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Fradle Pomerantz Freidenreich Collection

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Collection Summary

Title Fradle Pomerantz Freidenreich Collection
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Creator Freidenreich, Fradle Pomerantz [Collector]
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Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Fradle Freidenreich was born in Chicago, the daughter of a well-known Yiddish poet and a Jewish educator. As a young woman she participated in a one-year leadership development program sponsored by Habonim, the Labor Zionist Youth movement. She has worked in all areas of education, formal and informal, serving as a teacher, principal, curriculum writer, camp director, researcher, consultant, and university lecturer in Chicago, Montreal, New York, and Israel. Prior to her Aliyah in 1989, she was the Associate Director of JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America) where she held various positions during her 19-year tenure. These positions included Director of Methods and Materials, Lay Leadership Consultant, Director of Action Research, and initiator and editor of the 18 issues of JESNA's "Annual Roundup of New Programs." In Israel, Freidenreich worked in higher education, at various teacher training colleges and at Tel Aviv University, and was the Academic Consultant and Director of International Relations at MOFET, Israel's consortium of institutions conducting teacher-training programs.

Freidenreich is a graduate of Concordia University (Montreal, QC) and National Louis University (Evanston, IL). She also attended graduate programs at Columbia and NYU in New York. She received the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy honoris causa, awarded by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Additional honors include Fellow of the American Jewish Archives, Fellow in Religious Education awarded by the National Association of Temple Educators and UAHC, and Moment Magazine's first Community Service Award. Freidenreich has served on the boards of many professional organizations, including the Association of Jewish Communal Service, Educators Assembly, Council of Jewish Education, and the Labor Zionist Alliance, and also on several committees of the Ministry of Education in Israel.

Fradle and her husband Barry live in Herzlia, Israel. She is the mother of three and the grandmother of three.

Scope and Content Collection consists of questionnaires, correspondence, publications, photographs, memorabilia, reminiscences, song books, bibliographies, statistics, evaluations, articles, conference minutes, reports, school and camp year books, and more, covering the years 1910-1960. Materials were collected in preparation for the writing of Freidenreich's book "Passionate Pioneers: Yiddish Secular Education in North America, 1910-1960."

Arrangement The collection has been arranged into seven (7) series: A. Yiddish Secular Schools in the United States; B. Yiddish Secular Schools in Canada; C. Subject Files on Education; D. Camps; E. Personalities; F. Dissertations and Books; G. Audio Visual Materials.

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Index Terms
Series A. Yiddish Secular Schools in the United States, 1917-2008

Extent  2.6 linear feet (6.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note  Consists of research files on Yiddish secular schools in the United States.

Arrangement  The series is arranged into two (2) subseries: 1. Agrarian Colonies; 2. Urban Communities.

Subseries 1. Agrarian Colonies, 1924-2007

Extent  0.2 linear feet (0.5 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note  The "agrarian colonies" are specifically those where Yiddish secular schools were documented.

Arrangement  The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 2. Carion Colony (Centerfield, Utah), undated
Box 1. Folder 5. Mohegan Colony (Peekskill, N.Y.), 1924, 1936

Subseries 2. Urban Communities, 1917-2008

Extent  2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement  The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 8. Albany, N.Y., 1938, 2002
Box 1. Folder 9. Atlanta, Ga., 1924, 1926, 2002
Box 1. Folder 10. Atlantic City, N.J., 1928
Box 1. Folder 12. Binghamton, N.Y., 1926
Box 1. Folder 13. Birmingham, Ala., 2002
Box 1. Folder 15. Bridgeport, Conn., 2001-2002
Box 1. Folder 16. Brockton, Mass., undated
Box 1. Folder 17. Buffalo, N.Y., 1960, 2002
Box 1. Folder 19. Camden, N.J., 1944
Box 1. Folder 20. Chattanooga, Tenn., 1933, 2003
Box 1. Folder 21. Chester, Pa., 2001
Box 1. Folder 22. California. General, undated
Box 1. Folder 25. Chicago, Ill. National Radical and Socialist Territorial, 1961
Box 1. Folder 27. Chicago, Ill. Workmen's Circle.
Box 2. Folder 2. Chicago, Ill. SAFI.
Box 2. Folder 3. Cincinnati, Ohio.
Box 2. Folder 4. Cleveland, Ohio.
Box 2. Folder 5. Connecticut. General, undated
Box 2. Folder 7. Denver, Colo., 1959, 2002-2004
Box 3. Folder 3. Elizabeth, N.J., undated
Box 3. Folder 4. Erie, Pa., 1928
Box 3. Folder 6. Galveston, Tex., undated
Box 3. Folder 8. Hammond, Ind., 1937, 2002
Box 3. Folder 13. Iowa City, Iowa., undated
Box 3. Folder 14. Jacksonville, Fla., undated
Box 3. Folder 18. Los Angeles, Calif.
Box 3. Folder 20. Los Angeles, Calif. United Mitshul, 1946
Box 3. Folder 22. Los Angeles, Calif. IWO, 1935, 1936, 2002
Box 3. Folder 23. Macon, Ga., 1926
Box 3. Folder 25. Memphis, Tenn., 1928, undated
Box 3. Folder 27. Milwaukee, Wis., 1928-1929
Box 4. Folder 2. Nashville, Tenn., 2002


