
Guide to the B'nai B'rith, District Four Records, 1863-1997, [bulk 1980-1996]

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Introduction

This collection was donated to the Western Jewish History Center in 1998. It was processed by Willie Walker in 1999.

History

B'nai B'rith (BB) was formed by twelve German-Jewish Immigrants in a small café on New York's Lower East Side in 1843. It was created to help Jews settle in their new land and to try to stem the splintering of Jewish groups involved in the 34 synagogues existing in Manhattan at that time. As a non-religious Jewish organization, it became an important neutral ground for Jews of various origins and religious viewpoints. It continues to be an important institution by helping to sustain Jewish continuity and community, responding to anti-Jewish rhetoric, and providing aid in times of disaster.

In 1855, California pioneer Jacob Meyer helped organize the first BB lodge in the west, San Francisco's Ophir Lodge #21. By 1863 other lodges had been formed in San Francisco, Sacramento, and Grass Valley, and District Four was created that year.

In the early 1970s the District Grand Lodge [1](#) established a Jewish Orphan Asylum and a Home for Aged and Infirm Israelites in California. It also pioneered Jewish Education Societies, and helped establish Jewish Community Centers, Temples, and Synagogues, as well as maintaining an extensive Jewish library.

By the late 1880s, the District began to put into place what became a large-scale program of relief and education for the masses of newly immigrating Jews from Eastern Europe. The District also raised considerable funds for the wider community, particularly following the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, during World War II, after the 1980 San Francisco and the 1994 Los Angeles Earthquakes, and in response to the Midwestern Floods of 1993. Since the establishment of the state of Israel, the District has consistently given tremendous support to that nation and its people. Special outreach programs for and about emigrating Russian Jews also developed in the 1970s and 1980s, peaking around 1990.

Many other social and political issues were widely discussed during the last decades of the 20th century, and programs were created to respond to a number of these. Issues include AIDS, Abortion, Commemorations of the Holocaust, Cults, Ethiopian Jews, Homelessness, Jewish Cemeteries, Jewish Prisoners, Survivors of the Holocaust, and Terrorism.

Numerous changes to the District Constitution have been made over the past 130 years. This collection includes documentation of changes that have occurred since 1978. The most important of these occurred in the early 1990s when District #4, acting in accordance with B'nai B'rith International, voted to extend membership to women. Under the new structure, B'nai B'rith Lodges were combined with Chapters of B'nai B'rith Women, and the old designation "Lodge" was given the new title "Unit."

Footnotes:

1 The old title *District Grand Lodge #4* was shortened to District #4 by the 1960s.

Scope and Content

This set of records provides an extensive and detailed portrait of what is arguably the most important Jewish organization in North America. With a few exceptions, the collection covers some 15 to 20 years of B'nai B'rith activities in the Western United States at the end of the twentieth century. This was a period of significant change in the Administration of District 4, which has become increasingly sophisticated at the same time it instituted a major structural metamorphosis. Of particular interest in this regard are the records that document discussion and implementation of change. These are best captured in series 22, files (series 3), the actions taken at Annual Meetings (also series 3), and finally, similar discussion of the Planning and Development Committee, followed by discussions of the Executive Board and actions taken at the Area, Council, and Lodge level (series 32-36).

There are three significant series of records that begin much earlier than most. These include Executive Board Minutes and Proceedings from Annual Meetings, probably the two richest sources of information in the Collection. In addition, the Membership Ledgers described in series 40 provide information about the District and its members in the first decades of the century. The District Handbooks listed in Box 11 contain a good deal of practical information about the organization as well as listings of such things as past District officers and what Lodges were active at the time the handbooks were created.

