations of the North American based United Jewish Communities. The money raised by the Cincinnati Federation currently helps to support over thirty-four local Jewish agencies as well as organizations that serve the needs of Israel and World Jewry.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of documents relating to the operation of the federation’s business, as well as material on some of its member agencies. The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati has been in operation since 1896, and the earliest records found in the collection date to 1904.

For most of its existence the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati has served as an umbrella organization for other local Jewish groups. As a result, many of the records found in the collection focus on the interaction between the federation and these member agencies, and the majority of that interaction concerns financial requests. As expected with an organization such as the federation, most of the records found in the collection cover information on governing boards, fund-raising, and the allocation of those funds. All three of these subjects contain records dating back to at least the 1930s.

Outside of these subjects, the bulk of the records are from between 1960 and 1990. Some of the other topics covered by the records include organization information on the federation, Camp Livingston, Jewish Russian refugee resettlement, and social work projects in the Cincinnati community.

Arrangement

The records are divided into nine (9) series: A. Governing Boards; B. Allocations; C. Committees and Councils; D. Organizational Materials; E. Fund Raising; F. Camp Livingston/Jewish Community Center; G. Projects and Programs; H. Nearprint; I. Photographs and Scrapbooks.

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Media Minutes / Photographs / Scrapbooks

Series A. Governing Boards, 1904-1907, 1917-2000

Extent 7.2 linear feet (18 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of meeting minutes and supplemental materials from the various governing boards of United Jewish Charities, Jewish Community Council, Federation of Jewish Agencies, United Jewish Social Agencies, Associated Jewish Agencies, and Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Board of Governors of United Jewish Charities, 1904-1907
Box 2. Folder 1. United Jewish Charities Executive Committee, 1917-1919
Box 2. Folder 2. Jewish Community Council minutes, 1927-1939
Box 3. Folder 1. Jewish Community Council minutes, 1940-1950
Box 3. Folder 2. Board of Federation of Jewish Agencies, 1946-1958
Box 4. Folder 1. Jewish Welfare Fund Executive Committee minutes, 1946-1949
Box 5. Folder 1. Jewish Welfare Fund minutes, 1960-1964
Box 5. Folder 2. Jewish Welfare Fund minutes, 1965-1967
Box 5. Folder 3. United Jewish Social Agencies Board of Governors proceedings, 1958
Box 6. Folder 1. Associated Jewish Agencies minutes Index, 1956-1959
Box 6. Folder 2. Associated Jewish Agencies Board of Directors proceedings, 1956-1960
Box 6. Folder 3. Associated Jewish Agencies minutes, 1960-1967
Box 7. Folder 1. Associated Jewish Agencies Executive Committee minutes, 1959-1965
Box 7. Folder 2. Associated Jewish Agencies Executive Committee minutes, 1966-1967
Box 15. Folder 9. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes index & attendance records, 1985
Box 15. Folder 10. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1985 January-February
Box 15. Folder 11. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1985 March-April
Box 15. Folder 12. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1985 April-May
Box 15. Folder 13. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1985 May-July
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Box 16. Folder 2. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1985 October-December
Box 16. Folder 4. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1986 March
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Box 16. Folder 7. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1986 September
Box 16. Folder 8. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1986 October
Box 16. Folder 11. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1987 February
Box 16. Folder 12. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1987 March
Box 16. Folder 13. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1987 April-May
Box 17. Folder 1. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1987 June
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Box 17. Folder 3. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1987 September-November
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Box 17. Folder 14. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1989 October-November
Box 18. Folder 2. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1990 January
Box 18. Folder 3. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1990 March-April
Box 18. Folder 4. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati minutes, 1990 June-September
Series B. Allocations, 1938-1998, 2005

Extent 4.2 linear feet (10.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The series details how the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati distributed its funds to various Jewish local, national, and international agencies. The bulk of the information in this series does focus on the allocations given to local member agencies of the federation. All allocation and budget folders in this series contain information on the allocation of federation funds to specific member agencies for the respective year(s).

