



Guide to the Collection on the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish Community

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Barkan, Mary Flynn, 1949-
Title:	Collection on the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish Community
ID:	MS-00426
Date [inclusive]:	1964-2006
Physical Description:	6.85 Linear Feet (11 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Collection on the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish Community spans from 1964 to 2006 and is comprised of scrapbooks, genealogies, ephemera, and other material produced by or for the community. The Hadassah scrapbooks date from 1964 through 1971 and contain invitations, photographs, and records of events and fundraising efforts. Material related to various congregations includes bulletins, fliers, correspondence (form letters), photographs, newspaper clippings, and recorded media. The Jewish Genealogy Society records include bulletins, newsletters, and meeting agendas. Also included is a family genealogy.

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Biographical note on Mary Flynn Barkan

Genealogist and former teacher Mary Flynn Barkan (1949-) is an active member of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada (JGSSN) and a past president of the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries. She moved to Las Vegas, Nevada with her husband Barry Barkan in 1977. She taught at Cashman Junior High School before leaving the Clark County School District in 1981 to work at her husband's company DeBarry Packaging. Mary Barkan became a member of the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries in the early 1980s and joined the Board of Directors in 1983. She also served as president of the organization and managed the warehouse of books that

the Friends sold to raise money for library projects. As a member of JGSSN, Barkan conducts genealogical research and teaches others how to document their family histories. For nine years she was editor of JGSSN's quarterly bulletin *Family Legacies*. She was honored by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) in February 2007 for her dedication to preserving historical records.

Barkan was born in Quantico, Virginia on March 3, 1949. She was raised in Yuma, Arizona and graduated from Yuma High School in 1967. Barkan earned her degree in Secondary Education from the University of Arizona and taught English at her former high school, during which time she met her future husband Barry Barkan. The couple lived in Tucson, Arizona while Barry completed his doctorate and Mary finished her masters. They were married in Yuma on January 29, 1977 and moved to Las Vegas in the summer of 1977.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Collection on the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish Community is comprised of records of Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish organizations from 1964 to 2006. The organizations documented by the collection include local congregations, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southern Nevada, the Las Vegas/Southern Nevada chapter of Hadassah, and the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada. Newsletters from various Las Vegas Jewish organizations from 1998 to 2006 make up a large part of the collection. The Las Vegas/Southern Nevada chapter of Hadassah is also well-documented by scrapbooks from the 1960s and 1970s, as well as meeting minutes, budgets, and bylaws from 1993 to 1997. The collection also contains genealogical research materials, including name indexes of the newsletters and scrapbooks in the collection. It also contains genealogical information assembled by Mary Barkan, including family histories related to Barry Barkan and her husband.

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Arrangement

These records are organized into three series:

Series I. Las Vegas Jewish community records, 1988-2004;

Series II. Genealogical materials, 1998-2006;

Series III. Hadassah records and scrapbooks, 1964-2001.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Multiple individuals contributed to this collection before its donation to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mary Flynn Barkan was the lead volunteer in compiling the materials that were donated as accession number 2001-06. Related materials from various persons were added to the collection from 2001 to 2007.

Additions

Further additions are anticipated.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore in 2013-2014. In 2014 Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2015 further processing work was performed on the collection and the finding aid was revised by Emily Lapworth as part of the Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Joyce Moore in 2014 to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. It was revised again by Emily Lapworth to reflect further processing as part of the Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project. June 2015

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Names and Subjects

- Jews -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Women--Nevada--Clark County--Societies and clubs

- Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Southern Nevada Chapter
- Temple Beth Sholom (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada

Collection Inventory

Las Vegas Jewish community records, 1988-2004

Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet (5 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: This series is comprised of records created by congregations and other organizations in the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish community from 1988 to 2004. In addition to newsletters from various congregations in the Las Vegas Valley and the Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada, the series also includes form letters, fliers, programs, invitations, photographs, audiovisual materials, and other ephemera documenting the events and activities of the Jewish community.

Title/Description	Containers	
Temple Beth Sholom form letters to congregants, 1999 to 2003	box 1	folder 1
Temple Beth Sholom form letters to congregants, 2003 to 2004	box 1	folder 2
Fliers for various events in the Jewish community, 2003	box 1	folder 3
Guides for ceremonies and celebrations, undated	box 1	folder 4
Invitations to events in the Jewish Community, 1997 to 2004	box 1	folder 5-6
Tashlich photographs, 2000	box 1	folder 7
Temple Beth Sholom dedication program and yarmulke, 2000	oversized box 11	
Future Chabad Center of Summerlin/Desert Shores program calendars, 2002 to 2004	box 02	
Booklets		
Temple Beth Sholom Books of Memory, 1988 to 1999	box 2	folder 1
Happy New Year booklets, 2000 to 2004	box 2	folder 2
Kol Nidre Appeal, 1998 to 2003	box 2	folder 3
Various booklets, undated	box 2	folder 4
Temple Beth Sholom Women's League newsletter Vision, 2001 to 2003	box 2	folder 5
Newsletters, 2000-2004		
Ahavat Torah newsletter, 2000	box 3	folder 1
Bet Knesset Bamidbar, 2000 (2)	box 3	folder 2
Chabad Times, 2000-2002	box 3	folder 3
Chabad Times, 2003-2004	box 3	folder 4