Box 5. Folder 4. New York: Manhattan. IWO.


Box 5. Folder 7. New York: Brooklyn. SAIFI.

Box 5. Folder 8. New York: Brooklyn. SAFI Day School, 1950-1951


Box 5. Folder 10. New York: Bronx. SAIFI.


Box 5. Folder 14. New York: Manhattan. SAIFI.


Box 6. Folder 3. New York: Staten Island, 1926

Box 6. Folder 4. Newark, N.J.


Box 6. Folder 7. Passaic, N.J., 1928, 1929, undated


Box 6. Folder 21. Rochester, N.Y.


Box 6. Folder 23. San Antonio, Tex., 1927
Box 6. Folder 25. Savannah, Ga., 1928, 1930, undated
Box 7. Folder 1. Schenectady, N.Y., undated
Box 7. Folder 2. Scranton, Pa., undated
Box 7. Folder 4. Shreveport, La., undated
Box 7. Folder 7. Stamford, Conn., 1929, undated
Box 7. Folder 9. Syracuse, N.Y., 1933, 1938, 1939, undated
Box 7. Folder 10. Toledo, Ohio, undated
Box 7. Folder 11. Toms River, N.J. IWO, 1948-1952
Box 7. Folder 12. Trenton, N.J., 1917, 1928, undated
Box 7. Folder 13. Utica, N.Y., undated
Box 7. Folder 14. Washington, D.C.
Box 7. Folder 15. Waterbury, Conn., 2002
Box 7. Folder 16. Westchester, N.Y. Combined - includes Golden's Bridge, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Port Chester, Spring Valley.
Box 7. Folder 17. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., undated
Box 7. Folder 20. Yonkers, N.Y., undated

**Series B. Yiddish Secular Schools in Canada, 1911-2008**

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Scope and Content Note** Consists of research files on Yiddish secular schools in Canada, both agrarian and urban.

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically by city.

**Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 8. Folder 2. Fort William, Port Arthur, Ontario, undated
Box 8. Folder 3. Kildonan, Manitoba, 1956, undated
Box 8. Folder 4. Lipton Colony, Saskatchewan, 2002
Box 8. Folder 5. Macaza, Quebec.
Box 8. Folder 15. Montreal, Quebec. Folk Shul.
Box 9. Folder 5. Saskatoon and Regina, Saskatchewan, undated
Series C. Subject Files on Education, 1900-2008

Extent 3 linear feet (7.5 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of subject files containing background material used by Freidenreich in her research on Yiddish secular schools and Jewish education. Of particular interest is Box 13, in which can be found summaries of statistical information, lists of various kinds having to do with the individual schools, and a timeline regarding early secular Yiddish schools in North America (1910-1962).

Box and Folder Listing

Box 10. Folder 9. General articles [English].
Box 10. Folder 10. General articles [Yiddish].
Box 10. Folder 11. Yiddish secular education articles [English].
Box 11. Folder 2. Yiddish secular education [Yiddish], 1900-1955
Box 11. Folder 3. Jewish education [Yiddish].
Box 11. Folder 4. Jewish education [English], Various dates up to 1950
Box 11. Folder 7. Jewish identity, 1938, undated
Box 12. Folder 22. Extra-curricular. Drama and music, 1929, 1934, undated

