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**Introduction**

Approximately 9.25 cubic feet

Papers of an active member of the Jewish community in Kansas City, Missouri, the collection largely consists of material pertaining to Loeb’s genealogy research documenting naturalization, births, deaths, and burials of individuals in the Jewish community. This includes notes, drafts, correspondence, and her publication on the history of the burials in the Jewish cemeteries of Kansas City, Missouri. Also included are family materials, such as correspondence, yearbooks, and documents relating to the organizations and activities where Loeb served. She also collected materials related to several area Jewish congregations.

A portion of the collection involves materials documenting the conflicts in Israel and the Middle East, which were of particular interest to Loeb. Loeb was one of three advisors of a group of 29 students who prepared a pilgrimage to Israel, sponsored by the Jewish Education Council, which departed July 4, 1967.

Earlier donations consist of an autobiographical family history entitled *My Wonderful Life*, written by Loeb, and a panoramic photograph of the Southwestern Keren Hayesod Zionist Conference, 1921.

Anita (Boresow) Loeb attended Keneseth Israel Beth Shalom Synagogue Schools, Barstow, and Westport Junior High. She graduated from Westport High School in 1945. She is the daughter of Russian Jewish immigrants Abe Boresow (1901-1983) and Leah DeLeve Boresow (1903-1988), the latter moved to Kansas City with her parents immediately after reaching Ellis Island in September 1913, to join a cousin, Louis Hansberg, who had previously opened a restaurant in the West bottoms area (1600 Central).

Anita married Walter Loeb (1922-1999), son of Rosalie and Max Loeb, October 26, 1949, at Beth Shalom. The couple have four daughters, Frances, Nancy, Linda, and Margaret.

In addition to offering her research and writing skills, Anita was heavily involved in various activities and organizations. In 1946, she was vice president of the Center Youth Senate and Chairman of the convention committee. She helped establish the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City in 1959, and served in various capacities for B’nai B’rith youth and women organization, Beth Shalom Sisterhood, Menorah Medical Center Auxiliary, Hadassah, Jewish Veterans Museum Association, and the Jewish Community Archives. She worked on the Jewish Library Council and as school librarian for Beth Shalom, where she sponsored literary contests and book awards. She also worked as public relations director and business manager at the Hebrew Academy of Greater Kansas City.

**Donor Information**

This gift was received from Anita Loeb as accession KA1335 on February 10, 2005. Addition KA1593 was received on January 6, 2008, and KA2265 on January 16, 2015.
Box List

f. 001 (KA1335)
Family history: *My Wonderful Life*, 2005

**Box 1** (KA2265)
Scrapbooks (4)
- Newspaper clippings regarding Israeli conflicts
  - May 18, 1967-June 12, 1967
  - June 13, 1967-July 8, 1967
  - July 9, 1967-November 10, 1967
  - November 12, 1967-May 4, 1968

**Box 2** (KA2265)
Scrapbooks (4)
- Newspaper clipping regarding Israeli conflicts
  - October 6, 1973-October 12, 1973
  - October 13, 1973-November 3, 1973
- Newspaper clippings regarding the 1967 Israel Pilgrimage, a seven week educational tour of Israel sponsored by the Jewish Education Council in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, Department of Education and Culture. Also, the Hadassah Ball at the Hotel Muehlbach to benefit the youth Aliyah Movement and miscellaneous events.
  - March 1967-December 27, 1968
  - May 1967-October 1967 (Pilgrimage only)
- Loose scrapbook pages regarding Girl Scouts, Abilene, Kansas and miscellaneous, 1961

**Box 3** (KA2265)
Materials relating to Anita Loeb’s activities, personal genealogy research, family, organizations and education.
- Personal genealogy research file, 1940-1944
- Talmud Torah Sh’erith Israel D’lubawitz graduation class book, 1927
- Congregation Keneseth Israel Beth Shalom Synagogue Schools yearbook, 1940
- Scrapbook, 1936-1941
- *Westport Herald*, Westport High School yearbook and report card, 1944-1945
- Bingham Junior High School directory and program, 1963-1965
- Photographs, Anita Boresow, n. d.
- Musical programs and souvenir books, n. d.
- Beth Shalom membership directory, 2010
- *Beth Shalom Diamond Book*, 1953 (2 copies)
- *Beth Shalom Centennial*, 1978
- Beth Shalom Sisterhood Adult Jewish Education, program, 1975
Calendars, project of the Beth Shalom Sisterhood, 1997-2000 (3)
“Abby’s Run for the Heart” programs, 2004, 2006
Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City Annual Report, 1998
Menorah Medical Center Auxiliary membership directory, 1994-1996
Interschool Literary Contests, 1967-1973 (3 folders)
Association of Jewish Libraries Book Awards, 1973-1978 (3 folders)
Association of Jewish Libraries bulletin, Spring 1978
Center Youth Senate Convention, February 3, 1946
Youth Federation Campaign, 1949
B’nai B’rith Youth Organization, 1946, 1973-1974
Jewish Ethnic Heritage Committee of the Kansas City Bicentennial Commission, 1976
Jewish Community Archives, misc., n. d., 2003-2006
Jewish Community Archives, 2007-2010 (4 folders)