The Proceedings from Annual Meetings, although formal and mostly devoid of nuance, is a particularly useful resource. Since the earliest edition, that of 1865, there have been numerous changes in the language employed in naming various structural components of B'nai B'rith District 4 as well as in the size of the membership and the complexity of activities. Still, many of the components of the Proceedings have remained fairly constant. Among these are:

- Lists of Past Officers
- President's Address
- Secretary's or Treasurer's Report
- Deaths of Members
- Appeals for Aid
- Committee Reports

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- Journal of the Proceedings
 - Amendments to the Bylaws & Rules

Long time Executive Director Norman Simon had a great deal to do with the climate and direction of the District during this period. While numerous biographical sketches and speeches by Simon have been printed in various publications, a more personal insightful portrait can be drawn from his correspondence files and notes taken by staff members at their weekly conferences with him. [2](#) There are several categories of the Executive Director's Correspondence, among them "Correspondence," "Burt's File Copies," "Chronological File," and "Personal Correspondence." These are Simon's designations; it is difficult to discern differences among them, but they were retained as they do reflect his choices.

Footnotes:

2 See series 32.

Condition Report

This collection is generally in good condition, although individual pages may have been creased. There are relatively few documents that need preservation photocopying, such as faxes or newspaper clippings. Only a portion of the photographs have been sleeved, primarily the black and white portraits of District Officers and guest lecturers in boxes 41 and 42. Several dozen sets of color snapshots remain in their original, non-archival envelopes. Textile and other artifacts are in good condition.

Series Description

This collection is organized into six Record Groups, the second and third of which are divided into two Sub-Record Groups. A total of 37 series have been identified. For a quick overview, see the Collection Outline below.

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The first series, Constitutions, Bylaws, Etc. of B'nai B'rith International (BBI), is composed of records held by the District office. Most of these are either published booklets and brochures or computer generated reports mailed from the International to the Districts for educational or administrative purposes. The third folder of the series contains several documents that show the changing structure of B'nai B'rith in recent times. Records of only two of the Annual Conventions of BBI (1978 and 1986) are present. A photocopy of the 1876 publication *California-Nevada Travel Diary* by David A. D'Ancona is also included.

The second series, General Documents of B'nai B'rith District Four contains Constitutions, Bylaws, and other administrative rules, 20 years of records of the Hillel Foundation, and the First Proceedings of Grand Lodge # 4.

The third through the twenty-fifth series are records of the Executive Board of District 4. The District Executive Board, composed of members elected at the Annual Convention and Past Presidents, considers and acts upon the District's Annual Budget, hires and oversees the Professional Staff, and transacts ongoing business of the District.

The third series, Board Documents, includes Minutes of Board Meetings from 1924 through June of 1996, Agendas for Plenary Sessions from 1977 through 1997, Membership Directories for the years 1971-1997, and Convention Proceedings from 1865-1996 (except for the years 1897-1899), as well as a variety of handbooks, reports, and other documents.

The fourth series, Board Presidents, include records from Past Presidents and other documents related to this position, from the period 1988-1996.

The fifth series, Fundraising Cabinet, holds documents concerned with District strategies and programs to raise funds for the District between 1989 and 1997.

The sixth series, Membership Cabinet, contains records related to the District's membership and member retention for the short period of 1993-1997. The Membership Cabinet includes representatives of three Committees: Member Acquisition, Member Retention, and Membership Information and Education.

The seventh series, Program Cabinet, records the work of this body to implement the mission and goals of the District from 1980-1997. The Program Cabinet includes representatives from the District's Anti-Defamation League, Political Action Network, Community Volunteer Services, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Hillel, and the Israel, Ritual, and Senior Housing Committees.

The eighth series, Political Action Network (PAN), holds records of the planning and execution of political activities of the District from 1984-1994.

The ninth series, Community Volunteer Services (CVS), reflects the social service activities of the District from 1977-1997.

The tenth series, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), contain a report from 1974 and other BBYO records, including those of the Youth Leadership Action Network, from 1987-1997.

The 11th series, Hillel, contains records of this organization of college-aged youth for the period 1987-1996.

The 12th series, Israel Committee, documents the work of this standing committee, which deals with both the District's financial and political support of Israel and the District's efforts to educate its members and the general public about the people and state of Israel. These records cover the 14 year period from 1984 to 1997.