Box 13. Folder 2. School addresses and other lists.
Box 13. Folder 2a. School addresses and other lists.
Box 13. Folder 7. Conferences, 1930s-1940s
Box 13. Folder 8. Conferences, 1940s-1960s
Box 14. Folder 1. Publications. Yedios, 1928
Box 14. Folder 5. Arbeter Ring (Workmen's Circle), undated
Box 14. Folder 6. Arbeter Ring, 1919-1939
Box 14. Folder 7. Arbeter Ring, 1940-1958
Box 14. Folder 8. Arbeter Ring, 1965-present
Box 15. Folder 1. Farband Schools, 1912-1940
Box 15. Folder 2. Farband Schools, 1940-1960
Box 15. Folder 3. Farband Schools, 1940-1960
Box 15. Folder 5. Farband Schools, 1975-2004, undated
Box 15. Folder 6. Farband Schools booklets, 1955, undated
Box 15. Folder 7. IWO/UJPO. General, 1930-1936
Box 15. Folder 8. IWO., 1937-1939
Box 15. Folder 9. IWO Reader, 1934
Box 15. Folder 10. IWO Youth Section, 1935-1937, undated
Box 16. Folder 1. IWO, 1940-1945
Box 16. Folder 2. IWO, 1946-1960
Box 16. Folder 3. IWO, 1960-2004
Box 16. Folder 5. NPAR-NPJWCS.
Box 16. Folder 6. SAFI-SAI.
Box 16. Folder 7. Sholem Aleichem Folk Institute (SAFI).
Box 16. Folder 8. SAFI Women's Organizations, 1942, 1943, undated
Box 16. Folder 10. Teachers' groups, 1927-1928, 1944-1948, 1945, undated
Box 17. Folder 1. Professional development, 1957, undated
Box 17. Folder 2. Toronto, Ontario. Workmen's Circle, 2005
Box 17. Folder 3. IWO Teachers' courses, 1936, 1937
Box 17. Folder 6. Jewish Workers' University.
Box 17. Folder 8. American Day Schools.
Box 17. Folder 9. Supplementary schools, 1990, undated
Box 17. Folder 10. Jewish secular education outside the U.S.

**Series D. Camps, 1928-2008**

**Extent** 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

**Arrangement** The series is arranged alphabetically by camp name.

**Box and Folder Listing**

Box 18. Folder 4. Camp Bonim, 1933, 1941, 1946
Box 18. Folder 6. Congress Shul Camp, 1948
Box 18. Folder 7. Camp Friendship. Workmen's Circle - Tenn., undated
Box 18. Folder 10. Camp Kinderland. IWO.
Box 18. Folder 13. WC Camp - Kinder Ring, Los Angeles, 2002, undated
Box 19. Folder 9. WC Camp Kinder Ring.
Box 19. Folder 10. WC Camp Kinder Ring.
Box 19. Folder 11. Camp Kinderwelt, N.Y.
Box 19. Folder 12. Camp Kinderwelt, N.Y.
Box 19. Folder 13. Camp Kinderwelt, N.Y.
Box 20. Folder 5. IWO Camp - Nit Gedayget (Drury, Md.), 1939, undated
Box 20. Folder 10. Camp Tel Chai. Michigan, 1928, 2002
Series E. Personalities, 1964, undated

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note The roles of individuals in this continent-wide success story are detailed in this series, along with the organizations of which they were a part.

Box and Folder Listing


Box 21. Folder 3. Personalities, Workmen's Circle [includes Chaim Barkan, Moishe Cantor, Freidel and Murray Frank, Abraham Gurwitz, Yankev Levin, Muni Mark, Bernard Segal].


Series F. Dissertations and Books, 1954-1999

Extent 0.3 linear feet (0.75 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note The writings provided background information for Freidenreich. Please note that some of the manuscripts are complete, and others are only the portions relevant to Freidenreich's research.

Arrangement The series is arranged alphabetically by author.

Box and Folder Listing


Box 22. Folder 1. Isaacman, Daniel. Jewish Summer Camps in the United States and
Canada, 1900-1969 (selections), 1970


Box 22. Folder 6. Rauch, Eduardo. Jewish Education and the American Community: 1840 to the New Millennium (selections), 1999

Series G. Audio Visual Materials, 2009-2010

Extent 0.1 linear feet (0.25 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of video and audio programs which involve Freidenreich or discuss her research.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 22. Folder 7. Yiddish and Jewish Education in the Twentieth Century, Discussion Panel including Fradle Pomerantz Freidenreich, part of The Jerusalem Conference: A Century of Yiddish, 1908-2008, held in December 2009 at Hebrew University [MPEG 4 format], 2009 December

Box 22. Folder 8. Winnipeg Jewish Radio Hour - CKJS, 810AM - Yiddish Secular Schools, Guest Dr. Sheva Zucker [in English and Yiddish, MP3 format], 2010 January 3