INTRODUCTION
The records of the Heart of America Jewish Historical Society contain organizational records and audio cassette tape recordings of meetings and oral histories.

DONOR INFORMATION
The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Joseph Oshiver on 9/16/2005 (Accession No. KA1407). Additional materials were received on 9/17/2013 (Accession No. KA2187).

HISTORICAL SKETCH
The Heart of America Jewish Historical Society was established in 1990 with fifteen charter members. The purpose of the organization was to educate, promote and encourage research into the causes of Jewish immigration from various parts of the world to the central United States; and to document and preserve the history of the region’s Jewish communities. The Society conducted tours to visit historic Jewish sites, including: St. Joseph, Missouri; Leavenworth, Kansas; and Kansas City, Kansas – three area communities that played an important role in the early settlement of Jews into the region.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The records have been arranged into the following series:

- Audio Cassette Recordings
- Organizational Records
- Miscellaneous

PREFERRED CITATION
Specific item; folder number; Heart of American Jewish Historical Society Records (K0958); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

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LOCATION NOTE
The records are stored offsite (063354) and will need to be retrieved before viewing. Digital versions of the cassette tapes are available for listening onsite.

SUBJECT TERMS
Emigration and immigration
History – Societies, etc.
Jews – Genealogy