The 13th series, Ritual, holds documentation of the District's use and understanding of B'nai B'rith Rituals, most notably the Candle Lighting Ceremony that is used to start and end meetings and other events. The earliest of these documents is from 1961.

The 14th series, Senior Housing Committee, features records from 1985 to 1995. Providing housing for elderly Jews, especially those who are poor, is an important and traditional aspect of B'nai B'rith's mission; related activities date back to the mid-19th Century.

The 15th series, Anti Defamation League, is limited to records related to the District's Lecture Series for the period 1986-1993. A number of publications and a catalog from the International ADL are included.

The 16th series, Adult Education Committee, is a relatively small one that documents the District's Adult Education program from 1980-1992.

The 17th series, Committee on Councils, reveals the work of this body from 1981 (when it was a subcommittee) to 1996. The basic entity of B'nai B'rith is the *Lodge* (now replaced by the term *Unit*). Groups of Lodges that are in close proximity may form a *Council*, which helps to coordinate activities among the member Lodges. The Committee on Councils coordinates and supervises District Councils.

The 18th series, Nominating Committee, contains records limited to the 1990s. This group searches for potential new leaders and encourages the participation of both new and seasoned leaders by nominating individuals to run for a wide array of District offices.

The 19th series, Finance Committee, records the financial status and annual budget preparation of the District. This series holds records from 1986-1997.

The 20th series, Leadership Training, relates to the training of new office-holders throughout the District. Typical topics covered in these trainings include the mission, history, structure, and programs of B'nai B'rith and District 4, as well as information about basic administrative activities such as how to run a meeting, how to encourage member participation, and how to handle disputes. Records date from 1979-1994 with the addition of records from a workshop held at the 1966 Annual Meeting.

The 21st series, Personnel Committee, holds scattered Minutes and other documents from the late 1960s through 1982, and records of the renamed *Staff Management Committee* during the early 1990s.

The 22nd series, Planning and Development Committee (P&D Committee), is an exceptional complete and important one. Featured is the overall planning function of the District from 1975 through 1995.

The 23rd series, Resolutions Committee, covers the period 1985-1994. This Committee accepts resolutions from member Lodges and Committees and prepares them for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

The 24th series, Public Relations Committee, covers the period 1980-1997 along with a few photographs going back to the turn of the century. Types of publicity documented includes press releases, printed articles related to the District and its member lodges, and a complete set of the District's monthly newspaper B'nai B'rith Life (1990-1997). The other major component of this series consists of press photos of District officers, staff and guest speakers, and color snapshots of District members and events.

The 25th series, Awards and Citations, relates to the selection and presentation of various accolades and honors from the period 1983-1997.

The 26th series, Special Committees, documents a wide range of ad hoc and temporary committees [1](#) organized to respond to particular issues, most of them internal. These cover a slightly earlier time period than most other series, starting in 1963 and ending by 1989.

The 27th through the 32nd series are records of the District's Administration by the Professional Staff.

The 27th series, Executive Director's Correspondence, document countless aspects of District 4 from 1988-1997, although many are of a routine nature. Almost all of these are from long-time Executive Director Norman Simon, who retired in 1995. His position was filled by Joel Baker.

The 28th series, Executive Director's Personal Correspondence, is similar to the 27th series above, although it starts ten years earlier, in 1978. It is unclear how the personal correspondence was differentiated from the general nor who made these distinctions.

The 29th series, Executive Director's Notes and Subject Files, also primarily documents the Norm Simon administration. These are subject files kept by the Director since at least 1983.

The 30th series, Associate Executive Director's Correspondence, and the 31st series, Associate Executive Director's Notes and Subject Files, are very similar to the 27th through the 29th series described above, also from 1983-1996. All reflect the work of long-time Associate Executive Director Burt Friedman

The 32nd series, District Staff, contains notes and other documents from Insurance Director Dick Varon, Group Services Director Bob Sherman, Fundraising Director Cecil Malinoff, and Membership Directors Julian Schwarz and Joanne Leinow. Most date from 1980 to 1991.