Box 4 (KA2265)
*Chronicles*, The Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy yearbook, 1977-1988 (8 books)
*Life* magazine, 1967 (Israel’s Swift Victory)
*Life* magazine, December 13, 1963 (Lyndon B. Johnson swearing in)
*Life* magazine, June 5, 1995 (special edition on 1945)
*Look* magazine, December 3, 1963 (JFK and son)
*Bamahane* magazine, June 12, 1967 (Weekly of Israel Defense Forces)
*Bob Hope* magazine, 1949 (signed by Howard Kahn, February 2, 1949)
*Time* magazine, October 15, 1973 (war in the Middle East)
*Jewish Chronicle*, June 26, 2009 & June 30, 2010
*Kansas City: A city of neighborhoods*, June 18, 1989
*Bicentennial: 200 years in Mid-America, Kansas City Star*, July 4, 1976
*Kansas City Star Magazine*, September 19, 2010 (Elmwood Cemetery)

Box 5 (KA2265)
Programs, directories, publications, clippings for several congregations.
Ohev Shalom
"Our Deepest Roots" 130th Anniversary Gala, 2007
100th Anniversary, 1977
Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner
Directory, 2009 (2 copies)
Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Kehilath Israel Synagogue Golden Jubilee Ceremony, 1945-1995
Kehilath Israel Synagogue’s 100 Year Anniversary booklet, 2010 (2 copies)
Ben Ruben’s anniversary speech
Congregation Kol Ami
Directory, 2009
Newspaper clippings, synagogues, 1925-1955, 1994
Warranty deeds, 1918, 1935 & 1970

The History of the Jackson County Historical Society, 1996
Directory of Local Historical Museum and Genealogical Agencies in Missouri, 2000-2001
Newspaper clippings, 1963-2000
Loeb’s research files, n. d.
Genealogy research files, 1987-1993 (2 folders)
Descendants of Melach and Ida Brownstein, 2nd edition, by Martin Brown, September 1999

The Day Trip Enthusiasts’ Heart of America Guidebook, AAA Auto Club, 1989
Bourbon County Kansas Cemetery Inscriptions, V. 1, Evergreen Cemetery and Pine Lawn (Jewish Cemetery), compiled by The Old Fort Genealogical Society of Southeastern Kansas, 1993

Through the Years with Kansas City, Stine and McClure, 1961


My Memoirs by Gustave Eisemann, 2010

Jews on the Frontier: an account of Jewish pioneers and settlers in early America, by Rabbi I. Harold Sharfman, 1977


Box 6 (KA2265)
Naturalization Records (8 binders)
Naturalization research notes (4 folders)

Box 7 (KA2265)
The following box contents are related to Loeb’s research files in documenting Jewish deaths and burials in Kansas City. They were removed from three ring binders and kept in the original order.

Births, 1939-1943, 1950
Master record of deaths, A-Z, 1993 (19 folders)
Elmwood Cemetery, master record of burials, A-Z, 1994 (3 folders)
Elmwood Cemetery, grave-by-grave, Lots C-94- unresolved, n. d. (4 folders)
Elmwood Cemetery, master burial record, April 1999
Elmwood Cemetery, master burial record, N/K

Box 8 (KA2265)
The following box contents are related to Loeb’s research files in documenting Jewish deaths and burials in Kansas City. They were removed from three ring binders and kept in the original order.

- Blue Ridge Cemetery, A-Z, n. d. (2 folders)
- Blue Ridge Cemetery, grave-by-grave, sections 1-24, n. d. (6 folders)
- Blue Ridge Cemetery, grave layout, blocks 1-24, n. d. (2 folders)
- Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery, master record of burials, A-Z, 1995 (4 folders)
- Kehilath Israel Cemetery, plot master list, 1994
- Mount Carmel Cemetery, master record of burials, A-Z, 1995 (5 folders)
- Mount Carmel Cemetery, grave-by-grave, #1-35A, 1992 (7 folders)

**Box 9 (KA2265)**

The following box contents are related to Loeb’s research files in documenting Jewish deaths and burials in Kansas City. They were removed from three ring binders and kept in the original order.

- Rose Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum, master record of burials, A-Z, 1995 (6 folders)
- Rose Hill Cemetery, grave-by-grave, mausoleum, 1994
- Rose Hill Cemetery, grave-by-grave, #1-7, 1994 (7 folders)
- Sheffield Cemetery, master record of burials, A-Z, 1995 (9 folders)
- Jewish Cemeteries master 1866-1999, N-Z, 2006 (6 folders)
- Cemeteries, miscellaneous, 1935-1999
- Photographs, cemetery, n. d. (photo of the gravestone of Fred S. Loeb (March 5, 1914-June 8, 1981)
- Unknown cemetery listing, n. d.
- Jewish Veterans Museum Association, veteran lists, n. d.
- Jewish Veterans Museum Association, 1990-2007 (5 folders)

**Oversize Box (KA1593)**

Photograph – Southwestern Keren Hayesod Zionist Conference, Muehlbach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, July 25-26, 1991

*The following titles were removed from the collection for use in the reading room. 

*Record of Deaths Kansas City, Missouri Book A, 3 Aug 1874- 31 Jul 1889, Published by Heart of America Genealogical Society, 1995
*Record of Deaths Kansas City, Missouri Book B, 18 Aug 1889- 31 Dec 1898, Published by Heart of America Genealogical Society, 1995
*Record of Deaths Kansas City, Missouri Book B Supplement: Persons who died outside of Kansas City but were interred within Kansas City, 9 April 1890 through 31 December 1898, Published by Heart of America Genealogical Society, 1995
*Roe’ling Thru the Years in Roeland Park, Kansas: a history, by John R. Scott, 1996
*Records of Elmwood Cemetery Kansas City, Mo.: with burials from 1832-July 1984, The Heart of America Genealogical Society, Kansas City, Missouri, 1987