Congregation Ner Tamid, 2000	box 3	folder 5
Midbar Kodesh newsletter Kol Bamidbar, 2001-2002	box 3	folder 6
Adat Ari El newsletter Kol Ari El, 2000	box 3	folder 7
Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada newsletter Survivors' Chronicle, 1998-2001 (1998)	box 4	folder 1
Temple Beth Sholom newsletter The Bulletin, 2000-2004	box 4	folder 2-5
Temple Beth Am newsletter The Shofar, 2000-2001	box 4	folder 6
Audiovisual recordings, 1998-2004		
Midbar Kodesh remarriage of converts to Judaism: Chrissy and David Krasin, Maxine and Roland Muse, 1998 June 18 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 5	folder data_value_missing_f73a4112103d
Here and Now, 2004 March 22 Physical Description: 1 Optical Discs	box 5	
"Meet Me at Brooklyn and Soto," celebrating the Jewish community of East L.A., undated Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 5	
Temple Beth Sholom, The Torah of Life, undated Physical Description: 1 Optical Discs	box 5	

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Genealogical materials, 1998-2006

Physical Description: 0.8 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: This series is comprised of materials from 1998 to 2006 that document the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southern Nevada (JGSSN) and genealogical research done by Mary Barkan. JGSSN records include newsletters, meeting announcements, an index of the newsletters, an index of names from the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and an index of names from Las Vegas synagogue bulletins. Mary Barkan's genealogical research materials, created around the year 2000, include an autobiographical account of living in Las Vegas from 1977 to 2000 and family histories related to her husband, Barry Barkan.

Title/Description	Containers	
Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada newsletter Family Legacies index of surnames and articles, 2000	box 6	folder 1
Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada meeting announcements, 1998 to 1999	box 6	folder 2
Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada newsletter Family Legacies, 1998 to 2006	box 6	folder 3
Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada certificates, 1999	box 8	folder 5
Family Histories		

Avery, Maxine biography, undated Language of the Material: Miscellaneous languages	box 6	folder 4
Barkan-Avrum Hyman Putterman descendants, undated Language of the Material: Miscellaneous languages	box 6	folder 5
Barkan, Barry Flynn interview and family information, 2000 Language of the Material: Miscellaneous languages	box 6	folder 6
Barkan-Bramnick descendants, undated Language of the Material: Miscellaneous languages	box 6	folder 7
Barkan-Gedalje descendants, undated Language of the Material: Miscellaneous languages	box 6	folder 8
Barkan-Girsh Gruzin descendants, undated Language of the Material: Miscellaneous languages	box 6	folder 9
Barkin-Mordechai Suffis descendants, undated	box 6	folder 10
Barkan-Yosef Makogan descendants, undated Language of the Material: Miscellaneous languages	box 6	folder 11
Barkan, Hersh Veiv Schwartz descendants, undated	box 7	folder 1
Living in Las Vegas 1977-2000 by Mary Flynn Barkan, 2000	box 7	folder 2
Barkan-Menaham Ahron Moskovics descendants, undated	box 7	folder 3
Barkan-Feisiel Isador Korencz descendants, undated	box 7	folder 4
Muse, Clyde Roland interview, 2000	box 7	folder 5
Muse, Roldan Family, undated	box 7	folder 7
Muse, Maxine Avery interview and scanned photographs, 2000	box 7	folder 8
Muse-Miller-Goldberg Family, undated	box 7	folder 9
Muse-Abraham Kitajchik descendants, undated	box 7	folder 10
Muse-Clar descendants, undated	box 7	folder 11
Muse-Kauffman Family, undated	box 7	folder 12
Las Vegas synagogue bulletins index of names, 2000	box 7	folder 13-14
Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery index, 1999	box 7	folder 15
Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery marked Jewish burials (digital files: Microsoft Access database), undated	box 5	

Physical Description: 1 Optical Discs

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Hadassah records and scrapbooks, 1964-2001

Physical Description: 4.2 Linear Feet (2 boxes and 2 flat boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: This series is comprised of records of the Las Vegas/Southern Nevada chapter of Hadassah from 1964 to 2001. Materials include awards, board meeting minutes, budgets, bylaws, calendars, and certificates. Photographs and scrapbooks from the 1960s and 1970s chronicle the many activities of the organization. The series also includes two large banners.

Title/Description	Containers	
Awards, 1965-1973	oversized box 11	
Awards, 1967, 1991	box 8	folder 1
Board meetings, 1995 to 1997	box 8	folder 2
Budgets, 1995 to 1997	box 8	folder 3
Bylaws, 1993	box 8	folder 4
Calendars		
Las Vegas Chapter, 1974 to 1975	oversized box 11	
Las Vegas Chapter, 1993 to 2001	box 02	
Hadassah calendars and name index, 1993-2001	box 5	
Physical Description: 1 Optical Discs		
Photographs, approximately approximately 1960-1975	box 8	folder 6
National Convention program, 1998	box 8	folder 7
Scrapbook pages, 1972 to 1975	box 8	folder 8
Surname indexes for 1964-1971 scrapbooks, 2000 to 2001	box 8	folder 9-15
Hadassah-Shoshanim group meetings, 1996 to 1997	box 8	folder 16
Scrapbook pages, 1967-1971	box 9	folder 1-5
Scrapbook, 1964	oversized box 10	
Scrapbook, 1965 to 1966	oversized box 10	
Banner, undated	oversized box 11	
Proclamations and certificates, 1987 to 1990		

oversized
box 11

Banner, undated

roll 12

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