The 33rd through the 36th series are records of the District's Areas, Councils, and Lodges [2](#)

The 33rd series, Southern Area, covers the largest Area in the District, encompassing the Southern California, the Southwest, and the Valley & Ventura Councils. It reflects many issues affecting the Lodges and Councils of the Southern Area as well as exhibiting activities of the Executive Board of the Area itself.

The 34th series, Central Area, records a limited number of activities (1990-1994) of this Area, which covers the northern two thirds of the state of California.

The 35th series, Northern Area, records a small number of activities (1991-1994) of this Area, which encompasses the Northwestern region of the United States.

The 36th series, Interior Area, is also very sparse, primarily documenting issues related to Lodges in Arizona from 1988 to 1994.

The 37th series, Lodges (Units), holds reports, petitions, and correspondence to and from individual Lodges (now Units) from throughout District 4, mostly from the 1980s to the mid 1990s. Records are arranged alphabetically by the name of the Lodge.

The 38th and 39th series are records of the District Events

The 38th series, District 4 Activities and Events, records a variety of events sponsored by the District or by individual Councils or Lodges. The oldest of these are a Program from "Aid to the People of Israel" held in Oakland in 1948, and documents and photographs from a major Yom Kippur Dance [3](#) held by the Al Jolson Lodge of Los Angeles in 1954. Other records span the years 1980 to 1997. Sizable proportions of this series record various Holocaust Memorial services and the 1993 celebration of the 150th Anniversary of B'nai B'rith.

The 39th series, Conventions and Related Documents, includes records related to the District Four Annual Conventions, where elected delegates make decisions and set policy related to the district. These materials document the actual preparations for the Conventions for three years (1975, 1985, and 1993) as well as correspondence related to from 1972-1985. The conventions themselves are thoroughly documented in the published Proceedings listed in the third series, Board Documents. [4](#)

The 40th series, Oversize Membership Ledgers, is composed of 70 bound Ledgers annotated with hand-written entries from the first twenty-five years of the 20th century. The first two of these record meeting minutes, one from the "General Committee" of District 4, and one for San Francisco's Hall of Columbia Lodge. All of the remaining books are membership ledgers. Two of these cover membership information for each lodge, from 1907-1919.

The rest contain membership roles for one or more lodges. 31 of these date from 1911, while 27 reflect the membership in 1920. Additionally, one is from 1921, 3 are from 1922, and one each are present for 1923 and 1924. The ledgers typically list each member's name, where and/or when they were born, the date of the member's initiation, name of former Lodge if any, when they withdrew or were suspended from the Lodge, or when they died. Occasionally additional notes are made, such as "Drowned in the Titanic" or "Killed in Battle."

The 41st series, Artifacts, contains assorted ephemera.

Footnotes:

1 Committees described prior to this series are all Standing (permanent) Committees.

2 Lodges and Councils are Chartered entities described in the overview of series 17, above. Areas are District designations created for more efficient administrative purposes.

3 This dance featured Big Band era musician Harry James and his Orchestra.

4 Published Proceedings are present for each year from 1865 through 1996 except for 1897-1899.

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- **Title:** Nevada Lodges: Washoe #450, Carson #266, and Reno #760 1895-1947

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- **Identifier/Call Number:** 85/5
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 - **Identifier/Call Number:** 68/32
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 - **Title:** Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum 1871-1975
 - Ephemera and Vertical Files
 - Microfilm of Minutes of the Miriam Lodge #56 (Marysville) 1864-1869 are in the WJHC Library.