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 18. Folder 6. Jewish Welfare Fund Allocations Committee minutes, 1938-1953
Box 20. Folder 1. Agency budget requests, 1956-1957
Box 20. Folder 2. Agency budget requests, 1957
Box 21. Folder 1. Agency budget requests, 1958
Box 22. Folder 1. Agencies budget review - Individual Service & Counseling, 1964
Box 22. Folder 2. Agencies budget review - Group Work & Recreation, 1964
Box 22. Folder 3. Agencies budget review - Medical, Aged, & Chronic Ill, 1964
Box 22. Folder 4. Agencies budget review - Educational & Cultural, 1964
Box 22. Folder 5. Agencies budget review - Defense & Community Relations, 1964
Box 22. Folder 6. Agencies budget review - Individual Service & Counseling, 1965
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Box 22. Folder 13. Agencies budget review - Medical, Aged, & Chronic Ill, 1966
Box 22. Folder 15. Agencies budget review - Defense & Community Relations, 1966
Box 22. Folder 16. Budget Committees Report to Coordinating Committee (1), 1966
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Box 23. Folder 1. Agencies budget review - Medical, Aged, & Chronic Ill, 1967
Box 23. Folder 2. Agencies budget review - Educational & Cultural, 1967
Box 23. Folder 3. Allocations report (1), 1968
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Box 23. Folder 5. Allocations report (1), 1969
Box 23. Folder 6. Allocations report (2), 1969
Box 23. Folder 8. Allocations report (2), 1970
Box 24. Folder 1. Local budget manual, 1972-1973
Box 24. Folder 5. Allocations report, 1975
Box 25. Folder 1. Budget manual - Central Services Committee (1), 1979-1980
Box 25. Folder 2. Budget manual - Central Services Committee (2), 1979-1980
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Box 25. Folder 13. Budget manual - Central Services Committee (2), 1982-1983
Box 26. Folder 6. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1985
Box 26. Folder 7. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1985
Box 26. Folder 8. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1986
Box 26. Folder 11. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1987
Box 26. Folder 12. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1987
Box 26. Folder 13. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (3), 1987
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Box 27. Folder 1. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (3), 1988
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Box 27. Folder 6. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1990
Box 27. Folder 7. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1990
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Box 27. Folder 10. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1991
Box 27. Folder 11. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1991
Box 27. Folder 12. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (3), 1991
Box 27. Folder 13. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1992
Box 27. Folder 14. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1992
Box 27. Folder 15. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1993
Box 27. Folder 16. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1993
Box 28. Folder 1. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (3), 1993
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Box 28. Folder 3. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1994
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Box 28. Folder 6. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (3), 1995
Box 28. Folder 7. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (1), 1996
Box 28. Folder 8. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1996
Box 28. Folder 11. Planning & Allocations Steering Committee (2), 1997
Box 28. Folder 12. Local Agency Relations/Allocations Committee beneficiary agency study findings, 1998
Box 28. Folder 13. Funding recommendations of the Allocations Committee, 2005
Box 29. Folder 1. Endowment funds, 1986-1987
Box 29. Folder 2. Endowment funds, 1988-1989

Series C. Committees and Councils, 1923-1993

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The majority of the committees and councils records are from 1970 through 2003, and often only consist of meeting minutes.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by committee name, and then chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 29. Folder 4. Agency Evaluation Services Committee, 1987
Box 29. Folder 7. Case Committee of United Jewish Social Agencies, 1923-1930
Box 30. Folder 1. Case Committee of United Jewish Social Agencies, 1931-1943
Box 30. Folder 2. Community Relations Reduction Task Force, 1987
Box 30. Folder 3. Demographic Study Committee, 1987
Box 30. Folder 5. Foster & Convalescent Home Board, 1925-1943
Box 30. Folder 7. Israel Desk, 1974
Box 31. Folder 5. Jewish Welfare Fund - Associated Jewish Agencies Committee to Study Coordinating Committee, 1966
Box 31. Folder 6. Joint Homes Committee, 1992
Series D. Organizational Materials, 1943-2000

Extent 1 linear foot (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of organizational materials and committee rosters. Of interest in this series are the general organizational materials (1996-2000) that supplies information on the current federation structure and goals.

Arrangement The series is arranged into organizational materials, and then committee rosters.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 33. Folder 7. Jewish Federation of Cincinnati Committee rosters (2), 1970-1972
Box 33. Folder 8. Board, Executive Committee, & Nominating Committee rosters, 1973-1977
Box 34. Folder 1. Jewish Welfare Board campaign organization, 1943-1958
Box 35. Folder 1. Jewish Welfare Board campaign organization, 1959-1972

Series E. Fund Raising, 1935-1994

Extent 6.28 linear feet (15.7 Hollinger boxes)
The bulk of information in the series relates to the annual Jewish Welfare Fund drive.

The series is divided into two (2) subseries: 1. Campaigns; 2. Community Chest.

**Subseries 1. Campaigns, 1935-1984**

**Extent** 6.16 linear feet (15.4 Hollinger boxes)

The campaign diaries, men's division, and women's division files all include campaign committee rosters, minutes, relevant correspondence, as well as other materials relation to the respective campaigns. Of interest are campaign materials from moments of historical significance for Israel, such as the Yom Kippur War (1973).

The series is arranged chronologically.

**Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 36. Folder 1. Campaign diaries, 1935-1940
- Box 36. Folder 3. Campaign diaries, 1941-1945
- Box 37. Folder 1. Women's Division, 1948-1960
- Box 37. Folder 2. Summary statements, 1949-1957
- Box 38. Folder 1. Campaign diaries, 1950-1953
- Box 38. Folder 2. Campaign diaries, 1954-1955
- Box 39. Folder 1. Campaign diaries, 1956-1957
- Box 40. Folder 1. Campaign diaries, 1958-1960
- Box 41. Folder 1. Women's Division, 1961-1962
- Box 41. Folder 2. Men's Division, 1961-1962
- Box 42. Folder 1. Women's Division, 1963-1964
- Box 42. Folder 2. Men's Division, 1965
- Box 43. Folder 1. Women's Division, 1965-1966
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- Box 46. Folder 2. Women's Division, 1970-1971
- Box 47. Folder 1. Men's Division (1), 1972
- Box 47. Folder 2. Men's Division (2), 1972
- Box 47. Folder 3. Men's Division (3), 1972
- Box 47. Folder 4. Men's Division (1), 1973
- Box 47. Folder 5. Men's Division (2), 1973
- Box 47. Folder 6. Men's Division (3), 1973
- Box 47. Folder 7. Men's Division (4), 1973

