



Guide to the Wilma and Burt Bass oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

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the local jewelry industry, and more extensively, she shares memories of her involvement in the Jewish community with theater productions. Much of the discussion revolves around related news articles and personal photos from their relationships and activities within the Jewish community. The couple also shares stories of friendships with local entertainers, including Jerry Lewis and Neil Sedaka. Digital audio and transcript available.

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- Jewish women
- photographs
- Temple Beth Sholom (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- B'nai B'rith. Nate Mack Lodge 2825 (Las Vegas, Nev.)