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Box-folder 57/7	Southern Area Cabinet - First Meeting 1982-83
Box-folder 57/8	Lodge/Unit Presidents 1985-86
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Box-folder 57/10	Southern California Council 1984-85
Box-folder 57/11	Committee on Councils - SoCal 1988-89
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Box-folder 57/14	Fundraising Share of Los Angeles Office Expenses 1985-87
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Box-folder 58/5	Jewish Federation Community Calendar
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Box-folder 58/8	Conversion of Lodges to Units 1989-90
Box-folder 58/9	Applications and Procedures for Units
Box-folder 58/10	New and Potential Units 1985-95
Box-folder 58/11	Unsuccessful Attempt to Start Single Adults Unit 1987-91
Box-folder 59/1	BB Women of Greater Los Angeles Area 1990-94
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Box-folder 59/3	West Valley Kehilla 1987-90
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Box-folder 59/7	Maccabi (Orange County) 1995-96
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Box-folder 59/9	Questionnaires/Surveys
Box-folder 59/10	Southwest Council By-Laws 1979-85
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Box-folder 59/14	By-Laws: Valley & Ventura Councils 1962-96
Box-folder 59/15	San Fernando Valley Council 1985
Box-folder 59/16	Valley a Ventura Council 1991
Box-folder 59/17	Valley a Ventura Council 1994-95

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Box-folder 60/2	Greater East Bay
Box-folder 60/3	Central Area Branch Office 1925-92
Box-folder 60/4	Closing of Central Area Office (S.F.) 1993-94
	Northern Area
Box-folder 60/5	Northern Area VIP 1991-94
	Interior Area
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Box-folder 60/7	Arizona State Coordinating Committee
	Lodges (Units)
Box-folder 60/8	55 + Singles Valley
Box-folder 60/9	Akiba Lodge
Box-folder 60/10	Alhambra-Friendship #1179
Box-folder 60/11	Anaheim Covenant Lodge
Box-folder 60/12	Antelope Valley # 2386
Box-folder 60/13	Arava Unit - Formation - Tucson
Box-folder 60/14	Baron De Hirsch #420
Box-folder 60/15	Beverly Hills Lodge # 1325 1992-93
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Box-folder 61/1	Mel Blanc # 1832
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Box-folder 61/3	Eddie Cantor Lodge
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Box-folder 61/6	Desert Empire # 3110
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Box-folder 62/3	Entertainment Industry Unit # 5421
Box-folder 62/4	Fidelity #1215
Box-folder 62/5	Grand Canyon # 2857
Box-folder 63/1	Greater Seattle # 3003
Box-folder 63/2	Greater Westside BB Lodge # 2086
Box-folder 63/3	David P. Goldman # 1004
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Box-folder 63/5	Hancock Park Lodge
Box-folder 63/6	Haverim # 5213
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Box-folder 63/8	Heritage Unit # 5281
Box-folder 63/9	Hollywood-Wilshire #1111
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Box-folder 64/2	Ivan Frank Ladera
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Box-folder 64/4	Justice # 2772
Box-folder 64/5	Kadimah #5224
Box-folder 64/6	Kasavan, Jack Lodge
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Box-folder 64/10	Laguna Hills
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Box-folder 65/3	Leisure World
Box-folder 65/4	Lewkowitz, Herman # 960
Box-folder 65/5	Lion's Gate-Vancouver # 668
Box-folder 65/6	Lubin, David # 37
Box-folder 65/7	Mack, Nate - Las Vegas #2825
Box-folder 65/8	Marina del Rey # 3037
Box-folder 65/9	Massada
Box-folder 66/1	Matloob, Friborz Fred # 5420
Box-folder 66/2	Matloob, Friborz Fred # 5420
Box-folder 66/3	Mazel Unit
Box-folder 66/4	Mervis, Harry Lodge
Box-folder 66/5	Mission Viejo # 3087
Box-folder 66/6	Modesto
Box-folder 66/7	Mt. Diablo-Rossmoor # 1756
Box-folder 66/8	Mt. Palomar
Box-folder 66/9	Murrieta Hot Springs # 5039
Box-folder 67/1	Newport Beach
Box-folder 67/2	North Coast #5282
Box-folder 67/3	Oakland # 252
Box-folder 67/4	Ocean Hills # 5486
Box-folder 67/5	Olympic
Box-folder 67/6	Ontario-Pomona # 1189
Box-folder 67/7	Orange Coast Lodge
Box-folder 67/8	OT AM # 5310
Box-folder 67/9	Palm Springs # 2078
Box-folder 67/10	Palo Alto # 2246
Box-folder 67/11	Paradise # 237
Box-folder 68/1	Pasadena Lodge # 1004
Box-folder 68/2	Portland Lodge
Box-folder 68/3	Rancho Bernardo # 2976
Box-folder 68/4	Reunion
Box-folder 68/5	Rabin, Yitzak
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Box-folder 68/7	Riverside # 1221
Box-folder 68/8	Rogue Valley - Bedford, OR
Box-folder 68/9	Saddleback Lodge
Box-folder 68/10	Sahuaro # 763
Box-folder 69/1	San Diego
Box-folder 69/2	San Diego
Box-folder 69/3	San Diego Coordinating Committee
Box-folder 69/4	San Francisco, CA #21
Box-folder 69/5	San Jose-Ner Tamid # 2402
Box-folder 69/6	San Fernando Valley
Box-folder 69/7	San Pedro
Box-folder 69/8	Santa Barbara
Box-folder 70/1	Seattle
Box-folder 70/2	Shalom Unit # 5400
Box-folder 70/3	Simcha # 5523
Box-folder 70/4	Skyline Unity # 273
Box-folder 70/5	Sports Lodge
Box-folder 70/6	Summerlin # 5487
Box-folder 70/7	Sun City/Palm Springs
Box-folder 70/8	Tarzana # 2886
Box-folder 70/9	Torrance/Southbay #2523
Box-folder 70/10	Tucson, AZ Unit
Box-folder 70/11	Utah Unit # 421
Box-folder 71/1	Vallejo # 1172
Box-folder 71/2	Valley Chai