Extent  0.12 linear feet (0.3 Hollinger box)

Arrangement  The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing


Series F. Camp Livingston/Jewish Community Center, 1957-2000

Extent  0.72 linear feet (1.8 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Camp Livingston is a Jewish summer camp that has served the Cincinnati community since 1920. Since the mid 1960s Camp Livingston faced many financial struggles, and as a directed consequence the camp worked various other local agencies in an effort to overcome these challenges. As a result, when appropriate, the records in this series have been arranged by the originating group for those records, (i.e. Camp Livingston - Jewish Community Center are records about Camp Livingston from the Cincinnati Jewish Community Center). Other information in the series includes: records on Camp Livingston fire of 1992, promotional materials, and reports on the status of the camp.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 51. Folder 11. Camp Livingston, 1969
Box 52. Folder 1. Camp Livingston - Associated Jewish Agencies, 1964, 1966
Box 52. Folder 2. Camp Livingston - Jewish Community Center, 1969
Box 52. Folder 3. Camp Livingston - Jewish Community Center, 1970
Box 52. Folder 4. Camp Livingston - Jewish Community Center, 1990
Box 52. Folder 5. Camp Livingston - Jewish Community Center, 1991
Box 52. Folder 6. Camp Livingston - Jewish Community Center, 1992, 1995
Box 52. Folder 8. Camp Livingston - Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 1967-1971
Box 52. Folder 10. Camp Livingston - Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 1994-1996 June
Box 52. Folder 11. Camp Livingston - Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 1996 June-August
Box 52. Folder 13. Camp Livingston - Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 2000
Box 52. Folder 14. Camp Livingston - Louisville JCRC, 1966
Box 52. Folder 15. Camp Livingston fire, 1992
Box 53. Folder 1. Associated Jewish Agencies Camp Livingston study, 1962
Box 53. Folder 2. Camp Livingston study, 1966
Box 53. Folder 3. Cincinnati - Louisville Intercity Camp, 1966
Box 53. Folder 8. Camp Livingston surveys (1), 1986
Box 53. Folder 9. Camp Livingston surveys (2), 1986
Box 53. Folder 10. Camp Livingston surveys (3), 1986

Series G. Projects and Programs, 1969-1993

Extent 0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Included in the series are records on Jewish population distribution in Cincinnati in 1969, missions through the federation, "mini-bios" on Jewish Russian refugees, and an Israeli neighborhood revitalization program.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by project name, and then chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 53. Folder 11. Cincinnati Jewish population distribution, 1969

Extent    0.6 linear feet (1.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of reports authored by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati or one of its member agencies. The records found in the series offer information on the Cincinnati Jewish community and social work efforts by Jewish aid groups.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 55. Folder 1. Study of the Health and Medical Activities of the Federation of Jewish Agencies in Cincinnati, Ohio, 1947
Box 55. Folder 2. Sheltering Oaks Hospital: A Study of Potential Use by the Jewish Hospital Cincinnati, Ohio (1), 1963
Box 55. Folder 3. Sheltering Oaks Hospital: A Study of Potential Use by the Jewish Hospital Cincinnati, Ohio (2), 1963
Box 55. Folder 4. Sheltering Oaks Hospital: A Study of Potential Use by the Jewish Hospital Cincinnati, Ohio (3), 1963
Box 55. Folder 6. The Memoirs of Sidney Weil, 1966
Box 55. Folder 7. The Status of Jewish Education in Cincinnati (1), 1968
Box 55. Folder 8. The Status of Jewish Education in Cincinnati (2), 1968
Box 55. Folder 9. The Status of Jewish Education in Cincinnati (3), 1968
Box 55. Folder 10. Summer Trips to Israel: A Study of their Impact on Cincinnati Youth, 1978
Series I. Photographs and Scrapbooks, 1939-1971

Extent 1.4 linear feet (3.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note The bulk of the photographs are from Jewish Welfare Fund campaign events, and are 8" x 10" black and white prints identified by a photo index included in each folder. Also included in the series are a 1939 scrapbook and a box of miscellaneous photographs with limited identification and some organization.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 56. Folder 6. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos, 1951
Box 56. Folder 7. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos, 1952
Box 56. Folder 8. Yavneh Day school photos, circa 1950s
Box 56. Folder 10. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos (2), 1960
Box 57. Folder 1. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos (2), 1961
Box 57. Folder 2. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos (3), 1961
Box 57. Folder 4. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos (1), 1968
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Box 57. Folder 7. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos (2), 1970
Box 57. Folder 8. Jewish Welfare Fund campaign photos (1), 1971
Box 58. Folder 1. Miscellaneous photos, undated
Box 59. Folder 1. Scrapbook, 1939