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Box-folder 71/3	Valleyheart-Ben Gurion Unit # 2041
Box-folder 71/4	Van Nuys
Box-folder 71/5	Verdugo Hills
Box-folder 71/6	Victoria
Box-folder 71/7	Walnut Creek
Box-folder 71/8	Weinberger-Breitbard # 370
Box-folder 71/9	West Covina Unit
Box-folder 71/10	West Valley Unit # 2019
Box-folder 71/11	Westside Couples Unit
Box-folder 71/12	Howard Paul Wilson # 1642

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District 4 Activities and Events

Box-folder 71/13	Aid to the People of Israel Program 1948
Box-folder 71/14	Al Jolson Lodge's Yom Kippur Dance 1954
Box-folder 71/14	Al Jolson's Yom Kippur Dance - photos 1954
Box-folder 72/1	Commemoration of Holocaust 1980
Box-folder 72/2	Concerns of Aging: A survival kit 1985
Box-folder 72/3	Salute to Israel 1985
Box-folder 72/4	Annual Passover Seder 1985-95
Box-folder 72/5	Kiryat Ono Youth Band 1986
Box-folder 72/6	SoCal Conf. - Jewish Communal Service 1986
Box-folder 72/7	Golden Harvest Ball 1986-89
Box-folder 72/8	Orange County's Soviet Jewry Mobilization 1987
Box-folder 72/9	SoCal Conf. - Jewish Communal Service 1987
Box-folder 72/10	Lights of Remembrance - Kristallnacht 1988
Box-folder 72/11	Chassadic Dance Festival 1989
Box-folder 72/12	Town Hall 1989
Box-folder 72/13	"Unto Every Person There Is A Name" 1990-97
Box-folder 72/14	Salute to Israel 1991
Box-folder 72/15	Bicentennial of Bill of Rights 1991
Box-folder 73/1	Los Angeles Holocaust Memorial 1992
Box-folder 73/2	150th Anniversary of B'nai B'rith 1993
Box-folder 73/3	150th Anniversary: To Do list 1993
Box-folder 73/4	150th Anniversary: Poster/Essay Contest 1993
Box-folder 73/5	150th Anniversary: Merchandise 1993
Box-folder 73/6	150th Anniversary: Sabbaths 1993
Box-folder 73/7	150th Anniversary: Havdaleh 1993
Box-folder 73/8	150th Anniversary: Passover Seder 1994
Box-folder 73/9	Valley Jewish Festival 1995-97
Box-folder 73/10	West Valley Chanukah Festival 1996

Convention-Related Documents

Box-folder 73/11	District 4 Convention Brochures 1970-97
Box-folder 73/12	Convention Letterhead 1979-94
Box-folder 73/14	Convention Newsletters 1979-97
Box-folder 73/15	Herman Lewkowitz Scholarship Winners 1982-90
Box-folder 73/16	Convention Correspondence 1972-74
Box-folder 73/17	Convention Prep Documents 1975
Box-folder 74/1	Convention Correspondence 1977
Box-folder 74/2	Convention Correspondence 1978
Box-folder 74/3	Convention Correspondence 1979
Box-folder 74/4	Convention Correspondence 1981
Box-folder 74/5	Convention Correspondence 1983
Box-folder 74/6	Convention Prep Documents 1985
Box-folder 75/1	Convention Correspondence 1985
Box-folder 75/2	Convention Prep Documents 1993

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Photographs

Box-folder 76/1	Press Photos, A
Box-folder 76/2	Press Photos, B
Box-folder 76/3	Press Photos, C
Box-folder 76/4	Press Photos, D
Box-folder 76/5	Press Photos, E
Box-folder 76/6	Press Photos, F
Box-folder 76/7	Press Photos, G
Box-folder 76/8	Press Photos, H-I
Box-folder 76/9	Press Photos, J
Box-folder 76/10	Press Photos, K
Box-folder 76/11	Press Photos, L
Box-folder 76/12	Press Photos, M
Box-folder 76/13	Press Photos, N-O
Box-folder 76/14	Press Photos, P-Q
Box-folder 76/15	Press Photos, R
Box-folder 76/16	Press Photos, S
Box-folder 76/17	Press Photos, T
Box-folder 76/18	Press Photos, U-V
Box-folder 76/19	Press Photos, W-Z
Box Box 77	Unidentified, unprocessed snapshots

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Box Box 78	Leather Cases for Vestments in Box O
Box-folder 79/1	Hillel Foundation Golden Book n.d.
Box-folder 79/2	Convention Resolutions in Ledger 1953-1975
Box-folder 79/3	Al Jolson Lodge Yom Kippur Dance 1954
Box-folder 79/4	Various Tickets
Box-folder 79/5	150th Anniversary Poster Design Contest 1993
Box-folder 79/6	Sons of the Covenant Sponsor Kit
Box-folder 79/7	Blank Awards & Commendations

Oversize Membership Ledgers

Box-folder Box A	Minutes of General Committee (General Membership?), District 4 1902-1914
Box-folder Box B	Minutes of Hall of Columbia Lodge #127 (San Francisco) 1908-1912
Box-folder Box C	Membership Roll, District 4 (arranged by lodge) 1907-1914 Membership Roll, District 4 (arranged by lodge) 1915-1919
Box-folder Box D	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Ariel #248; Miami #826 1911
Volume Book 2	California #163 1911
Volume Book 3	Columbia #127; Billings #815 1911
Volume Book 4	Cremieux #325 1911
Volume Book 5	Ethan #37 1911
Volume Book 6	Nathan Falk #481 1911
Volume Book 7	Fresno #723; Helena #755 1911
Box-folder Box E	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Abraham Geiger #423 1911

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Volume Book 2	Golden Gate #129 1911
Volume Book 3	Theo Herzl #314 (consolidated with #65); Bear Flag #846 1911
Volume Book 4	Hildesheimer #503 1911
Volume Book 5	Baron De Hirsch #420 1911
Volume Book 6	Hope #126 1911
Volume Book 7	Lasker #370 1911
Box-folder Box F	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Los Angeles #487 1911
Volume Book 2	Miriam #56; Phoenix #799 1911
Volume Book 3	Montefiore #51 1911
Volume Book 4	Modin #42 1911
Volume Book 5	Oakland #252 1911
Volume Book 6	Occidental #345 (consolidated with Ophir #21 in 1919) 1911
Volume Book 7	Ophir #21 (absorbed Columbia #127 & Occidental #345) 1911
Box-folder Box G	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Pacific #48 1911
Volume Book 2	Paradise #237 1911
Volume Book 3	B F Piexotto #421 1911
Volume Book 4	Portland #416 1911
Volume Book 5	Rainier #627 1911
Volume Book 6	Samuel #668 1911
Volume Book 7	Tacoma #741; Bellingham #756; Grays Harbor #757 1911
Box-folder Box H	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Tucson #763; Bakersfield #764; Berkeley #761 1911
Volume Book 2	Unity #273 1911
Volume Book 3	Victoria #758; Reno #759; Everett #761 1911
Volume Book 4	Bellingham #756; Grays Harbor #757; Victoria #758 1920
Volume Book 5	Billings #815; Santa Cruz #1050; Bear Flag #846 1920
Volume Book 6	California #163; Paradise #237 (contains two alphabets) 1920
Box-folder Box I	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Cremieux #325 1920
Volume Book 2	David Lubin #37 1920
Volume Book 3	Fresno #723 1920
Volume Book 4	Abraham Geiger #423; Nathan Falk #481 1920
Volume Book 5	Golden Gate #129 1920
Box-folder Box J	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Hildesheimer #503 1920
Volume Book 2	Baron De Hirsch #420 1920
Volume Book 3	Hope #126 1920
Volume Book 4	Lasker #370 1920
Volume Book 5	Long Beach #870; Santa Ana #951 1920
Volume Book 6	Los Angeles #487 1920
Box-folder Box K	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Modin #42; Pacific #48 1920
Volume Book 2	Montefiore #51 1920
Volume Book 3	Oakland #252 1920
Volume Book 4	B F Piexotto #421 1920
Box-folder Box L	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Phoenix #799 1920
Volume Book 2	Everett #1062 1920
Volume Book 3	Portland #416 1920
Volume Book 4	Rainier #627 1920
Volume Book 5	Reno #760; Tucson #763; Bakersfield #764 1920
Volume Book 6	Samuel #668 1920
Box-folder Box M	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	San Jose #868; Modesto #869 1920
Volume Book 2	Tacoma #273 1920
Volume Book 3	Unity #273 1920

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Volume Book 4	Typed List of Members & Members' Addresses from All San Francisco Lodges: Ophir, Modin, Pacific, Montefiore, Columbia, Golden Gate, California, Unity, Cremieux, and Occidental 1921
Volume Book 5	San Francisco #21 1922
Volume Book 6	Seattle 1922
Box-folder Box N	Membership Rolls by Lodge
Volume Book 1	Arizona #960; Pocatello #970 n.d.
Volume Book 2	Pasadena #1004; Santa Monica #1028; San Pedro #1026 n.d.
Volume Book 3	San Francisco #21; California #163; Unity #273; Oakland #252 1922
Volume Book 4	Ophir, Modin, Pacific, Montefiore, Golden Gate, California, Unity, and Cremieux 1923
Volume Book 5	San Francisco #21; California #163; Unity #273; Oakland #252 1924

Artifacts

Box-folder Box O	Ceremonial Velvet Vestments, LA # 487, Fidelity #1215 & District 4 n.d.
Box-folder Box P	Ceremonial Velvet Banners (2), #487 & #1215
Box-folder Box Q	Dungaree Briefcase, 132nd Annual Convention 1995
	Nylon Briefcase, 133rd Annual Convention 1996
	Embossing Stamps (2)
	Press Plates, Program Kit (2)
	Membership Certificates, Fred Fariborz Matloob #5420 & Valley Heart #2041
	Convention Badges
	Essay & Poster Design Contest Entries 1993
	Architect's Drawings, Arizona Senior Housing
	Blank Akiba & Menorah Awards
	Metal plated suitcase with:
	2 ceremonial ropes
	wooden alter piece with 2 angels
	cast metal 10 commandments
	crooked head of staff
	Laminated BBI Utah Unit #421 Charter 1990